

# HAM SHAG

## SPECIAL STATS EDITION # 15

### K&A H3 Statistics up to Run Number 900 – 23<sup>rd</sup> January 2008

I'll start this batch of stats by giving details of the previous centenary hashes, just to prove that the miserable numbers that turned up for hash #900 was not dissimilar to previous occasions where the centenary run has NOT been part of a week-end celebration (i.e runs #500 & #600)

<u>Date</u>	<u>Pub./Location</u>	<u>Hares</u>	<u>No of Runners</u>
100 26 May 1993	Apple Tree Inn, Shoscombe	Paul Mountford	
200 8 March 1995	Butchers Arms, Farmborough	Paul Mountford	16
300 5 February 1997	Pulteney Arms, Bath	Paul Hodges	15
400 2 December 1998	Rising Sun, Bath	Patrick Connolly & Paul Mountford	19
500 23 September 2000	Dean Field Study Centre, Parkend	Denis Townsend	34
600 13 July 2002	Avon Rugby Club, Batheaston, Bath	Claire Kelly, Mark Vogan & Anthony Clarke	45
700 12 May 2004	Tuckers Grave, Faulkland	Paul Mountford & Dan Blewitt	21
800 15 March 2006	Dolphin Inn, Bath	Paul Walker	18
900 23 January 2008	The Barley, Bathwick, Bath	Denis Townsend	15

I reckon that we will be celebrating run #1000 around about the end of November 2009 - not ideal camping weather, but I suppose we could go back to Parkend (venue for #777) in September 2005. Is it too early to get an organizing committee together?

Stats-wise, the last 50 runs have again proved fairly uninspiring with 47 Wednesday evenings and 1 Wednesday morning; the two exceptions to midweek hashing was the Bath Beer Festival run which returned to it's original Friday evening run (?) prior to the opening session at Bath Pavilion and the return of the MMH on the first Saturday in June where '*Le Caniveau*' fronted a joint SMEG 'do' just outside Cardiff!

#### **The Pubs we have hashed from.....**

The next 3 paragraphs have been lifted out of last years stats; only the names, numbers and venues have been changed.

New venues only accounted for 9 of the 50 runs (18%), and it is proving increasingly more difficult to find not only new villages but also new pubs (particularly good ones) to set trails from! Of the 9, only 1 genuine new village, the Radnor Arms at Corston (north of Malmesbury) although I suppose one could add the Anchor at Taffs Well, Cardiff to it. Of the other 7, new pubs in Malmesbury, Bradford-on-Avon, Pensford, Hanham, Broughton Gifford and Syphs house in Rush Hill plus a change of name from the Foresters Arms to the Forester Flower in Combe Down! Doesn't really count, does it? So I'll amend new venues from 9 to 8! All of this means that out of 900 hashes there have been 329 different pubs/locations and a visitation of 2.73556 times.

Clear leader now as the most visited pub is the Northend Inn with 12 visits with the Beaufort Arms (Hawkesbury Upton) joining the Quarrymans Arms at Box on 11 and the Apple Tree at Shoscombe joining the Pulteney Arms (Bath), the Fox and Badger (Wellow) and the 2 Pigs (Corsham) on 10. No interesting new pub names but we went to our first Anchor, second Castle (at B-o-A) and Bull (a red one outside Malmesbury) and a seventh Cross Keys (Hanham). The White Harte at Bridgegate was the only pub we ran from twice (handy for me and I wasn't even the hare on either occasion!) although we hashed from both the Northend Inn and 55 Northend!

We have hashed from many pubs only once (143). To return to a pub after a gap of 16 years and 878 hashes takes some beating!!! Run #10 was from the Pig and Fiddle in Bath on 2<sup>nd</sup> October 1991 and the halloween hash (#888) on 31<sup>st</sup> October 2007 was the second time.

This set me thinking that I could add a couple of new categories to the stats:

