

CHAPTER FIVE

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1984 - 1985
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Sandy Macrae

March Hares, 1984/85 Campaign

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We look forward to seeing you all on 22nd September.

Den Här Seamus Killeen

Den Här Sandy Macrae

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Sandy and Seamus.

15th October 1984

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25 October 1984

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Walk No 3

Remich - Grevenmacher (on the German side) on to Wasserbillig on the Luxembourg side.

Planned for 17th November 1984.

Rendez-vous 8.15 am at Luxembourg city railway station to catch bus for Remich at 8.20.

Distance ±25 kilometres.

Walk No 4

Wasserbillig - Echternach.

Planned for 8th December 1984 in time for a rest for Christmas and New Year.

Regards to all,

Seamus and Sandy.

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Walk No 4

Wasserbillig - Fohrensch.

Hare News

12th December 1984

This being the year of the Irish Hare, you were to have been led by our noble pathfinder the lean and keen Seamus Killeen. He being in the Emerald Isle however, he has asked General Dogsboddy (no relation) to pick up the trail from Grevenmacher onwards. GD (see above) being unsure of the Way to Heaven (ie whether it takes us through German or Grand Ducal vineyards), has suggested the best thing to do might be to get on the train to Wiltz, this being the only Irish expedient GD could hit upon. The train is at a tolerable hour, takes us onto the wee branch line (single track) from Kautenbach onwards and gives us a twenty-five mile circuit doable within the hours of daylight. All those in favour simply have to turn up at the station and look for GD, at the appropriate time, with enough beverage to drink the health of our noble pathfinder, the lean and keen (see above) board the train and zip off northwards, leaving it to SK to lead us back onto the road to paradise when the EI at length releases him.

Best wishes.

Do come.

Hope to see you then.

FoundHare.

December 8th 1984.

12th December 1984

Hail Hare,

The next real walk will take place on Saturday 12th January 1985 to travel hopefully from Grevenmacher to Trier.

Rendez-vous Luxembourg City Railway Station at 7.50, to catch a train at 8.03 for Wasserbillig with connection bus to Grevenmacher which arrives at 8.49.

We can jog and catch a train from Trier at 16.33, or we can travel at our normal speed and catch a train at 19.21. Those in favour of the latter train bring DM for beer. In any event, don't forget your passport or identity card, and also maps, if any, of the approach to Trier from the South-West to ensure that at least we reach our destination by the most agreeable route possible.

Looking forward to a communal expiation of the over indulgence of Christmas.

Sandy and Seamus.

December 8th 1984

Dear All,

On the not so glorious 12th of January, the hardiest hares made a feint from Grevenmacher to Dalheim and down the hill again to Wasserbillig, thereby getting us at least eight kilometres further in the right direction in the space of a coldish morning. WE ARE NOW POISED FOR VICTORY. Come, and come numerous for the next decisive thrust on 9th February next.

We hope to go from Wasserbillig to Echternach on the German side of the border (ID and DM advisable).

Rendez-vous at Luxembourg City Railway Station at 7.50 am to catch the train for Wasserbillig at 8.03.

Return from Echternach by bus possible at 13.53, 16.07, 18.08 and 19.05.

Sandy and Seamus.

The February march from Wasserbillig to Echternach was a very good appetizer for the next leg to Vianden. We were attacked by savage dogs, and the surface underfoot varied from mud through permafrost to a perfect natural skating rink on the road to Echternach.

Will the times we live in be as interesting on 9th March 1985? We have the feeling they may be.

Rendez-vous at 7.45 at the station to catch the 7.55 bus to Echternach. Bring passport and, if you are feeling generous, DM. Return from Vianden 18.06 via Ettelbruck, arriving Luxembourg 19.51. For anyone being met at Ettelbruck, the bus is due to arrive there at 18.40.

The distance as the crow flies is about 20 kilometres, making about 30 kilometres as the hare runs.

Seamus and Sandy.

Dear All, It is tentatively suggested that we arrange

(bare-down) for Friday 10th May and we look forward to your

Nine stalwarts turned out for the one and a half hour bus tour to Echternach on Saturday, 9th March. Lulled by the gentle movement of the bus as it tentatively explored the countryside, we arrived at the starting point of our walk more asleep than awake. Navigation lacked its usual hard-line precision and we veered off course adding some kilometres to the journey to Bollendorf. We arrived there after four hours' walking in indifferent weather - a matter of 10 kilometres or so as the crow flies.

The afternoon showed a dramatic change. The sun shone. Discipline was restored. We cut all the frills and the hares showed what they were capable of. We arrived in Vianden with sufficient time before bus departure at 18.05 to allow for a hare restorer.

Having reached this standard, we cannot afford to falter now. So the next walk from Vianden to Clervaux will take place on Saturday 30th March.

Rendez-vous at Luxembourg Railway Station at 7.50. Arrive Ettelbruck 8.24. Arrive Vianden 9.07.

Transport back from Clervaux at 17.14 - arrive Luxembourg 18.05 - or at 18.44 - arrive Luxembourg 19.51.

Distance †25 kilometres.

Friends,

Dear Hares,

Arrangements have been made for the Hares and their spouses to enjoy a simple meal together at the Direndall restaurant, Kopstal, on 10th May at 7.30 pm for 8 o'clock.

