**Eric (Flash) Schofield**

**Fag and Beer at the ready!**

It is with deep regret that I announce the passing away in early July 2015 at his home in Spain of our good friend and ex Baghdad Hash Master (June 88 – Nov 89) Eric Schofield

Our deepest sympathy goes out to Pat (Dash) who was always inseparable from him and the rest of his family in Manchester.

For those that were present and lucky enough to be on the Hash with Flash he will always be remembered for his deep warm broad northern accent and friendliness to every one he met. For those of you who only met Flash on a few occasions Flash was the character who always pitched up wearing his familiar Union Jack shorts, vest and flat cap (ratting cap to northerners) that made him stand out.



I recall that both Flash and Dash occasionally joined the Babylon Hash and used to venture to the starting point even sometimes venturing as far as the first check at which point Flash would take his lighter out of one sock and cigarettes from the other and with a “Flash” they would light up, walk, talk and puff their way back to the run start, where, with cigarettes in one hand and a beer in the other, they would welcome home the exhausted pack!

Pat and Eric as they were more commonly known on the Baghdad Hash loved the social side of the events and as a spin off used to host a New Years Party that became famous. I recall at one of these parties meeting a Hasher by the name of Chris Duckling from Block 34 who staggered up to me from having his head down the loo asking if I could see anything up one of his nostrils. Chris had been violently sick and was unsure if a pea or piece of carrot had lodged itself up there. Eric happened to be passing and suggested Chris took another large swig of beer blocked the free nostril with his finger and blew the beer out of the offending nostril to clear it. It was at this point Chris put his head down the loo again!

This was all played out against a backdrop of late fifty’s early sixty’s music being Eric’s favourite to which he was singing along, Eric simply loved Eddie Cochrane, Jerry Lee Lewis, Little Richard, The Big Bopper etc and neither a pea or piece of carrot up someone’s orifice would spoil his night!

The memory of Eric will linger on and we will toast his passing at the next reunion.

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