**(1) The gap between the first and second hash from a particular pub (More than 300 runs i.e 6 years)**

<u>Pub or location</u>	<u>1<sup>st</sup> Run</u>	<u>2<sup>nd</sup> Run</u>	<u>Gap</u>	<u>No of Runs to date</u>	
Pig and Fiddle, Bath	10	888	878	16 yrs 29 days	2
Cross Keys Inn, Rode (pub closed for several yrs)	122	744	622	11 yrs 148 days	3
White Hart, Widcombe, Bath	65	637	572	10 yrs 170 days	3
Stanton Prior Village	301	835	534	9 yrs 269 days	2
Englishcombe Village, Bath	328	838	510	9 yrs 108 days	2
Tuckers Grave, Faulkland (a surprising entry)	207	700	493	9 yrs 17 days	3
Wheatsheaf Inn, Corston	17	499	482	9 yrs 305 days	3
Golden Fleece, Twerton, Bath	63	526	463	8 yrs 172 days	2
Cherry Tree, Oldland Common	23	451	428	7 yrs 320 days	2
George, Bradford-on-Avon	361	779	418	7 yrs 209 days	2
White Lion, Frenchay, Bristol	136	542	406	7 yrs 160 days	3
Rose and Crown, Larkhall, Bath	131	525	394	7 yrs 76 days	2
Fleece Inn, Hillesley	496	884	388	7 yrs 41 days	2
Red Lion Inn, Wolverton	470	851	381	6 yrs 357 days	2
Assembly Inn, Bath	32	403	371	6 yrs 301 days	2
Squire, Chipping Sodbury	158	511	353	6 yrs 163 days	6
Queens Arms, Chew Magna	290	643	353	6 yrs 154 days	2
Lansdowne Arms Inn, Derry Hill, Calne	42	389	347	6 yrs 140 days	2

Amazing that after a gap of over 6 years for the second run from the Squire we should hash a further 4 more times in the next 7 years!

And the pubs where we have returned for a second time in the quickest are:

Neston Country Inn, Neston	198	238	40	280 days	7
Queens Head Inn, Willsbridge, Bristol	191	231	40	280 days	7
Crown and Horseshoe, Oldland Common	8	47	39	266 days	2
Hare and Hounds, Pickwick, Corsham	848	887	39	259 days	2
Beaufort Arms, Hawkesbury Upton	117	154	37	252 days	11
Ring O'Bells, Priston	118	152	34	231 days	8
Crown Inn, Giddea Hall	82	116	34	217 days	3
Marlborough Tavern, Bath	250	283	33	221 days	4
Hunstrete Village	830	862	32	217 days	2
Waggon and Horses, Peasedown St John	601	632	31	203 days	3
Blathwayt Arms, Lansdowne, Bath	35	64	29	189 days	5
Northend Inn, Northend, Bath	59	83	24	168 days	12
Pulteney Arms, Bath	1	25	24	161 days	10
Hare and Hounds, Lansdowne, Bath	137	161	24	154 days	5
Harp and Crown, Gastard	80	103	23	154 days	5
Radstock Car Park	532	554	22	154 days	2
Crown Inn, Bathford	16	37	21	140 days	9
Boathouse, Newbridge, Bath	46	66	20	126 days	3
Hop Pole, Bath	428	446	18	106 days	8
Prince of Wales, Peasedown St John	245	260	15	105 days	2
Three Horseshoes, Bradford-on-Avon	78	93	15	98 days	6

(This excludes Colerne Rugby Club, Rowdeford School and Avon Rugby Club where we did successive runs on Birthday weekends)

The average number of hashes between returning for the second visit is 157 runs (or 2 years and 316 days)!

**and (2) the longest time from those pubs we have yet to go back to!**

Windsor Castle Inn, Bath	30 October 1991	14	Cross Keys, Lydford on Fosse	11 February 1993	85
Hatchetts, Bath	6 November 1991	15	Greyhound, Bromham, Chippenham	28 April 1993	96
King William IV, Bath	27 November 1991	18	Crown Inn, Tolldown	5 May 1993	97
Crown Inn, Bishops Cannings	30 November 1991	19	Linnet, Great Hinton	7 July 1993	106
22 Downdend Park Road, Bristol	1 January 1992	24	White Hart, Biddestone	22 September 1993	119
Packhorse Inn, Corsham	12 February 1992	30	Upton Inn, Upton Cheyney	29 September 1993	120
Bradford on Avon British Rail Station	19 February 1992	31	Trowbridge BR Station, Trowbridge	1 December 1993	129
Elm Tree, Devizes	11 March 1992	34	Fox Inn, Old Down, Thornbury	8 December 1993	130
Compass Inn, Tormarton	8 April 1992	38	Devonshire Arms, Bath	9 February 1994	139
Stag and Hounds, Hinton Charterhouse	9 September 1992	62	Red Lion, Babcary, Nr Yeovil	11 February 1994	140
Beehive Inn, Lansdowne, Bath	2 December 1992	74	Hunters Rest, Clutton	26 October 1994	181
Pheasant, Chippenham	20 January 1993	81	Hobgoblin, Bath	21 December 1994	189
Methuen Arms, Corsham	10 February 1993	84	Railway Inn, Clutton	8 February 1995	196

Windsor Castle, now demolished, The Hatchetts is renamed the Raven, The Packhorse in Corsham now renamed the Flemish Weaver and the Cross Keys at Lydford and Red Lion at Babcary were hashes hosted by F.A.R.T!

