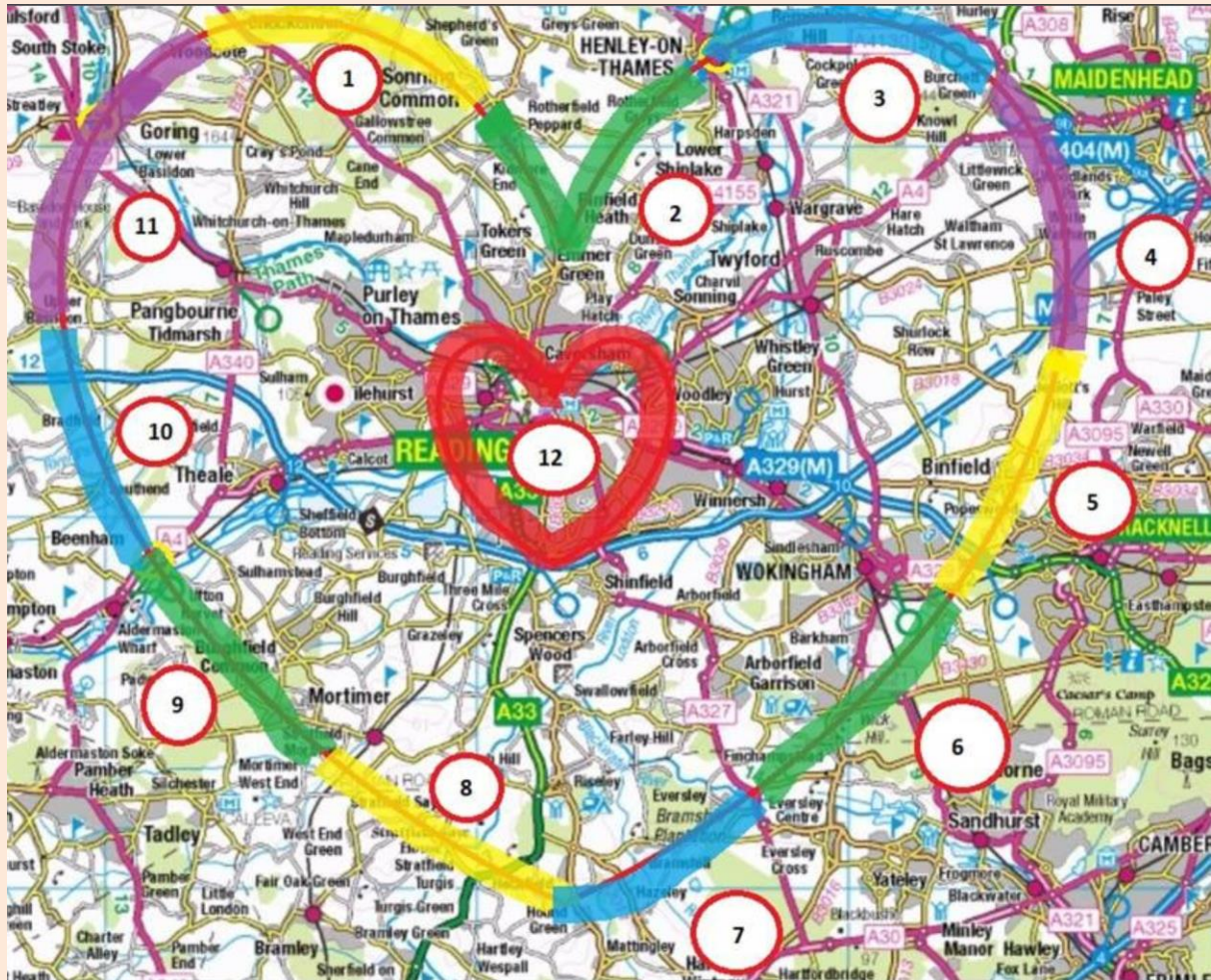


THE HASHLESS TIMES

Innovation and original thinking. Perhaps not descriptions you would immediately ascribe to BH³ members. But that would be a great mistake. Beneath the placid (some might say bovine) face of our Hash throbs a highly efficient brain, synapses flashing, nerve ganglions bright with ideas. The latest is for a Covid-safe Red Dress Run with the route in the shape of a heart. Here are the proposed Trails – one in Reading, one well outside it.



