



# The Viking Times

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Date 1977/8 (?)

Hare Wellies

Venue Somewhere in Germany

OnOn The PX

## DOLLARS ARE HOW MUCH?!!!

Oh dear, the time has come to get down to this tale....

Quite a few moons ago, when hair was all the rage; a young, good looking, intelligent, resourceful, but inexperienced (at least in US military "traits"), engineer (me!) was deposited on a freezing cold 'somewhere in Germany' parade ground.

The briefing, whilst probably better than remembered, was; "Put all the commercial computers, floppy disk drives, power supplies, Plasma Display, Touch Input device, and 'Demo' software for the 'Battle-field Sit-Rep Presentation' into that 'wardrobe size' trunk. It and you are going to 'somewhere in Germany' to convince NATO military 'chiefs' to use our stuff

i.e. just office brogues, the hastily promoted "Plasma Display set-up and Present" guru, along with the "wardrobe" of electrical crap, was deposited on a freezing cold parade ground on a US military base ... somewhere in Germany!

Now the whole point of this rather tedious build up is that after some few hours of setting the crap up, the guru (me!) was desperate for some sustenance, warmth, shelter etc. so was pointed in the direction of the "PX" and "Mess" (canteen! For non military types). It wasn't THAT far away, but far enough to be pissed off that you couldn't buy ANYTHING without US DOLLARS!!

Treking back to my "stuff", a

to hold the Ruskies back! Pack a toothbrush and some underpants and be ready at 'Oh Four Hundred Hours Zulu', SHARP, tomorrow".

What time is that? My watch only goes up to 12!

"Don't take the piss!"

It wasn't 4 o'clock in the morning actually, probably about 9:30 am, but the "Market-eer" assigned, Brian "Willy-out" Packman; actually organised a company vehicle and I was off to 'Somewhere in England' (Northolt as it turned out), to catch an RAF VC10 to 'Somewhere in Germany' (turned out to be Münster Osnabrück, wherever THAT is!).

I hadn't flown much, if ever,

and wasn't aware that the "flight number" was the key to the whole process, especially if you didn't know where you were going!

Did you know that seats on the RAF VC10 faced backwards? Better in a crash apparently! Now there's military planning for you! Anyway; "other stories" of the flight are available, BUT quite soon; "somewhere in Germany" was arrived at.

Well it wasn't technically, actually "IN" Germany, well it was, but also "IN" USA, well on US soil (?) - yes! An American Army Base !! Hahaha , who would have known!!

SO suited, but NOT booted,

semi-helpful Brit squaddie said "Dollars? Oh you need Dollars? Oh Eric will have some!!"

AT LAST I hear you groan, a point to all this rubbish"

Yes Eric Sutherland, just Eric then, but nevertheless the vestigial "dollar black-maketeer" that is destined to become NOT

"Eric the Viking", as he would have preferred but: "Eric Le Retard"!

This is my first encounter...

Eric is "hoovering-out" the racks of a DEC PDP 11 of some sort in a camouflaged trailer cabin; the "hoover" is his weapon of first choice when dealing with errant PDPs!

Long story short, he provides me with some local cash, money, dollars to purchase a much needed hot something, at I AM SURE a VERY reasonable rate of exchange and a long "friendship" is kindled.

Episode 2 next week...





Popeye's HOME Anchor (age)

### Our and Other Hash Events 2022

26-March-2023 - AGM run and AGM Mickleham Village Hall - We are in the throes of sorting some exciting entertainments! Details soon, *make sure you reserve the date!!*

16-February-2023 Joy McAlister, Len's friend, Commemoration. Commemoration of Joy's life at The Onslow Arms, The Street, West Clandon, GU4 7TE

*You must let me, and or, Len know if you want to come.*

Any suggestions?  
Still apparently not.



Run	2456
Date	12-Feb-2023
Hare(s)	Stevie Blunder
Venue	Arbrook Common, Claygate
On On	Swan Inn
Post Code	KT10 9EG
OS	TQ144635
what3words	twig.tent.lamp
Scribe	FRB

#### Directions

M25 J10 take A3 towards Kingston/London. At 2nd roundabout, Esher Common, take left towards Esher on A244 (Copsem Lane).

