

THE HASHLESS TIMES



Binfield Heath chapel at dawn...

So how many years has it been since we've seen a fair amount of snow in these parts? Quite a number. On Sunday, Donut was up early and took the photo that appears to the left. It was a beautiful sunrise. Then in another half hour the view had changed to that on the right with fat snowflakes curling down from a leaden sky. Snow brightens the light and muffles sounds, changing our perception of the world.



... and half an hour later.

It's an altogether pleasant experience

and one to be savoured... unless you're stuck on the top of Scafell, for instance.

Quite a number of other Hashers went out and enjoyed the freshness of the snowy morning. Here's Mr Blobby, who went out for a 10-mile run at 7 o'clock in the morning. (Yes, I know. He's nuts.)



And here's TC, dressed as a faceless Cavalier, enjoying the company of a couple of well-designed snowpeople and their snowcat.



Amazing how artistic some people can be when carving snow. If you look closely you can see the scarf and buttons on the cardigan of the one nearest to the camera.

Let's flip to the next page so I can show you a couple more pictures without messing up the Gobsheet formatting...



...Not sure there's really much to say about this photo of SkinnyDipper with a couple of icy friends (one without eyes – Creepy!). The snowmen are obviously following some of the current rules by wearing masks but don't seem to be practising social distancing too well. Perhaps they're the stropy type who, if the police turned up, would have a meltdown?

Skinny also sent in this delightful picture of what she described as a Hashing coot. She was impressed that, having reached the False in the middle of the lake, the little fellow duly tracked back in order to find the correct Trail! Presumably, he's an FRB – a Feathered Running Bird.



Lastly, (since I'm sure you're all fed up with snow-based pictures by now 😊) here's one of me with a new friend in a snow-flecked field.

As Donut and I strolled past during one of our marathon End to End walks she enquired, "Excuse me, I don't suppose you might have such a thing as a carrot about your person, do you?" I ambled over. "Sadly not, I'm afraid. I see you have some hay in the field though." She nodded. "Yes, we have stable people to bring it over. Nourishing, but a touch dry and carrots do have such effective anti-oxidant properties in addition to their crunchy texture. Might you have a Polo mint? Absolutely adore those and very good for the breath if one's on a hay diet." "Very sorry." I replied. "I can't remember the last time I had any Polos." "Oh well." She neighed lightly. "Would you mind awfully giving my face a bit of a scratch? Tried scratching it on the gate earlier but didn't seem to work. Fingernails are much better."

As you can see, I applied a firm scratch technique, which seemed to do the trick. After this photo was taken, she turned to rejoin the other horses, looking over her shoulder to say, "Awfully good of you. Should you come by again I'd so appreciate a carrot..." And off she went. Very well-bred, the horses near Henley.



## PUSSYCAT QUIZ

**H**ere are the answers. I hope you got them all correct. A bag of kibbles for everyone who did. 😊

Questions	Answers
1. What is a female cat called?	Queen or Molly
2. What happened to a French cat named Felicette in 1963?	It was the first cat in space
3. True or false? Cats can be left or right-pawed.	True
4. Who wrote 'Old Possum's Book of Practical Cats'?	T.S. Eliot
5. Name the pet cat of Hermione Granger in the Harry Potter books.	Crookshanks
6. Who invented cat's eyes?	Percy Shaw
7. The GCCF is the largest pedigree cats registry in the UK. What does GCCF stand for?	Governing Council of the Cat Fancy
8. Smudge, Socks and Cookie. What's the connection?	Former Blue Peter cats
9. Who almost always appears with a white Turkish Angora cat in the James Bond films?	Ernst Stavro Blofeld
10. Who did the TV presenter Cat Deeley marry in 2012?	Patrick Kielty



Take good care of yourselves.

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