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THE HASHLESS TIMES

Doesn't time just run through your fingers like water? It's been a year and a day (whatever Matt Hancock said in Parliament 😊) since the first Covid-19 lockdown began. We have all become used to restrictions to our liberty, a risk in the very air we breathe and not Hashing. Two of our Hashers contracted and, I am very pleased to report, recovered from the virus: Motox and Caboose. Others may have experienced milder or no symptoms. Some of BH³ are in the nursing or caring professions and have been more at risk than the rest of us: Slips, Swallow and MonaLisa. It has certainly been one of the most challenging years of our lives and we can only hope that the accelerated vaccination programme and responsible actions of most people in this country contribute to a rapid easing of democratic limitations, control of infection and a gradual return to whatever is going to pass as 'normal' living.

As a reminder of what it was like last year, here is a picture, taken by my nephew, in London in April.



Restrictions will hopefully be lifted on June 21st - let's hope we never have to live like this ever again.

As you know, many of our number have been innovative during the lockdowns, providing safe, non-BH³ Trails that adhere to prevailing Government rules for people to run or walk round at a time of their choosing. Here are some details of the most recent...

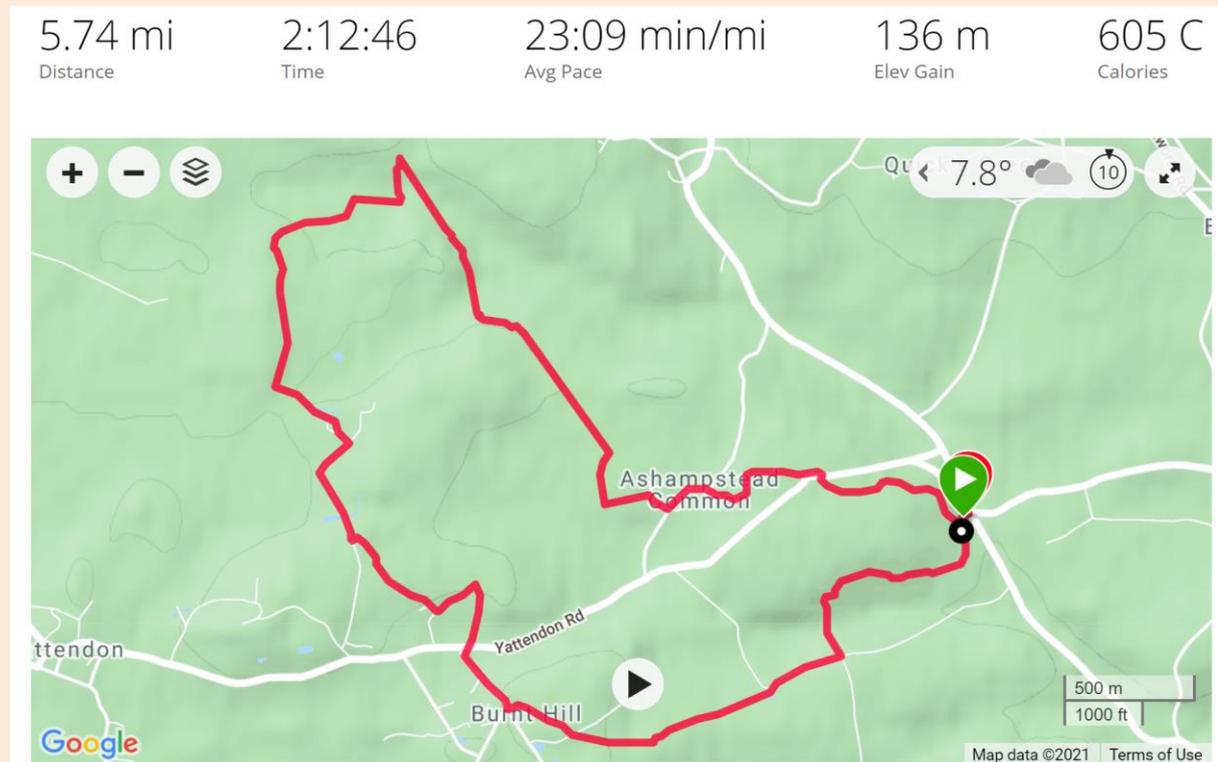
ZEB AND FLO'S UNOFFICIAL HASH TRAIL

Last Sunday, March 21st, Zeb and Flo laid a Trail from Ashampstead Common car park. This location was where Mother Theresa and Lemming had their Hash wedding quite a number of years ago. About 6 miles and one blob and On with no Falses. Current Covid rules to be complied with.

You could start from 10 o'clock in the morning or turn up at any time of the day for a trot round to look at the Christmas trees - the area is (literally) bristling with them.

This is the course, as supplied by Flo. I'm very pleased to see that she used 605 Calories during her run. Wouldn't want any chubbiness to creep in. (As if! 😊)

Here in the Gobsheet offices our team of journalists were trying to figure out what the shape of the Trail looked like. One of our junior reporters stepped forward to suggest a misshapen leg and foot – this was booted into the long grass. Another suggested the head and shoulders of Batman, looking left and kneeling down - this caper was quickly batted away. If anyone has any ideas, we would be pleased to receive them.



Our second picture is of Zeb, after running the Trail, as he reported it: 'stuffing my face with an ace bacon & fried egg bap from the 'Leaf or Sizzle' food truck outside The Pot Kiln at Frilsham.' Zeb obviously not too worried about piling on the Pounds then.

THE BH³ QUIZ

Something for all you well-travelled Hashers – a geography quiz! A major prize for the first entrant who gets 11 points in our 10-question quiz... without consulting the internet. Good luck!

Questions	Answers
1. The world's first national park was established in 1872 in which country? A bonus point for the name of the park...	
2. What is the capital of Peru?	
3. Mount Vesuvius casts a shadow over which modern Italian city?	
4. There are three US states with just four letters in their name: can you name them?	
5. What is the currency of Sweden?	
6. To what country do the Canary Islands belong?	
7. What is the capital of Canada?	
8. How many states are there in Australia?	
9. What African country has the largest population?	
10. Constantinople and Byzantium are former names of which major city?	

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
2228	04Apr21 Sunday 11:00	SU665830	Car Park at edge of sports field on Uxmore Road, Checkendon, RG8 0SS. What3words: diamond.mere.irrigate	Rampant Dunny
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

Take good care of yourselves.

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