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DISTANT SOCIALITES

Lonely NappyRash WaveRider Donut Hashgate Dumb Dumber Foghorn Slips Snowy C5 Iceman Motox Mrs Blobby Mr Blobby Pantaloon SkinnyDipper CouchPotato PennyPitstop Ms Whiplash SweetPea Agatha Lungs NearlTwice and her little daughter Pearl Twanky Lilo TinOpener and dog Minx SlackBladder Little Stiffy and dogs Masie and Ava PissQuick Glittertits Florence Zebedee Posh Bomber Josie BGB Tequilova HappyFeet DoorMatt DipstickHorny Helmet Spot Dorothy

SOCIABLE WITH DISTANCE

The title aptly describes our latest return to Hashing after a period of enforced abstinence. The event was highly sociable even though people were keeping their, and running into the, distance. Easter is a time for resurrection so it was appropriate that we could revive and renew our pleasurable and health-giving (physically and mentally) activity on this Easter Sunday. The last Hash we attended was the Hallowee'n Hash on November 1st last year at Woodcote Village Hall (See Gobsheet 2225). This was laid by Dunny and Rampant, who kindly also laid this excellent revival Trail.

The car park was stuffed with our cars when DipStick rolled in in his nifty BMW. He's got himself a 'hopeful' new number plate that was passed on by Oxford Hasher Shagger, who has sadly passed on himself. Here's a picture of the plate. An excellent Hash index and I'll leave it to you to decide if it's appropriate to DipStick.



Spot has a similar number plate, which you can see to the left. Great fun to own!

Our new GM, Rampant, called us to order in the Circle and addressed us with authority, presence and gravitas. I am pleased to report that there were no tumbleweed and crickets moments and everyone listened with rapt attention. Word to Rampant: as soon as the return to Hashing euphoria dissipates, all that rapt attention by the crowd will be replaced with inane chattering, bursts of laughter and the occasional three-card-trick at the back. Enjoy it while it lasts. He deftly split us into two running groups and one walking group. The runners would run in opposite directions around the Trail in order to preserve social distancing. We On Outed, our walking group initially headed by Ms Whiplash who strode off out of the rear of the car park like a scalded cat (a sleek and friendly one of course – not some old, flea-bitten moggy with one eye).

Now most of this report will include details of the walk, necessarily, since I didn't partake in the run. However, my better half, Donut, **did** run (which accounted for her sore feet later) and she updated this reporter with her recollections. Most of the time she ran with either SkinnyDipper or DoorMatt and hardly saw anyone else... proving that the social distancing procedure worked very well. DoorMatt, she learnt, has become great grandfather to little Bella. A great grandfather, wow! He doesn't look **that** old! Mr Blobby and Dorothy p*ssed off some of the locals near Wyfold by unintentionally running over some private land. Fortunately, Dunny was nearby and called them back.

And that's all we know from the runners, apart from the fact that everyone thoroughly enjoyed the Trail.

We walkers started off at a rapid pace and I found myself FRB'ing (can you do that when walking?) in the enjoyable company of Slips. This was when SlackBladder's ebullient and weighty black labrador,

Ava, tried to murder me. She and Minx had been bounding forward and backward along the narrow track along which we were moving when she barged against my shin on one of her return runs. Luckily, I had my weight on the other leg so just suddenly adopted a curling pose (after letting go of the stone),



one knee well bent and the other straight and at an angle out behind. Slips was quite impressed (she has Scottish heritage) and I was quite impressed that I was not flat out on the ground being licked to death by the slavering tongue of Ava. Could have been worse I suppose; it could have been SlackBladder who knocked me over and applied the slavering tongue. Urk!

The Trail was very well marked, though we had a couple of head-scratchings at Checks; one of which meant we started out the wrong way and had to come back. However, most of it was pretty straightforward. Checks had been arrowed and there were several 'W' marks where we walkers should go. One of these foxed Ms Whiplash. She and I approached flour in the middle of a forest. There was an arrow and a mark that Ms W just couldn't decipher... until I pointed out that it was an upside-down 'W'. I believe her expression was, "Doh!"