The idea is that at least 11 pairs of Hashers in red dresses will walk, jog or run sections of the route separately and at various times, recording their progress on Strava. The sections can then be joined up to produce the heart shape(s) above. Brilliant! As we do every year you can donate to the [Alzheimer's Society](#) and BH³ will make a donation to [Cancer Research UK](#) for everyone who 'frocks up' on the day and provides photographic evidence of their annual transvestite tendency.

Many thanks go to Slapper for organising this and to SkinnyDipper, who is recording the information on facebook. We may not be able to Hash at the moment but something like this keeps us all 'virtually' together, enables us to have some fun and raises money for very worthy causes. Nice one!

A report will be included in next week's Gobsheet. If you'd like to include some details (and a picture) of your section, please send this to the email address at the foot of this pamphlet.

Here's a picture of a previous Red Dress Run for those who may be unfamiliar with BH³'s premier event. Happy days and hopefully we can do it properly next year! 😊



DONUT AND HASHGATE'S PERSONAL DIARY – AN EXTRACT

Dear diary,

Thursday already and so much has happened during the week since the last Gobsheet. Just like the week before, really. Lockdown has that effect. In the mornings it gets light (always a bit of a relief) so a hot cup of English Breakfast (Earl Grey for Donut) tea, followed by breakfast. And then we're off. After dragging on plenty of clothing, thick socks and walking boots we're out for a hack around the countryside to add some miles to our End to End mileage total. Having successfully negotiated the old Severn Bridge we are now beetling up towards Worcester. At least, I am. Donut is still 20 miles in front of me and gaining all the time, since her distance recorder is always .2 or .3 of a mile more than mine, despite us walking together. Hmm.

We have had, however, a bit of extra fun this week. Our 20-year-old gas boiler was beginning to wheeze and it was only a matter of time before it gave out its last gasp and expired in a heap of worn-out parts held together by the remains of its metal casing, like an elderly Transformer badly affected by metal fatigue. So, on two of the very coldest days of the year so far, we enjoyed the company of a friendly and efficient gas engineer and a total lack of heating and hot water. It brought back memories of the 1960s, before our families had central heating. We huddled together on cold winter nights in front of the fire in the lounge with the door shut to keep the heat in. Slept in a bedroom with bitterly cold lino on the floor and ice ferns adorning the inside of the windows. I bet our brown fat content was the best it's ever been.

Fortunately, today, the new boiler is in place, humming quietly and happily to itself in our airing cupboard and radiating heat and good feelings in every room in the house. This Gobsheet's almost written so it's time to go out for our walk in the crisp air and -1 temperature!

Perhaps a quiet night in later, watching TV... such a busy week of activities.

THE QUIZ

Here are the answers to last week's general knowledge quiz. WaveRider kindly sent in her answers – most of which were right. 😊

Questions	Answers
1. Who wrote Oliver Twist?	Charles Dickens
2. What colour is a giraffe's tongue?	Blue or black
3. What do you call a group of jellyfish?	Bloom or smack
4. What was the name of Tom Cruise's character in Top Gun?	Maverick
5. In 'The Jungle Book', what kind of animal is Baloo?	A bear
6. What is the proper term for your funny bone?	Humerus
7. Which animal name means river horse?	Hippopotamus
8. In which English county would you find Slough?	Berkshire
9. In the film "The Lion King", what kind of animal is Timon?	Meerkat
10. Earth is located in which galaxy?	The Milky Way

Since you all enjoyed the above quiz so much, here's another one for this week. Good Luck!

Questions	Answers
1. In which part of your body would you find the cruciate ligament?	
2. What is the name of the main antagonist in the Shakespeare play Othello?	
3. What element is denoted by the chemical symbol Sn in the periodic table?	
4. What is the name of the 1976 film about the Watergate scandal, starring Robert Redford and Dustin Hoffman?	
5. How many of Henry VIII's wives were called Catherine?	
6. What was the most popular girls name in the UK in 2019?	
7. Which comedian was the second permanent host of Never Mind the Buzzcocks after Mark Lamarr?	
8. Which popular video game franchise has released games with the subtitles World At War and Black Ops?	
9. In what US State is the city Nashville?	
10. Which rock band was founded by Trent Reznor in 1988?	

Take good care of yourselves.

On On. [Hashgate](#).

If anyone has something they would like to see in the Gobsheet, either send it to your reporter/editor/tea boy/floor mopper at hashgate@hotmail.com or to Iceman at the address above.