

THE HASHLESS TIMES

LIGHT AT THE END OF THE DARKEST TUNNEL

Without wishing to tempt Fate into giving us all another damn good kicking I have to say that it looks very likely that we will be Hashing again soon. The Government has defined 4 steps that should take us out of lockdown – see [here](#) for full details. Included in Step 1 (assuming there are no setbacks) is the allowing of 6 people to meet outdoors and ‘people will be able to take part in formally organised outdoor sports’. Cue (virtual) Mexican Wave!



The BH³ Committee is meeting (again virtually) next week to discuss safe and legal options so keep any eye out for communications. It will be so nice to Hash again. 😊

MEMBERS’ NEWS

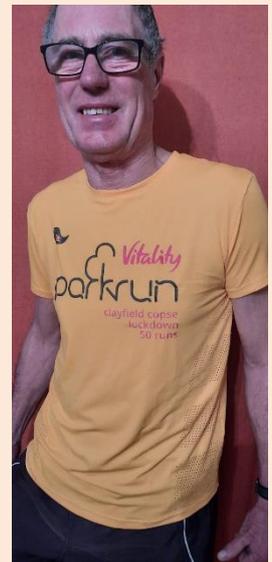
So what have you all been doing recently? From the Whatsapp video conversations Donut and I have been having with various Hashers it consists of working, walking, running, soup-making, bread baking, wine drinking and house decorating.



I’m sure you will all be pleased to know that, along with his very supportive (and long-suffering 😊) wife, TC, Whinge’s health has been improving and they have been out walking ridiculous distances. Last week, they rang our doorbell (and interrupted a rather pleasant lunchtime cheese toastie) for a chat during one of their walks. Great to see them, even though outside and at a distance. We found out later that they had walked a total of 12.3 miles! Apparently, Whinge was somewhat stiff of muscle the day after. Here’s the route they took.

As mentioned in a previous lockdown Gobsheet, NappyRash and WaveRider set out their own 10k Parkrun route in Clay Copse near to their home. WaveRider had a brief holiday from running due to her broken ankle but is very near to NappyRash’s total of 50 runs! Great achievement and we are expecting that he may actually not get lost on one of the forthcoming runs... 😊

Here’s a picture of him wearing his specially commissioned 50 runs T-shirt. Well done NappyRash! (And WaveRider!)



Shifty and FalseTart have been quite busy soup-making and bread baking and it was great to hear Shifty mentioning that he has been on a few short runs recently. Obviously, his recovery is going well and I'm sure we are all very pleased for him and Jill.

On the bread front, he sent a picture to us of some of his baking results. We were very impressed and showed the picture to Australian friends of ours during a Zoom call. "Nice pair of buns." Said our female friend innocently. It took all of two minutes to stop laughing. Shifty was very impressed that Antipodean ladies were enthralled by his 'buns'.



Here he is, displaying them proudly. 😊

Donut and I have been walking quite steadily, resolutely, almost grimly, in order to keep our mileage to the maximum we want to manage, while adding to the total miles walked, on our Land's End to John o'Groats virtual run/walk.

Apologies to all those who have to work – we have been out almost every day, enjoying the mind-uplifting countryside round and about. Despite the lashings of gloopy shiggy, that mean you take one slidy step backwards for every two forwards and most of the time your feet slip sideways even on allegedly flat footpaths, getting out in the fresh air has been great!

Snowdrops have gathered *en masse* in many of the woodlands and by roadsides (see below) and are nodding shyly in the breeze. We walked through an eruption of singing skylarks a few days ago while negotiating their muddy field. In that most beautiful valley, yesterday, on the way to the Warburg Estate (below and along the Trail that Pyro laid some time ago) a number of kites swooped and whirled effortlessly in the increasingly blue sky.

We are so lucky to be able to enjoy these things. Soon (we hope!) we'll all be able to enjoy them together.



Towards the Warburg Estate near Nettlebed. (Wow!)



Snowdrops near Nippers Grove, Gallowstree Common area.

THE BH³ QUIZ

Here are the answers to last week's general knowledge quiz. It was a bit of a stinker, wasn't it?

| Questions | Answers |
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| 1. Name the second largest lake in the Lake District? | Ullswater |
| 2. In which county is Belvoir Castle (HINT: it's also the family seat of The Duke of Rutland)? | Leicestershire |
| 3. Name the battle that ended the Monmouth Rebellion on 6 July 1685? | Sedgemoore |
| 4. Stansted Mountfitchet is an English village in which county? | Essex (it's also the location of Stansted Airport) |
| 5. Offa was king of which Anglo-Saxon Kingdom of England? | Kingdom of Mercia |
| 6. Which cathedral city in Somerset has a population of about ten thousand? | Wells |
| 7. The M1 motorway connects London to which English city? | Leeds |
| 8. How old was William Pitt the Younger when he became the youngest Prime Minister in 1783? | 24 |
| 9. Which city has been known as 'Britain's Detroit' and the 'City of Peace and Reconciliation'? | Coventry |
| 10. 'S and DR' operated in north-east England from 1825 to 1863, what do the initials stand for? | Stockton and Darlington Railway (the world's first, permanent steam locomotive-hauled railway) |

So this week, we have something different again for you. See how you get on. Good luck!

| Questions | Answers |
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| 1. What is the name of Dua Lipa's 2020 album release? | |
| 2. Name the song and the artist for the following lyric: "Maybe I'm foolish, maybe I'm blind, thinking I can see through this and see what's behind" | |
| 3. Matt Goss, Luke Goss and Craig Logan made up which band? | |
| 4. In what year did The Beatles split up? | |
| 5. What is rapper P Diddy's real name? | |
| 6. Complete this Spice Girls lyric: "If you wanna be my [BLANK], you gotta get with my friends" | |
| 7. Which two musicians collaborated on Another Way To Die, the theme song to 2008's 007: Quantum of Solace? | |
| 8. Gary and Martin Kemp were in what band? | |
| 9. In what decade was pop icon Madonna born? | |
| 10. Which two country singers famously sang together on 1983 song Islands in the Stream? | |

Take good care of yourselves.

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