Just after we passed the Riding for the Disabled stables at Wyfold we bumped into Snowy, who was striding along in exactly the opposite direction to the rest of us. A friendly smile and he whooshed off. He was the only Hasher we saw who was going along the Trail in the opposite direction. I guess, during one of our 'W'alkers routes they must have passed by us unseen on the Runners Trail. At least we did meet a couple of Runners on our way. Initially, there was Lonely (running, of course, on his own), then Donut and DoorMatt and finally SkinnyDipper, wearing her Easter Bunny ears. Here she is, also wearing the EndtoEnd T-shirt she got for completing the Land's End to John o'Groats Challenge recently. Skinny had Minx on the end of a lead and she handed her to me while she hauled her ~~carcass~~ self over a stile. There was a noticeable old person's grunt as she landed on the other side. I gave her an amused smile and a spot of badinage on the topic of age. She gave me a virtual head butt and knee in the groin. Fair enough, I thought, as I virtually hobbled away.



Motox and Foghorn steamed past us like a pair of snorting buffalo. We were going downhill in a forest and they called back to say that they were using their weight to gain speed. If they hadn't said it I guess we would. 😊

The sun had warmed the air as Horny and I completed the last bit of the Trail through Checkendon and neared the car park, around which roamed a number of Hashers. By this time, Skinny, as a combination of Father Christmas and the Easter Bunny (our BH³ Christmas celebrations having been cancelled) was handing out the Christmas presents that we hadn't been able to receive in December. It was very nice to see little Pearl (NearlyTwice's daughter) shyly thanking Skinny for her present. Meanwhile, Twanky handed out small Easter eggs to everyone. WaveRider hadn't realised this and was about to leave so I asked Twanky to, 'give her one'. The naughty fellow interpreted this in entirely the wrong way. I finally managed to explain the requirement to him...

This was a great return to Hashing – a very well-laid Trail in beautiful countryside, amongst friends and with the sun warming us. Our thanks to Dunny and Rampant.

Take good care of yourselves.

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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.

THE BH3 QUIZ

Last week's quiz teased the minds of our sport-mad members. How did you do?

Questions	Answers
1. Who is England's most capped football player?	Peter Shilton (125 caps)
2. When was the Calcutta Cup first played between England and Scotland?	1871
3. How many grand slams has Andy Murray won?	3
4. What event did Jessica Ennis-Hill win gold at the London 2012 Olympics?	The Heptathlon
5. Who is Britain's most decorated Olympian?	Bradley Wiggins (8 medals)
6. Who is England's all-time top run scorer?	Alistair Cook (12,472 runs)
7. Who is England's all-time top wicket taker?	James Anderson (606 wickets)
8. Who was the first person to run a mile in under four minutes?	Sir Roger Bannister (in 1954)
9. How many players make up the Ryder Cup team?	12
10. Where is the World Darts Championship famously held every year?	Alexandra Palace

FUTURE HASHES

Since some of the locations are difficult to describe I've added What3Words identifiers to help. (Rampant and Dunny cleverly added their own 😊). Just copy the 3 words below into [what3words ///](#) [The simplest way to talk about location](#) and click , or use the mobile app to see the exact location. You can share or save the details or use CityMapper, Google Maps, Bing Maps or Waze to navigate to the place. Some cars include What3Words in their satnav.

RUN	DATE	GRID REFERENCE	VENUE	HARES
2229	11Apr21 Sunday 11:00	SU764787	Shiplake Memorial Hall DO NOT PARK AT THE HALL Memorial Avenue, Shiplake Cross, Henley-on-Thames RG9 4DW Park anywhere in Memorial Avenue. What3words: lyricism.nags.exhaled	WaveRider NappyRash
2230	18Apr21 Sunday 11:00	SU718887	Maidensgrove Common RG9 6EX. Park towards south- eastern end of common. Please look at Streetmap by following SU718887. The post code does not give the exact location What3words: claw.mocked.stability	Spot Pyro