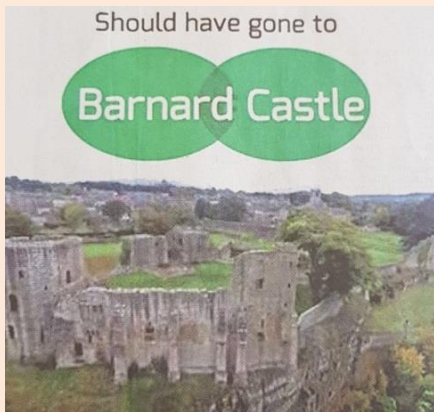


**THE HASHLESS TIMES**

The Coronavirus circus continues to amaze us with ever more incredible (in the true sense of the word) acts. Most recently, of course, the Dominic Cummings performing ass took to the ring for some jaw-dropping disbelief and empathy suspension acts which yet again gives truth to George Orwell's aphorism that (to paraphrase) 'All people are equal but some people are more equal than others.' There are some very amusing responses to the scenario on the internet, including those below.



One of the other main acts vying for circus clown ring time is the set of conspiracy theories that are circulating on the internet between the cyber nose-tappers and winkers who, of course, know better than everyone else. Apart from the ludicrous assertion that 5G phone masts are responsible for spreading Covid-19 the following may provide you with some amusement. Clinical psychologists at the University of Oxford conducted a survey during the early part of May (the Oxford Coronavirus Explanations, Attitudes and Narratives Survey). Here are some results:-

- 21% of the people answering the survey believe the virus is a hoax.
- 21% say it could be true that Bill Gates has created the virus to reduce world population.
- 24% say it could be true that The UN and WHO have manufactured the virus to take global control.
- 22.4% reckon that the virus is a scaremongering tactic to prevent Brexit.

The one I liked most is this:-

21.8% think that the virus is a smokescreen for a global conspiracy that swapped the real world with a simulation

Just think for a moment that these people may be living next door to you! Thank goodness for social distancing. 😊

Here's a little something to brighten the mood.



**Further proof cats are liquid.**

And Iceman sent your Gobsheet some helpful advice that he gleaned from Richmondshire Today, the newspaper from Richmond, Catterick and The Dales:-

Officials at the Yorkshire Dales National Park Authority have urged visitors to keep social distancing if they visit the area this weekend — and have issued a helpful visual guide for anyone confused about how wide is two metres.

According to the authority two metres is equivalent to nine squirrels, three spaniels, two Swaledale ewes or one Land Rover!

I realise, dear reader, that you have been slaving and quivering for your weekly dose of Mr Blobby and the Not Hash. No need to reach for another Valium. Here, in all its whimsical glory, it is. Enjoy!

### **‘Not the Hash` - 25<sup>th</sup> May 2020**

For today’s Not Hash’ the ‘Three Amigos’ met at St Mary’s church Mortimer on a warm Sunday morning. Twanky complained of a shin injury, apparently the pedal on his bike attacked him. C5 was moaning that he was suffering from the after effects of a curry and 3 pints of beer from the previous night. We had been warned!

So we set off across the fields leaving Mortimer behind us. We hadn’t got far before C5 farted and then tried to pass it off as squeaky trainers. Twanky was downwind of C5 at the time and he accused C5 of testing him for Corona Virus. Unfortunately for Twanky he didn’t test positive and his sense of smell was just fine!

So Twanky then sprinted past C5 and me to take his first picture of the day of us struggling up the hill behind him.

We then passed through a few more fields and eventually got to a tricky part of the trail. My two fellow hashers were totally confused and couldn’t find the trail anywhere, which brings us to this week’s quiz question. Can you find which way the trail goes? Answers in next week’s Gobsheet.



I eventually put them out of their misery, showed them the way and we headed off south towards Bramley. We then turned for home and headed for Clappers Ford Farm and the water hazard!! C5 and I took it first and then we waited for Twanky, who had to do it four times before I got the photo right!