If you are coming, please contact Seamus Killeen by 15th April or Sandy Macrae thereafter, but in any event not later than 26th April.

Please bear 27th April in mind for the next excursion.

New dates tentatively suggested for a two-day walk are 8-9 June as the original dates conflicted with the Whitsun holiday.

Seamus Killeen and Sandy Macrae.

Dear Hares,

Saturday 27th April is the day. We plan a nice little stroll from Clervaux to Wiltz. The rendez-vous is 7.55 at Luxembourg station for the 8.08 train. If we should by any ill-chance miss the 16.16 back from Wiltz, the following train is at 18.30.

Don't forget to book for the dinner on 10th May. Seamus will be away next week, but I will be desk-bound.

I wish us all better weather so that we know whether it is worth spring cleaning our boots or not.

Sandy Macrae.

Seamus Killeen and Sandy Macrae.

Wiltz to Habay la Neuve

Two-day walk

Dear Hares,

"... All set for 8th and 9th June? We think we are." We are booked at Hotel-Restaurant Flatzbour, three kilometres from Bigonville on the Perlé side, at a cost of flux 680 per person for the bed and breakfast (double rooms), but the restaurant part looks as if there is scope, should you feel inclined, for lashing out in the euphoria of Saturday evening. So it is the 8.08 train again on the 8th. You can mystify the authorities by all buying a single to Wiltz. Please let Seamus (next week) or me (the week after) know if you will be bringing any guests to the evening meal.

Seamus Killeen and Sandy Macrae.

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(Sandy Macrae)

Speech notes, annual dinner ...

"I don't intend to take up more than a few hours of your valuable time ..."

"Democracy, in which our founder is well versed ..."

"The election of officers ... such subtlety that the electorate hardly realise it is taking place, still less the unsuspecting candidates ..."

"Anthony Cunningham's ideas for the next campaign ..."

"He, aided and abetted by Felicity Hall, in planning to put another spike in the wheel ..."

"Starting with a two-day walk, as is the custom ..."

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March Hares Annual Dinner

Some thirty Hares and Haresses assembled at the delightful restaurant in the Direndall the other week to enjoy their annual dinner, a festive occasion if ever there was one. Seamus Killeen and Sandy Macrae, retiring pathfinders, made speeches after dinner, provoking a good deal of laughter as they gave their version of why it took so long to get from Ghent to Aix or wherever.

Peter Davis, the founder, awarded them with their pathfinder shirts and thanked them for all their hard work in planning and guiding the walks throughout the year. It will now be for Anthony Cunningham and Felicity Hall to succeed them in blazing the trails, he said, trusting that neither would be overheard to remark (as Seamus was) 'if we play our cards right we'll both get the sack'.

The Hares are sad to be saying goodbye to Michael Townsend, one of the nicest Hares you could wish to meet, and to Nan whose cheerful presence is crucial to the success of any social event. The Hares will miss them. And not just the Hares. (But what can you say about nice people except you just feel awful about saying goodbye).

The Hares can probably safely speak for the whole British Community in Luxembourg in saying, quite simply, it's a shame you're going, Michael. We're sorry. We really are. There are not so many people like you around that we can afford to let

you go ... so make it just an au revoir, Michael, just an au
revoir, Nan, if you can, will you?

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Killeen and Sandy Mac... News Digest No 194 - 14th June 1985.
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<u>No of legs</u>	<u>March Hareabouts</u>	
<u>walked on</u>		
<u>last campaign</u>		
3	Elizabeth Cade	3
0	Frank Carmody	0
0	Joe Cary	0
1	Graham Chambers	1
0	Jan Collin	1
0	Anthony Comfort	1
9	Anthony Cunningham	
7	Peter Davis	
4	Denis Dimmer	
5	Ole Due	
3	Jacques Fayaud	
2	M and Mme Norbert Le Gallais	
5	Bruce Goodman	
0	Simon Gray	
9	Felicity Hall	
8	David Heal	
0	John Hunter	
0	Francis Jacobs	
1	Roy Jackson	
5	Kari Jonsson	
3	Seamus Killeen	
8	Sandy Macrae	
3	Sue Marshall	
6	Christine Moon	
6	Frank Noble	
3	Simon Norcross	

		No of legs
3	Tom Oursin	
9	John Overstall	
0	Jeff Pilch	
1	Ignace van Steenberg	
5	Mike Townsend	2
0	Alan Woodward	0
9	Stephen Wright	0
1	Jacqui Crompton	1
1	Margaret Love	0
1	Robert Wilmouth	0
	Anthony Cunningham	9
	Peter Davis	7
	Dennis Dimer	4
	Ole Doe	2
	Jacques Fayard	2
	M and Mrs Herbert de Galais	2
	Bruce Goodman	2
	Simon Gray	0
	Verity Hall	9
	David Heat	8
	John Harter	0
	Francis Jacobs	0
	Roy Jackson	1
	Kari Jonsson	2
	Seamus Killien	3
	Sandy Macroe	8
	Sue Marshall	3
	Christine Moon	6
	Frank Noble	6
	Simon Norcross	3