

THE HASHLESS TIMES

IT'S ONLY FROCK AND ROLL (BUT I LIKE IT)

Covid-19 may have (temporarily) stopped a lot of things but it didn't stop BH<sup>3</sup>'s Red Dress Run on Valentine's Day. While adhering to the current restrictions and social distancing requirements, Hashers, separated by location and time of day, completed the Heart of Berkshire. SkinnyDipper somehow managed to stitch various Hashers' legs together (that sounds a bit strange!) to show the form of the completed route. Looks pretty close to that intended. 😊

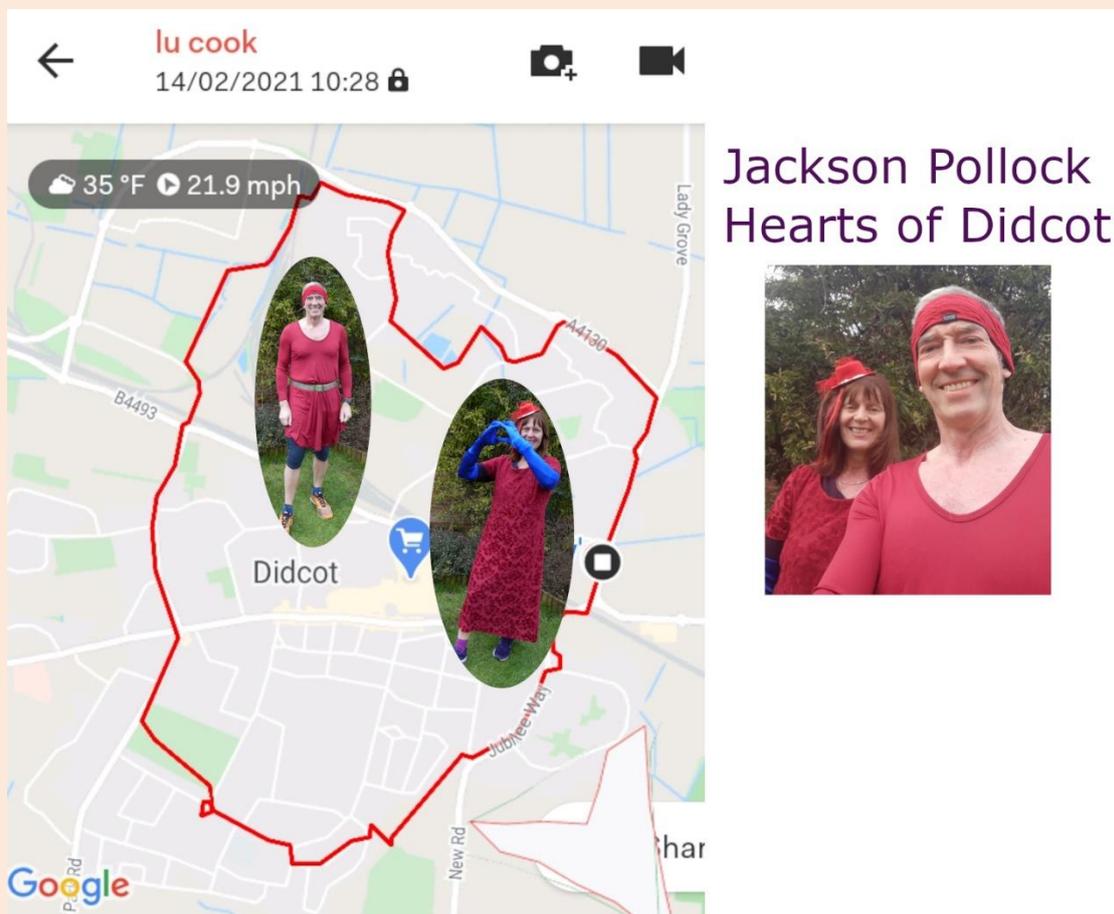


Inset are pictures of the people who ran or walked each leg, some of whom are almost recognisable. People certainly got noticed. Donut was speaking to an ex-colleague on the phone yesterday and she mentioned she had seen a couple of Red Dress Hashers (either Bomber and Posh or Florence and Zebedee) running around her area.

