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JOLLY FARMERS

Dumb Dumber Donut Hashgate Motox Paul Mrs Blobby Mr Blobby SlackBladder LittleStiffy and dogs Masie and Ava Iceman Florence Zebedee MessengerBoy Spex LoudonTasteless Crusty BGB Twanky BlindPew PissandChips BlowHarder Dunny Rampant Paul WaveRider NappyRash FalseTart Shifty CouchPotato AWOL Itsyor Horny Helmet Hamlet CabinBuoy HappyFeet DoorMatt Dorothy Cloggs Sleazy PrettyinPink Caboose Lucy Ben

PLOUGHING ALONG

LittleStiffy very kindly provided some early cabaret driving to amuse us, as we parked and chattered in the recently cleared, gravel car park. Partner SlackBladder stood slack-jawed and wide-eyed and holding tightly to his dogs' leads next to their car as La Stiffmeistress unconcernedly backed it inexorably towards a branch that was pointing stiffly at the rear windscreen. Motox roared out a warning, "STOP!!" with little effect on the backward movement. A second and louder alert, followed rapidly by, "Left-hand down a bit!!" did the trick and the automobile ground to a halt, inches from the lance-like bough. Mr Blobby leapt forward smartly and broke off a section of it, enabling LittleStiffy to reverse and stop next to the pile of old chairs, branches, a stuffed zebra, a portrait of Rasputin eating a cheese toastie, a life-size model of the Hindenburg (pre-explosion) and a variety of debris that had been removed from and nearby the refurbished pub.

The friendly pub owners had very kindly opened especially for us a day before their official opening date and there were a couple of piles of unwanted 'stuff' in the car park. Motox immediately bagged the chairs to redecorate his lounge, or so I was informed by a member of BH³ (Gobsheet information sources always remain anonymous 😊).

Various snippets of information were supplied to your reporter as we gathered at the Circle in the bright, fresh morning. CouchPotato advised that the newly-named WhoTheF**kIsAlice had denied himself the opportunity of a morning's Hashing to run the Reading Half Marathon. Couch said he would have liked to run it too but ~~couldn't be arsed~~ hadn't done enough training. WaveRider was in even higher spirits than usual as she 'unintentionally' waved her hand about, showing off the expensive ring that her husband, NappyRash had recently bought her in order to top up his brownie points. Meanwhile, NappyRash, slunk about looking slightly bilious/vacant and mumbling something about "my maxed-out credit card." Sleazy and PrettyinPink had been to Ikea, looking for things to buy for the house for which they had recently put in a successful offer. Apparently, she thought this was really romantic while PIP enjoyed the meatballs in the cafe. Ah, young love! 🍷



The breeze was a little fresh and we were pleased to On Out and warm up. We actually did quite a lot of running since no-one seemed able to see the clear flour markings. So much so, that Spot had to point many of them out. Here's a picture of him pointing out an obvious Check, while Caboose and CouchPotato just ignore both him **and** the Check. Despite BH³'s general ignorance of the Trail we managed to get ourselves into the environs of Dinton Pastures (where we'd rather expected to be).

We entered through the busy car park, at the end of which we were surprised and delighted to find a dog-

washing machine. No, you didn't read that wrongly – there was actually a hi-tech machine that washed dogs. A drop-down compartment enabled your muddy best friend to leap up into (unless it was a dachshund) the waist-height bathing area, which you could then pull up and lock. On payment by card of £4 you can, as you can see from the picture of the options on the right, shampoo, rinse, apply conditioner, run the fleawash cycle and blow-dry your pooch on a low or high setting. A number of Hashers were nominated for the Fleawash but, since no-one had brought a credit card, were unable to take advantage of the service. I'd love to see a frisky Irish Wolfhound in one of these. 😊

We tripped lightly along the path where the Dinton Pastures Parkrun starts and ends and while Zebedee, Donut and Sleazy took the Trail that wandered through a bit of woodland, the rest of us stayed on the path since SkinnyDipper advised us that, "It goes this way anyway." There was a similar bit just later where the Trail led up and along a steep bank (found by Motox) and I 'accidentally' carried on along the parallel path between it and the lake – guess I must have missed the Bar Check halfway along... Donut, CabinBuoy and Spex also seemed to suffer from Bar Check recognition issues.

We came to a juddering halt beneath a graffiti-adorned bridge where there were about five different possibilities from the Check. Nice to have a short break; until Zebedee figured it out for us. We went over the next bridge and most people were suckered into taking the obvious path that led left after a few Yards and paralleled the stream. But it wasn't the Trail, which actually went directly next to the stream. Running along it, I suddenly was aware of Rampant, hurtling through the bushes from the other path to pop out just in front of me. Of course, I accused him of short-cutting. I believe it was just before this that he had been minding his own business, running along through the woodland, when a Muntjac deer, irritated by his presence, lurched out from the undergrowth, head-butted him in the knees and, seeing our revered GM crash to the ground, uttered a Muttley-like snigger and sped off back into the vegetation. Poor Rampant. I think he is the first Hasher to have been attacked and felled by an old deer.

Spot reassured a friendly lady with a very clean Beagle that the white marks on the ground were only flour and therefore harmless to dogs. Just fyi, SkinnyDipper had to reassure someone on facebook that the flour circles and marks were not invitations to thieves and dog-nappers. They were most concerned. Skinny was very diplomatic and explained our Trail markings clearly, which resolved the issue. I'm sure Hares are thoughtful about where marks are laid – let's continue to be so.

We reached the very welcome Beer Stop quite close by Swallow and SlowSucker's house (no sign of them – think they were hiding behind their curtains) and dallied, quaffing beer out of small bottles. RA Motox had decided on an early Down Down for Itsyor, who was presented with his 500 Hashes badge by President BGB. Itsyor was so excited by the award that his beer spurted out of the bottle while he gabbled out his thanks. A most impressive, alcoholically-induced premature ejaculation.

There was a Short as well as a Long Trail from here and those of us on the Short Trail slogged up the steep road towards The Castle pub while dodging the attentions of an apparently myopic (but possibly psychopathic) gentleman in a tractor who was thrashing the crap out of the hedges at the side of the road while trying to include the odd Hasher in the whirling blades. Having safely reached the top of the road by the pub, we all enjoyed a delightful cruise across and down three fields (one ploughed and sticky) in the warm sunshine. It was a beautiful view all the way down to The Jolly Farmers and a fine end to an excellent Trail. We thank our three Hares for laying it. 😊

On On. [Hashgate](#).



DOWN DOWNS

We all sat in the large pub garden enjoying the warmth of the November sun. Glad we were able to do it since the newly-decorated pub had more than a whiff of new paint about it. Very nicely done out, though – certainly worth a return visit. RA Motox officiated.

Recipient	Reason
LittleStiffy	Branching out into car parking.
CabinBuoy	Attempting a whizzer in the brambles with a little prick...
AWOL, Iceman	Indulging in 'aggressive Hashing' – pushing each other about on the Trail.
Rampant	Animal abuse. Being attacked by a muntjac.
SkinnyDipper, RandyMandy, Spot	Today's Hares. Spot hurled it down in one!

FUTURE HASHES

RUN	DATE	GRID REFERENCE	VENUE	HARES
2261	21Nov21	<u>SU645644</u>	The Turners Arms West End Rd, Mortimer Common RG7 3TW What3words: vague.lame.begun	Mr Blobby
2262	28Nov21	TBA	TBA	LemonySnicket Wimpy