



Berkshire Hash House Harriers

Running with the Pack

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Hash Number and Date: 2503 6 July 2026

Location: Nettlebed Village Club

Hares: Pyro & Spot

HASHERS

Swallow, Slowsucker, Twanky, Penny Pitstop, Miss Whiplash, Posh, Lemony, Nappyrash, Waverider, Plod, Special Branch, Wimpy, No Sole, Slapper, C5, Sonic, Zebedee, Florence, Lonely, Bomber, Messenger Boy & Willow, Canal Bobb, Foxy, Gnasher, Wet Wipe, Dunny, Skinny Dipper, Iceman, Rampant, Valhalla, Cockup, No.2.

WHAT GOES DOWN MUST COME UP AGAIN

I had just started putting pen-to-paper for this Gobsheet, when last week's popped up on Facebook. I'm not sure if the delay in publication was due to the vagaries of the interweb or last week's scribe Old Dog being so incensed that she'd only just calmed down enough to draft that cheery piece of fiction. It was well worth the read, even just for the snippet that Motor X got lost!!!!

This week's trail was from the Nettlebed Village Club, a lovely building sponsored in 1911 by Robert Fleming, a local landowner, in compensation for his acquisition of the village cricket ground in order to extend his estate. It was built using local materials and labour and opened in 1913. It's a great hashing location, the beer is well-priced and good, and there is loads of parking. A near perfect location for Berkshire Hash House Harriers – except it's well into Oxfordshire.



Several of today's hashers, however, looked less than lovely having been up all night to watch England play in the World Cup. Being more of a cycling fan than a football fan, as far as I was concerned Mexico had won (Isaac del Toro, the young Mexican cyclist won stage 2 of the 2026 Tour de France on Sunday), but I let them have their moment of glory.

Our hares gathered us round and began the long explanation of the trail options, random markings (fishhooks, double dots), regroupings etc. The pack's impatience got the better of them and we slowly on-outed leaving the hares in mid-explanation. This was possibly our undoing as fairly quickly we all ended up milling around the village green for quite some time before the actual trail was located. I managed to run a completely different loop to everyone else and rejoined the pack just as they left the first regroup.

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Meandering through, the strangely named, Catslip – possibly on an old Roman road, we eventually took a sharp turn and started to head down (down, down, down). After a mile or so of steady descending, we eventually reached Bix Bottom (which is a small hamlet, not the rear end of a hasher called Bix). We were now quite a long way from the pub, both horizontally and vertically.



Fortunately, our hares had arranged a bit of a breather here with a regroup in the ruins of St James Old Church – unfortunately, several of our number failed to stop and so missed the ruins and the beaver. One group of FRBs, including Plod, Rampant, Cockup, Nappyrash & Dunny headed off up the road whilst a group of walkers, ably misled by Canal Bobb with that most dangerous of tools – a map, headed off down the road. This left a just select group to hunt around the ruins for the beaver – which was found by Wet Wipe. I will leave you to add your own caption to the picture using the words “wet, wipe, clutching and beaver”.



Now what goes down must come back up again, and so began the steady climb. For the long trail we first headed along the road to the Warburg Nature Reserve, then left up a particularly nasty gravel hill. We had the advantage for this section of following the FRBs who had kicked all the checks and so it was pretty much a straight run (or stagger) up for a couple of miles or so back to Nettlebed. The medium trail took an equally unpleasant hill back up but without the mile or so along the road. I have no idea which route the walkers took and I’m not sure that they do either. Their excitement was an unscheduled stop when Willow decided that she would go no further, something had spooked her and nothing was going to move her. Sadly, we have no pictures of Messenger Boy giving her a fireman’s lift so I asked ChatGPT for its impression. Not a bad attempt.



Eventually we all arrived back at Nettlebed with loops around the out trail and Pyro’s old haunts to increase the confusion. We were so spread out that Cockup was driving away as Wet Wipe and I were still running up the High Street, the FRBs were onto their second pints and the walkers were still staggering up through the appropriately named “Crocker End”.

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Nettlebed Club was very welcoming, the football was on for those who can't live without it, the beer was flowing and the garden was warm. Warm enough the Swallow didn't need the fleece that she'd brought "just in case".

Wet Wipe was first awarded a "Flaps" bar for finding the beaver and then onto the Down-Downs ably led by today's RA - Gnasher.



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DOWN DOWNS

Beneficiary	Awarded For
Wet Wipe	100 r#ns – drank from his new tankard
Lonely, Valhalla	Fallers, Valhalla with a particularly elegant fall.
Slapper, Lemony & Florence	Lounging on the hash, Lemony had gone so Gnasher was left with a spare beer
Canal Bobb	Flashing his "map" at Posh
Posh	Paying more attention than was respectable to Canal Bobb's "map"
Foxy	There was no one left to drink the spare beer!!!
Pyro, Spot	The Hares! A cunning and challenging r#n.

Future Hashes – starting at 19:00 Monday evenings unless stated otherwise.

Hash #	Date	Location	Hares
2504	13 July 2026	The "Fun Run" Silchester Cricket Pavilion Pamber Rd, Silchester RG7 2PH What3Words: ///focal.probe.weary Light refreshments, tea & coffee provided. Bring plate, cutlery, mug & booze. Bribe/register with Rampant to get your start position: rampant.dunny@gmail.com	C5 & Mr Blobby
2505	20 July 2026	The Maltsters Arms Rotherfield Greys, Henley-on-Thames RG9 4QD What3Words: ///routes.bleat.locked	Dunny & Rampant

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