From the photos she received, SkinnyDipper counted those who had taken part. She advised the BH<sup>3</sup> Committee that there were: 23 in the big heart plus 3 who also did a section or part of it (Donut, Hashgate, Dipstick). 10 outside the big heart (Dunny, Rampant, Dumb, Dumber, PennyPitstop, Ms Whiplash, Shifty, AWOL, ChocChuck, NoStyle). 3 hashers who walked, but not in red (Slackbladder, Little Stiffy and FalseTart). And a few non-members who walked or ran, namely Ben Ash, Technicolor Horn, Gromit, Karen Korna.

The provisional amount raised for the Alzheimer and Cancer charities currently stands at just over £300 and the Committee are just agreeing on the figure that will be added to that as a donation from BH<sup>3</sup>. You'll be advised as soon as this has been agreed formally.

Dunny and Rampant did their own Trail outside the big heart and I have to include the below picture if only to allow you to marvel at our revered GM, Rampant's, ~~hector's~~ peccs. Even Iceman might be a bit jealous of those puppies!



So what are the origins of Valentine's Day, the day around which we base our Red Dress Run? Apparently, at least three martyred Valentine's have been recognised by the Catholic church, the first executed on February 14<sup>th</sup> around 278 A.D. by Roman Emperor Claudius II for performing marriage ceremonies in secret after the practice had been outlawed. In 1375, Geoffrey Chaucer linked romance and St. Valentine's Day in his poem 'Parliament of Foules', writing: 'For this was sent on Seynt Valentyne's day / Whan every foul cometh ther to choose his mate.'

Of course, in various parts of the country there are traditional sayings and songs that celebrate and give voice to love and romance on St. Valentine's day. Here are a few that you may be aware of:-

A couplet from Norfolk (in your best Norfolk accent – Mr Blobby will help if you need coaching):

*Good auld buoys on Valentine kiss gurls and arsk "Will yew be moine?"  
Good auld gurls on Valentine say, "Buy me a dickey and I'll be thoine."*

(A 'dickey' is a 'donkey')

A brief, traditional from Essex:

*You want me to do wot in yer van?  
B\*gger off! I'm goin' to top up me tan.*

A shanty song verse from Newcastle:

*A'm a Geordie lass waytin' fer the bwoat ter cumin,  
It's Valentaynes Day and A'm freez'n agin.  
It's not lads Ah need tuh keep me warm,  
But a pair o' woolly drawers tuh wear on me form.*

And an old classic poem from rural Somerset (West Country accent for this one):

*Ole farmer Tom Cogley 'e waited away  
All year for when it were Valentine's Day.  
For to give 'is ole missus a present 'e would,  
Hopin' she would do likewise to make 'im feel good.*

*Ole Tom was not clever and didn't think twice  
'bout givin' 'is lady a broom and advice,  
'bout 'ow to sweep floors and keep the place clean.  
'Appy Valentine's, 'e said with a grin so serene.*

*'Is woife took the broom with a look in 'er eye that  
Ole Tom didn't see. 'E just saw 'er sigh.  
Then swung at 'is cobblers and 'e 'eard 'er say:  
Farmer Tom, 'ere's two acres - 'appy Valentine's Day.*



So you can see that there is an abundance of country-wide celebration of the day. I do hope these snippets have illustrated the point successfully.

Happy Valentine's Day to everyone. Looking forward to next year when we can go on a proper Red Dress Run!

## THE BH<sup>3</sup> QUIZ

**H**ere are the answers to last week's general knowledge quiz. Hope you crushed it!

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

Since you enjoyed that so much, here's another one. All about England and a tad more difficult. 😊

Questions	Answers
<b>1. Name the second largest lake in the Lake District?</b>	
<b>2. In which county is Belvoir Castle (HINT: it's also the family seat of The Duke of Rutland)?</b>	
<b>3. Name the battle that ended the Monmouth Rebellion on 6 July 1685?</b>	
<b>4. Stansted Mountfitchet is an English village in which county?</b>	
<b>5. Offa was king of which Anglo-Saxon Kingdom of England?</b>	
<b>6. Which cathedral city in Somerset has a population of about ten thousand?</b>	
<b>7. The M1 motorway connects London to which English city?</b>	
<b>8. How old was William Pitt the Younger when he became the youngest Prime Minister in 1783?</b>	
<b>9. Which city has been known as 'Britain's Detroit' and the 'City of Peace and Reconciliation'?</b>	
<b>10. 'S and DR' operated in north-east England from 1825 to 1863, what do the initials stand for?</b>	

Take good care of yourselves.

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