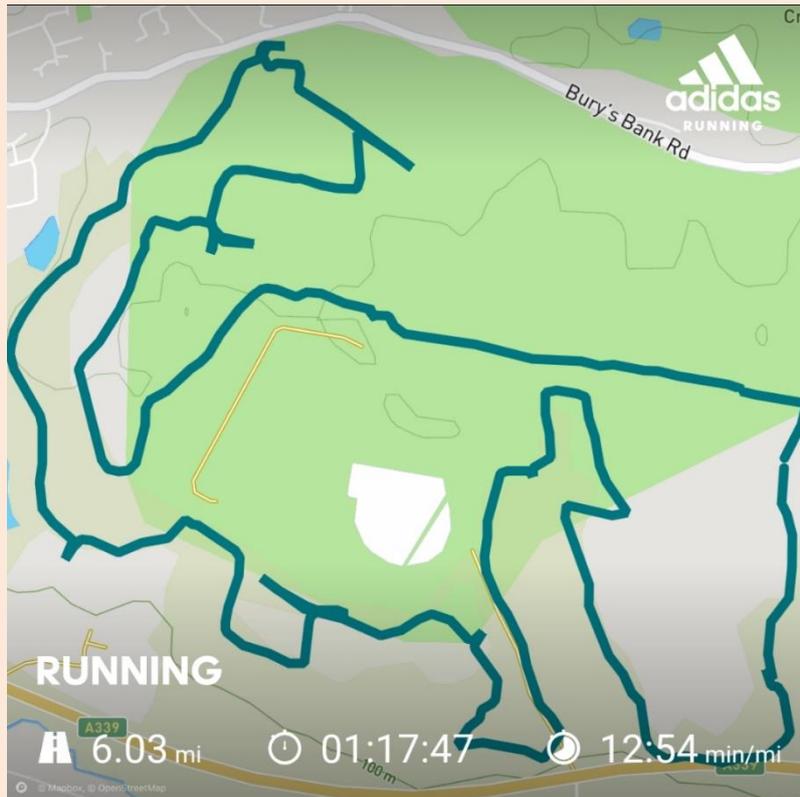


## THE HASHLESS TIMES

**W**ell here we go again! Another lockdown, forcing BH<sup>3</sup> to suspend Hashing once more and changing the structure and content of the Gobsheet. We can only hope that Boris's promise that it will end on December 2<sup>nd</sup> holds true and we can resume our healthy, safe exercising and enjoy ourselves again. There is, finally, a vaccine on the horizon so let's hope it and the sensible risk management of most people will resolve the issues caused by the pandemic.

Despite the restriction on people meeting, NoStyle and ChocChuck kindly laid their Trail so that anyone wanting to run round it, alone or with just one other person, could do so. A few took up the offer. Those



your reporter knows of include C5 and Mr Blobby, Twanky, AWOL. They all thoroughly enjoyed their run, which Mr Blobby described as (in his best East Anglian accent), "...a bootiful Trail!!!"

Mind you, this has to be qualified by AWOL's story that he walked the Trail in the reverse direction to that shown to him by NoStyle and managed to get lost. He also reported that he went round the Trail (in his words) 'frock free'. Sometimes I wonder about Hashers...

So thanks and well done to the unofficial Hares for taking the time and effort to lay it. Twanky kindly sent the Gobsheet his recording of the route for your information. Some time ago

Twanky was running routes in the shape of fantastic beasts and I think he has captured another psychedelic creature this time. Note the long neck (or possibly trunk), topped with a backwards-facing Snoopy-like head and the huge, feathery tail. Perhaps a girafelephantacock?

If anyone records any similar, strangely-shaped Trails please send them to me along with some details and I'll publish them.

## LAST WEEK'S HALLOWE'EN QUIZ

**H**ow did you do with the quiz last week? It seems like ages since Hallowe'en. Here are the answers.

1. What do you call the fear of Halloween? (Aranaphobia, Samhainophobia, Selenophobia)  
*Samhainophobia*
2. What is a group of witches called?  
*A coven*
3. What does the old English word "Hallow" mean?  
*Saint*
4. What do pumpkins grow on?

*Vines*

5. What was Dr Frankenstein's first name? (Victor, Eric, Hans)  
*Victor*
6. Which country celebrates The Day of the Dead instead of Halloween?  
*Mexico*
7. On which Celtic harvest festival may Halloween be based? (Parswain, Samhain, Hallade)  
*Samhain*
8. In what country did carving Jack O'Lanterns originate? (Germany, Hungary, Ireland)  
*Ireland*
9. In what American state is it illegal to dress up like a priest or a nun? (New York, Alabama, Georgia)  
*Alabama*
10. What was Bram Stoker's original name for Dracula? (Count Wampyr, Dracool, Count de Ville)  
*Count Wampyr*

#### INTERESTING FACTS

Here's a short list of interesting facts that you can decide are true or not. Even if they aren't entirely factual (and the source says they are) they are quite interesting. 😊

1. Facebook created two AI (Artificial Intelligence) chatbots to talk to each other. They were quickly shut down when it was found they were communicating in a language they had invented!
2. The Buddha commonly depicted in statues and pictures is not true to life. The real Buddha was very slender due to self-deprivation.
3. The first film ever to put out a motion-picture soundtrack was Snow White and the Seven Dwarves.
4. At birth, a baby panda is smaller than a mouse.
5. One for all you maths freaks: The largest known prime number has 17,425,170 digits. The new prime number is 2 multiplied by itself 57,885,161 times, minus 1.
6. The tongue is the only muscle in the human body that is attached at just one end.
7. 75% of the world's diet is produced from just 12 plant and five different animal species.
8. In 2009, Stephen Hawking held a reception for time travellers, but didn't publicise it until afterwards. This way, only those who could time travel would have been able to attend. No one else attended...
9. The human eye is so sensitive that, if the Earth were flat and it was a dark night, a candle's flame could be seen from 30 miles away.
10. In 2007, Scotland spent £125,000 devising a new national slogan. The winning entry was: "Welcome to Scotland".

Take good care of yourselves.

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