At traffic lights turn right sp Claygate. Continue 0.5 km, turn right at Swan Inn, continue to the start at the car park is at the end of the Arbrook Lane.

It is a small but free carpark. Late comers will have to park along the road. Some may even consider parking near the Swan Inn Pub, walk down, and not need to move the car.

#### AND

As most of you know by now, "Eric the X", who lived in London and hashed here and around here for many years has become seriously ill. And yes, this message has cleared with his family. Eric recently moved to Ellen's Glen House, which is a community hospital in Edinburgh specialising in long-term care with a "homely" setting. Eric is reported to be in good spirits and his brain is working as well as ever. Unfortunately, some motor functions have deteriorated rapidly since late last year, so please don't try to phone or use Facebook or similar. He's getting regular visitors and should you be in Edinburgh he would be delighted to see you. His address for visits and cards is Eric Sutherland, 7 Cedar Corridor, Hawthorn Ward, Ellen's Glen House, 72 Carnbee Avenue, Edinburgh EH16 6FF. The recent cards sent to him have been much appreciated and I have had some other ideas that will hopefully help keep his spirits up.

He really liked the cards, so how about some photos? If anyone has past ones of Eric, preferably with some context i.e., a place, event, date, a message, please send them to me

### Receding Hare-Line 2022 - Runs start at 11:00 sharp!

2457	19 Feb	Petal	Deepcut
2458	26 Feb	Cap'n Webb	Downside
2459	5 Mar	Olive Oyl and Arfur	
2460	12 Mar	Isneesbuggered	Hambledon
2461	19 Mar	Simple	
2462	26 Mar	AGM Run	Mickleham
2463	2 Apr		

#### OLD boys Corner.... Continued

John Burgess .... [Message from Rob \(John's nephew\):](#)

Hi all, been to see John at the West Middx hospital today and have passed on all your kind messages.

He is feeling ok and they are looking after him and he even says he's enjoying the food !!

He is in Syon 1 ward, visiting hours are 3pm til 7pm if anyone is in the area. He's not managed to walk since he's been in there, I'm going to call soon and speak to the doctor to see what the prognosis is.

(Rambo\_WLH3@hotmail.com) with the extra information and I will sort them out.

Email messages are very welcome and appreciated but only work if read out. If anyone has any, send them to me and again I'll get them to him.

He likes snacks; fruit, sweets and chocolate in particular. Medical staff have confirmed that Eric can be 'prescribed' alcohol, which they will regulate in line with his medication, so my thought was that probably the thing he'd appreciate most was a bottle of whisky or bottles of real ale.

For above, if anyone wants to give a small donation email or message me and I'll send you my bank detail, and I'll transfer on to Edinburgh TNT hasher A.N. Other (Kim) who has kindly offered to make the purchases and deliver to Eric with information on the donors (unless anonymity is requested/ no name). High level feedback on purchases will be available.

On on, Rambo.





# The Runday Shag

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Date 5-Feb-2023  
Hare(s) Popeye  
Venue Fairmile Car Park  
OnOn Fairmile

## POPEYE'S PROMISES PARTLY PUT INTO PRACTICE

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Popeye promised the adventurous a rope to climb, wet feet, and a boat. Part of this was mere myth-making: it was the driest trail for months, no boat ever appeared, but the rope on a slope was real enough. The adventurous were led by J. Arthur, well in the lead; the few others of us included our visitors, LaLuna, BaboonA, and a third lass whose handle escaped me; also of course Atalanta, who barely touched the rope in her ascent.

