

THE HASHLESS TIMES

Hello everyone. The Gobsheet staff hope you are all well and safe and fully understood Boris Johnson's briefing on the lightening of the lockdown restrictions. So, those of us lucky enough to be able to afford it, can invite cleaners into our homes but not relatives... Oh, don't get me started!

We have to thank a number of Hashers for sending in quite a bit of content. To begin, we have a visual quiz, provided by Aqua. Thanks to her. The two photographs below are views looking South and North where Aqua and JJ have been recently. It is an NNR (being thick, I had to ask Aqua what that meant and she gently advised me that it means a National Nature Reserve. Duh!) Her clues to the location include the fact that many of us will have Hashed here previously and there were Bluebells and Red Campion in the woods and "Ladies' Smock, Buttercups, Bugle and other loveliness in the meadows." So where do you think it is? Your editor looks forward to receiving a bulging cyber postbag of answers. The winner (editor's decision is final) will receive a haircut of their choice when the barbers/hairdressers re-open. Answer in next week's edition of the Gobsheet.



Another contributor this week was prompted to send in some information after I had a conversation with SkinnyDipper and her daughter, who were cycling around my area (Henley, Sonning, Caversham) and knocked on my front door for a chat. She mentioned that Zeb and Flo had cleared out their shed and thrown away rather a large number of knackered running shoes. Following my reporting instincts, I contacted Zeb for comment. It seems that they threw away 20 pairs, which also included walking boots and wellies. Zeb also mentioned that "We noticed our wheelie bin was emptied earlier than usual today and I'm pretty certain at one of the refuge[sic] collectors sprinted off in a near identical pair of my Nike Zoom Pegasus 35's." Would that be an illegal immigrant 'refugee' or a person who collects safe spaces? 😊 Here's a picture of the tidied shed and the many and varied running shoes still available to Zeb and Flo!





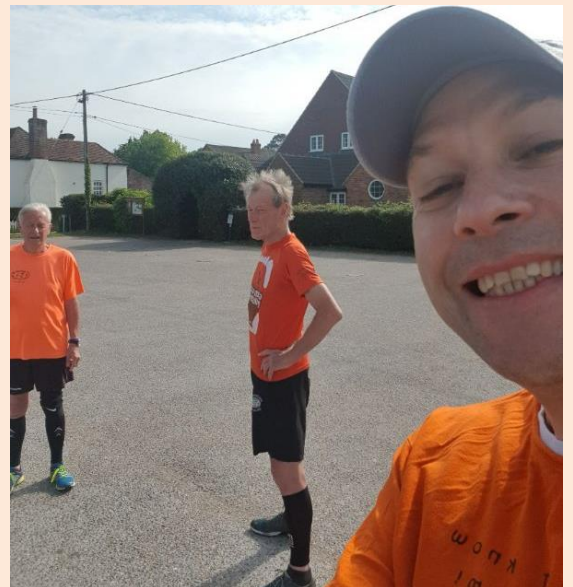
Now the Gobsheet wouldn't be the same without Mr Blobby's 'Not The Hash' report so it appears below for you to enjoy. He also sent in this, which I'm sure will have you asking the question: Does he have the Daily Star delivered or does he put on a full face mask (purely as virus protection rather than to hide his identity...) and run to the local newsagents to buy it?

Not The Hash - 10th May 2020

Just before we left our homes, in separate cars, C5 and I received a Whatsapp message from Twanky asking us both to wear orange, so we both did. We joined Twanky in the Silchester Village Hall car park to find him also wearing an orange t-shirt. We made sure that we maintained our social distancing, as illustrated while we prepared to start our run.

Twanky explained to us that Slimming World was having a 'Rainbow Week' in support of the NHS and today's colour was orange and hence the request for us to wear orange.

We set off on our 'Not Hash' trail through Silchester Common and into Pamber Forest on a gloriously sunny Sunday morning. We briefly left Pamber Forest taking a short detour to visit The Plough Inn in Little London, although as you would expect it was closed and the beer barrels were unfortunately empty!!



After a brief photo shoot we were off again, returning to Pamber Forest, where C5 had a hash crash and Twanky also stumbled, but he managed to recover and was soon back to his usual pace.

On the way round, Twanky made a couple of photo stops to capture pictures of orange articles for his 'Slimming World – Rainbow Challenge':



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I'm sure that, like Donut and me, you have been using Zoom or similar to chat to friends. We have a group who we talk to on Sunday mornings and have spiced up the events by wearing something silly during them that we agreed on the previous week. For instance, we had a hat week. Most of us wore standard head furniture: baseball cap, Ascot-style hat, witch's pointy black job. But one of us, a scientist not known for his artistic side, did not have a hat to hand. So he made one out of duct tape and a carefully sliced copy of The Times Sports Section. The resulting origami busby effect was most impressive.

Some of our conversations can get quite surreal. One of us was recounting the story of her brother and his wife who are having trouble with moles that are digging up the garden of their new house. "Of course." Said our friend about her brother. "He's not having nearly so much trouble with the moles now he's put a line of vibrators round the lawn." There was a moment's awestruck silence as everyone's mental videos whirred into action. Then a couple of minutes of thigh-slapping, red-faced, bent over laughter. Really should record our Zoom sessions. 😊

Well, I was due to host and lay the BLT tomorrow at The Flowing Spring on the Henley Road. Sadly, it's not going to happen due to the current lockdown. Nick and Hazel, the landlord and landlady, have suffered a lot this year, with severe flooding earlier in the year surrounding the pub and preventing customers visiting. Now, of course, they can't open. However, they are a great example of the British never-give-up spirit and are now providing hot meals, drinks and household staples via their newly set-up online business. Good luck to them and to everyone who owns a business at this current time.

Whether you think that the Government has been exceptionally woolly in its most recent advice or that unpicking the Gordian knot of lockdown is more complicated than anyone thought, we are all looking forward to being with people once again when the restrictions on our liberty end. It doesn't matter if they are family members, old friends or someone you meet in the pub. We are social beings and few are more social than Hashers, who'll talk to anybody given the chance. Roll on that time, then, and maybe we should all have an enormous Hash Hug when we meet again. 'Hug Hashers' – great advice and very easy to understand. Unlike some advice... 😊

Lastly, a picture of a supermarket delivery note sent to a friend of Donut's sister. Wonderful!

Changes to your order

We're sorry, but due to the extremely high demand we are experiencing at the moment, we were unable to provide everything you asked for. If your substitute is more expensive and is covered by our [Substitution Promise](#), we'll give you a voucher for the difference to use on your next online grocery order.

Product	Quantity
You ordered: Dettol 2in1 Anti-Bacterial Wipes x15 Wipes	2
> We're delivering: Germoloids Haemorrhoids Cream 55g	1

Keep safe everyone.

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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.