

Berkshire Hash House Harriers Gobsheet

Hash Number:	2311 06Nov22
Hash Location:	New Alresford
Hares:	Hursley H3

Hashers

Dumb, Dumber, Foghorn, Motox, Loud and Tasteless, Specs, Gnasher, Canal Bobb, Florence, Zeb, Pyro and Whisper, Valhalla, Bomber, Posh, Skinny Dipper, Spot, Couch Potato, Lonely, Slow Sucker, Swallow, False Tart, Shifty, Caboose, AWOL, Slapper, C5. Apologies if I've missed anyone.

The Hash

Well when Hashgate asked if I would act as temporary scribe to cover one of his holiday absences, I checked the calendar for a reasonably clear week and put my name down for the 6th of November. Later realising that this was the Camera Hash I considered my options. 1) I could stay at home by the fire with a glass of wine and make it all up! (Would anyone notice and if they did, dob me in?) 2) On a similar theme, I could cut and paste sections from several Hashgate gob sheets, to make a new, not necessarily improved version? (copywrite infringement may apply!) 3) I could hastily buy a ticket for the Camera Hash, attend and diligently report my observations.

Tickets were purchased and for better or worse this edition is all my own work, so expect less sheet but plenty of gob.

Cars, we're warmed and reved up, lifts were shared and in a somewhat scattered convoy we made our way from the 4 (or more) corners of Berkshire, in a southerly direction towards Winchester.

Our destination was the quaint Georgian market town of New Alresford (pronounced Allsford) in Hampshire. Very pretty even under dark clouds and the rain that came later.

Today's CAMRA Hash, kindly hosted by Hursley H3, was the official weekly Hash for BH3, and was well supported. As expected the usual suspects were in attendance, if there's beer their here! You know who you are, we all know who you are ☺ And in these days of such uncertainty, it is a comfort to know that there are some people that we can still rely on. Thanks, don't ever change, we appreciate your efforts and steadfastness.

We met at Alresford Community Centre, an impressive building boasting it's own coat of arms. We were asked to sign in both before and after the hash to ensure that they did not lose anyone, and bless them they did check. 18 Hash groups were in attendance from as far afield as the Isle of Wight and Cambridge, with the Oxford hash being considered one of the most northerly. We were greeted by bunting featuring the logos of all the hashes taking part. Tea, coffee, fruit juice, changing facilities and bag drop were all available for our convenience.



There was a long, medium and short run and also a walk. We all headed up an alley to the church, following trails laid in sawdust. Trails split and the crowds thinned out. I understand that there was some confusion on the run with runners for the long run ignoring, opps I meant to say not seeing the markings for their trail. 2 of our Berkshire hashers did not only end up on the wrong trail but complained bitterly and blamed everyone else, in complete denial that they had done anything wrong. They later got a well deserved down down for this sin. Others made the same mistake but took it on the chin (or didn't get caught!) They all eventually found their way back on to the long trail, and the distance run was almost the same. Of course this version of events is all based on hearsay and I take no responsibility for its accuracy! That is all I've got to say about the run!

Meanwhile on the walk, we walked a short way through the town to a toilet block with a plaque telling us that it had been a collection point for secret documents that were collected by a spy, very cloak and dagger.

We walked down to the river where the ducks and swans were working themselves up in to a feeding frenzy, as generous passers by were scattering the bird food for sale.

We walked along the scenic river past the memorial to a dog killed in action with the 47th infantry regiment and the small brick eel house. We left the river briefly and passed the vineyards and watercress beds before returning to the river at a stunning thatched fuller Mill.



Most of the runners finished their trails in the dry. The walkers were not so lucky and got a drenching which spurred us on to finish the last mile in record time.

Back in the community centre we were treated to a 3 course meal; watercress soup and bread, jacket potato with chilli and salad and delicious home made puddings. There were a good variety of real ales and wines, soft drinks and hot chocolate were also available. The bunting along the wall featured the names of all the hashers in attendance.

The down Downs were numerous, to many to mention, I shall only list BH3's below. But a nice touch was the down down to C5 and CL who started the annual CAMRA Hash 18 years ago and to Dribbler/Max with the enthusiastic trumpeter playing the last post in tribute to our founding member. "He played all the right notes but not necessarily in the right order" but it was loud and proud.

With Hashes run and walked, beer and food consumed, down downs downed and a good time had by all, sober drivers were designated. We said our good byes and made our way back to the convoy for our homeward journeys.

Many thanks to Hursley H3 for their hospitality.

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Down Downs

<u>Recipient</u>	<u>Reason</u>
Foggy & CL	Physical abuse of a fellow hasher. They were publicly passed on for their sin.
Uranus and Comet	Sexual abuse of a fellow hasher who enjoyed it! The 20 toes song seemed appropriate.
Dumber and posh	For going the wrong way after the regroup and blaming everyone else. If they had the wings of an Eagle and the eyes of a crow, they may have found the trail?
C5 and CL	Founder members of the CAMRA hash.
Dribbler	With trumpet fanfare for one of our founding members, who recently passed away. Remembered and missed.

Future Hashes (Starting at 11:00 on Sunday mornings unless stated otherwise.)

<u>Hash Number</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Hares</u>
2312	13 th Nov	King William IV Ipsden OX10 6AD What3words: compliant.batches.turned	Jamie & Hashtray
2313	20 th Nov	Mortimer West End Village Hall Church Road, Mortimer West End, Reading RG7 2HZ Please bring your own food, drink and crockery <i>A world cup football theme based on the England vs Iran game</i> What3words: Negotiators.owns.obey	Slapper