No original trail can be set from the Fairmile car park, unless you count the rope, and indeed every inch of this trail was well-known, but Popeye put the elements together very successfully. We began exactly as on our last visit to this area, with the same solution to the first

check. At the Circle Tosser as stand-in RA accused me of standing around feebly while others did the work, though in fact I did solve the second check and so found myself in the lead for a few minutes. (We were all mildly relieved Le Pro was not there to gloat over Twickenham, though even the ranks of Tuscany could scarce forebear to cheer Van der Merwe's first try)

Well, the terrain we covered included the area north of Oxshott so beloved of Captain Webb (absent today) with of course the path bordering the pond we always use there; we had the customary views of the River Mole, though not from the usual track along its bank, We took the customary bridge over the A3., after which the GM could be heard explaining the finer points of

hashing to bewildered bystanders. Petal and RHUM were well to the fore, both enquiring courteously about my injuries of a fortnight before. By this time we had caught up with the short-cutters, their route well integrated into ours.. Popeye was his own Checking Chicken, lavish with his arrows in flour.

Our numbers included Follow-Thru and Allover, their perseverance a tribute to the attractions of hashing even to the wheel-chair bound. But we need further new additions to our ranks, preferably in their thirties and forties, as most of Surrey were when I began in 1986. You may say "But those of that age group have young children!", which is true, but no truer now than in 1986. You bring your children along, an ideal start in life.

The short stories of Alice

Munro, which won her the Nobel prize, naturally include married couples; but never (as far as I have read) a union which did not end in divorce.

In the UK it is estimated that 42% of marriages will be disrupted by divorce. Plainly our hash includes many very long-standing couples, mostly where both are active members, though a few wives (Gill, Solange) are seldom seen. Literature rarely treats of a long happy marriage - what is there to write about? - though I can offer one from Patrick White - himself a homosexual, who also won the Nobel prize - namely The Tree of Man. Arranged marriages last longer than romantic unions; partly this reflects different cultures, but it also calls "romance" into question. "Love" in popular

culture means a heady mix of sexual and romantic excitement, quite different therefore from the love we feel for say parents, children, or siblings. But in a marriage, while sex endures, reality soon dispels illusions, and the love which survives is indeed comparable to other forms of love. It also alters over time; and each partner loves the other in a different way.

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Saint J-Arthur (Rank) chasing his imaginary friend.



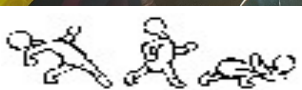




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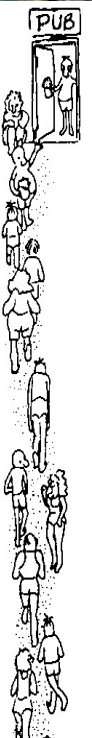
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The Last Supper?







ARTHUR S QUAY won at Sedgefield 9/4 and in the preceding week ARTHUR S VICTORY won at Southwell @ 5/1 both in 5 horse fields.

In one race at Ayr WILD POLLY aka Speedy Humper POLLY GARTER etc was competing at Ayr in a 3m hurdle went forth and came fourth but well ahead of GYPSY LEE ROSE and EL POPPOCHAPO POP DANCER recently placed 3rd in a sprint at Chelmsford

The 'Hash horse' RIKONA 5/1 won at Kempton with again no word from those involved.0 HERE COMES Mc COY 5/1 looks menacing at Market Raisin today but then so did HURRICANE HARVEY on Sunday and he disappeared without trace -you never can tell GERRYVILLE did win earlier from LUCY LIGHTFOOT or was it JESSICA ? They have both been out last heard of LUCY LIGHTFOOT was 50/1- at Lingfield.

Today met "Lucy in the Sky with Diamonds" Diana (RIP) G&T's daughter who is always keen to hear news of the hash - she pleads pressure of work for not turning up herself on Sunday but invites one in for a cuppa when passing by Stopps and Staff.

GRANDMASTER FLASH was only 5th/9 in a 2m hcp at Dundalk ....BETTY BALOO did better in a 3m + h 'cp at Carlisle winning at 3/1r

At this time ERIC the Viking lies awaiting an encounter with The Great Mainframe in the sky - he needs our thoughts and prayers - Miracles do happen but sadly not often enough:

ERIC BLOODAXE aka ERIC THE RED , ERIC THE ROUGE etc had their share of wins the last named having a peach of a year in 2018

On On  
at a canter  
Ld Raleigh