From the ford we headed back over the railway track along a narrow footpath and came across a lost cyclist who thought she was on a bridleway. So as we were pointing her in the right direction, two more runners turned up. We thought we’d have a party, but unfortunately they hadn’t bought a bottle with them!!



Having sorted everybody out we then continued on our way. We came to Nelson's gate, celebrating the bicentennial of his death. This was where C5 started whinging. He wanted to take the short cut back to our cars, but this would have taken us back down the 'out trail'. So we carried on, with C5 still whingeing. He whinged so much that Twanky and I renamed him WhingeToo. On the way back to Mortimer we climbed up Kiln Lane and again Twanky sprinted on ahead to take a final picture of the two old gits struggling up the hill



We just struggled to the top where we turned into the Street and headed back to the church. Twanky left us briefly to see his fiend Dawn. C5 and I continued back to our cars. Twanky then returned with three pieces of fruit loaf that his friend had made. I took mine home where Mrs B and I thoroughly enjoyed our delicious fruit cake.

Twanky uploaded our route, including the pictures at: <https://www.relive.cc/view/vevYVr24wJO> for you all to enjoy.

On On to next week's 'Not Hash'.

Aqua has very kindly sent in a quiz for you to enjoy. Here it is and the best of luck. Answers and the winner(s) will be announced in next week's Gobsheet. I look forward to Nappyrash's entry...

## British Bird Puzzle

<u>No.</u>	<u>Clue</u>	<u>No. of Letters</u>	<u>Answer</u>
1	Found on a chess board	4	
2	Invoice for an item of cutlery	9	
3	When a cat gets up	9	
4	Could mean a death sentence	8	
5	Small move left or right	6,4	
6	Brightly coloured tool	6,6	
7	Eating action	7	
8	Black and white dog shows pleasure	4,7	
9	Call 15 21 26 05 12	4,5	
10	Royal angler	10	
11	Shell seizer	13	
12	Difficult to undo	4	
13	Crimson bird with surprisingly no strings	3,4	
14	Watch out, low-flying mollusc	8	
15	Greedy person	6	
16	Shave William	9	
17	Hidden gunman does this	5	
18	Extra fowl	7	
19	A bit of fun in the air	7	
20	Street decorations for Bookworms	4,7	
21	Angry Clinton or Gates	9	
22	Egg-born cashew	8	
23	Timber rooster	8	
24	Act of theft	5	
25	Polish part of a car	7	
26	The smile you get from fermented pears	9	
27	Wizard flier	6	
28	A pastime	5	
29	Blustery evening	11	
30	What you might get if you annoy a dog	7	
31	Labour vote	7	
32	Scottish musician in the Sahara	9	
33	Blackpool has a large one	6	
34	Gone mad	6	
35	Lady sailor	4	
36	A pebble and a gossip	9	
37	Section of a hill-top	9	
38	Struggling to get enough air	6	
39	Rapid move	5	
40	Bevy before bedtime	8	
41	Land and travel fee	9	
42	Argument at a health resort	7	
43	Grain husk and twelfth of a foot	9	

44	Brag about	4	
45	Sticks to the bottom you fool	8,5	
46	Fuel for bad weather	5,6	
47	Precious hill-top	9	
48	Australia on its knees	6	
49	A scarlet knife by the sea	8	
50	Who built the house and how did he get in?	7	

The quiz last week asked you to identify the Berkshire locations from the below pictures. Pleased to report that Swallow won this with a very early application. Following editorial scrutiny (and since no-one else sent in an entry 😊) she was declared the winner.

The locations are:-

1	Inkpen
2	Dorney
3	Lambourne
4	Barkham
5	Hermitage

**1**

**2**

**3**



**4**

**5**

Lastly, a mention to Madam Butterfly, who sent us all her email recently. It's been a while since we saw you Angie and I'm sure everyone at BH<sup>3</sup> is looking forward to seeing you again – hopefully soon. We are saddened to hear about Dribbler (Max) but relieved (for both him and for you) that he is being looked after so well. Our very best wishes to you and to Max and please include us in the hug you give him when you next see him.

Keep safe everyone.

On On. [Hashgate](#).

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