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THE HASHLESS TIMES

In these restricted times we are told we should not leave, or be outside of, our home. But we can exercise, once a day. Falsetart and Shifty have been doing this and sent the Gobsheet some details of their 'activity'. Nothing bawdy you understand; just good, old-fashioned walking, getting the miles in for their End To End challenges (Land's End to John o'Groats for her, Wales Coast Path for him) in all weathers.



Which is why our picture shows Shifty with rather a lot of shiggy adhering to his rear end. As Falsetart mentioned, she had to laugh at Shifty wearing mud instead of walking on it. They had reached a footpath with a clear 'Closed Footpath' sign on it but Shifty decided he didn't believe the sign and attempted to check it out. 'Whoosh!', was the word Falsetart used to describe his mud-assisted pratfall, adding that, fortunately, only his pride and water bottle were dented. More of a Hash Splash than a Hash Crash!

It sure is covered in shiggy out there. Donut and I have been out most days, also adding miles to our End To End total. It's more like skiing than walking, slipping sideways all the time and desperately trying to avoid a 'Shifty'.

I am currently approaching the outskirts of Weston-super-Mare, the pleasant enough Somerset seaside town, while Donut is way off ahead of me at Avonmouth, following her ½ marathon training and race which she sneakily included in her End To End total. Perhaps I should lock her in the shed for a bit with a coffee, a marmite sandwich and a copy of War and Peace while I pound the surrounding countryside, stacking mile after mile into my total. 😊

I've literally just received an email from the End to End people to say I have just passed a place called Banwell Bone Caves. Great idea, sending participants this kind of information. Here it is for you:-



Did you know that the Bone Cave is a large cavern about 40ft in diameter and 20ft tall?

Why is it called Bone Cave?

Because when they excavated the floor it revealed hundreds of animal bones which were neatly stacked at the side of the cave where they remain to this day.

What kind of animal bones?

The bones were from Reindeers, Bisons, Cave Bears and Wolves.

How did they get there?

It is said that they were washed up in the cave in the ice age about 80,000 years ago although Our RD Tori thinks they were put there by a cave woman trying to keep her man happy! (We'll leave that one with you!)

Another chamber was found within the cave in the 1950's called the ruby chamber because of its amazing ruby colour.

Who'd heard of Banwell Bone Caves? Certainly not me. [Here's](#) a lot more information about this.

OTHER STUFF

Vaccinations, inoculations, immunisations, jabs – these are the buzzwords at the moment. Though they are paired with the phrase about 'getting the vaccine into arms'. More than a bit clunky and just as well that the injection doesn't have to be administered further down the body. Has anyone been vaccinated yet? How did you find the procedure?

At time of writing it's been reported that Matt Hancock (who experienced a bout of Covid-19 last year) has been advised by the NHS app to self-isolate. Perhaps having him working at home will save us from seeing his baby face on ministerial briefings for a while. Or he could set up one of Zoom's more interesting virtual backgrounds while berating us. Perhaps the tropical island one with palm trees swaying in the warm zephyrs? Just before a dirty great big hippo crashes out of the undergrowth and swallows him whole... (only joking... no, really).



PUSSYCAT QUIZ

Just for a bit of feline fun, here's a furry quiz for you. Answers in next week's edition of the Gobsheet. Enjoy.

Questions	Answers
1. What is a female cat called?	
2. What happened to a French cat named Felicette in 1963?	
3. True or false? Cats can be left or right-pawed.	
4. Who wrote 'Old Possum's Book of Practical Cats'?	
5. Name the pet cat of Hermione Granger in the Harry Potter books.	
6. Who invented cat's eyes?	
7. The GCCF is the largest pedigree cats registry in the UK. What does GCCF stand for?	
8. Smudge, Socks and Cookie. What's the connection?	
9. Who almost always appears with a white Turkish Angora cat in the James Bond films?	
10. Who did the TV presenter Cat Deeley marry in 2012?	

Take good care of yourselves.

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