## On to Hares and....

No first time hares in these stats except for John 'Polly' Parrott of Haunch of Venison who co-hared the annual joint run with 'Warbler'. No change at the top of the all-time hare list with 'Toraedor' on 94 trails plus 4 as a co-hare, followed by 'The Fat Controller' on 83 (+21), 'Spiderman' on 81 (+3), 'Le Caniveau' on 56 (+6) and 'Gazza' on 51 (+16). Which means that 'Toraedor' has set just over 10% of all K&A hash trails and the 5 leading hares have set 45.4% of all hash trails! By a strange quirk of fate, this winter there wasn't a run of 5 consecutive 'Paul' hared hashes, but Paul did hare 16 out of the 50 (i.e. 32%). In fact out of the 900 hashes there have been 223 hashes hared by a Paul (or 24.7777%).

## TOP 20 HARES

Ray 'Toreador' Coates	94+4	Cathy 'Soprano' McCarthy	22+9
Paul 'The Fat Controller' Mountford	83+21	Patrick 'L'Escargot' Connolly	19+3
Alan 'Spiderman' Chamberlain	81+3	Paul 'Syphilis' Walker	17+2
Paul 'Le Caniveau' Hodges	56+6	Mark 'Tablewhine' Young	15+5
Steve 'Gazza' Kimmins	51+16	Linda 'Public Enemy' Bryan	12+11
Denis 'Puki Jangut' Townsend	29+3	Angus MacDonald 'Love Child' Taylor	10
Paul 'Knead' Lawrenson	28+5	Fred 'Perky' Parkinson	9+12
Stephen 'Sleepy' Lucas	25+2	Sarah 'Magnum PI' Tucker	9+8
Dan 'Lightweight' Blewitt	24+8	Gary 'Sewer Rat' Ham	9
Pam 'Pinky' Penkman	22+12	Steve 'Virus' Etheridge	7

## And Finally some guff about us hashers.....

At the top of the all-time hashers leader board, 'The Fat Controller' has gained 2 on 'Spiderman' to lead by 4 so at run #900 it was 'The Fat Controller' with 787 hashes to 783 which represents an impressive 87.44% attendance. 'Le Caniveau' had caught up with 'Toreador', then overtaken him, but currently they lie neck-and-neck on 704 runs at joint third place. The only other change in the top 10 sees 'Sleepy' overtaking 'Soprano' to grab 10<sup>th</sup> spot. Dropping out of the 20 are 'Love Child' and 'Mrs Mullet' to be replaced by 'Syph' and 'Stiff'. Significant climbers outside the top 20 are 'Chickpea' up 5 places to 26<sup>th</sup>, 'Defective' up 12 at 38<sup>th</sup>, 'Warbler' up 5 to 42<sup>th</sup> and 'Miners Boot' up 12 places to 64<sup>th</sup>. Has anyone seen 'Miners Boot' recently? Highest placed newcomer (out of 707 known hashers) is 'Smurf' at 170<sup>th</sup> place with a mere 7 hashes. In fact, the last 50 hashes produced a mere 37 newcomers (not necessarily all virgins!), which equates to 1 newcomer every 1.35 runs who ran a combined 49 hashes (or 1.32 hashes each) - in fact only 5 returned to do a second run!! This compares with the previous figures of 30 newcomers which equates to 1 newcomer every 1.67 runs who ran a combined 158 hashes (or 1.93 hashes each)!

Male/Female split showed a total of 190 females hashes completed by 34 different ladies compared to 609 male hashes completed by 62 different lads. Percentage wise this is 23.8%/76.2% (total number of hashes) - 35.4%/64.6% (number of different ladies/lads) and the average number of runs completed by ladies is 5.58 compared to 9.82 for lads

Top dog in the last 50 hashes was 'Gazza' who attended 49, and had he realised when he turned up at the Red Bull at Malmesbury in July and declined to run because of some trivial ailment and stay in the pub and not attempt even the first check, that he would go on to complete the next 29 he would have had a perfect score to become the first person to have completed all 50 runs.

And finally a word of mention must go to 'Le Caniveau' to who completed 52 consecutive hashes (runs #824 to 875 inclusive) which unfortunately straddled two sets of stats!

## **'The Fat Controller'**