

THE HASHLESS TIMES

So near, aren't we? There's a palpable feeling of expectation in the air. Particularly now that the clocks have been changed to British Summer Time and the weather (at least for a few days) has become unseasonably, but refreshingly, hot. I am talking, of course, of being able to Hash again. Many of our BH³ members have exhibited symptoms of eagerness. You know the kind of thing: champing at the bit, pawing the ground, gnashing the teeth, drinking far too much Wincarnis, cleaning the running shoes for the umpteenth time.

Well, come Sunday, April 4th and we'll be On On'ing again and the BLT is set to restart on Thursday, April 8th (fortunately for Donut and me, at the Loddon Brewery, which is but a short walk away from where we live – how good is that?!).

Of course, many of us have been doing other physical activities recently and here are a couple of photos sent to the Gobsheet by Ms Whiplash to illustrate what she has been up to in her spare time (no, not that kind of photos!)

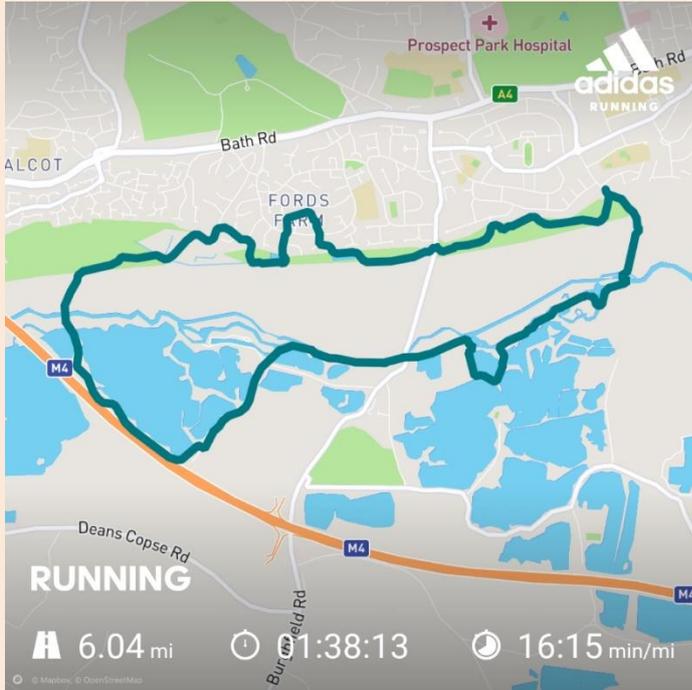


Ms W, PennyPitstop, Dumb, Dumber, Lilo, TinOpener and Minx the dog were taking advantage of the minor easing of the rules to get together in a sextet (how appropriate for Ms W) to enjoy a walk in the fine weather and enjoy a picnic by the cricket pavilion in Moulsoford. I should point out for the hard of thinking that the above pictures were not taken at the cricket pitch...

Apparently, while the group were trying to figure out the route they should take, TinOpener was stumped, Dumb got caught behind, Lilo went for six, PennyPitstop had a leg before (before what, we don't know), Minx was run out, Dumber was bowled over and Ms Whiplash got caught in her slips.

Others were also enjoying a little (safe) physical exercise:-

TWANKY AND LONELY'S UNOFFICIAL TRAIL



Looking a bit like a whale, this is their route last Sunday. Both Twanky and NappyRash were kind enough to send in a copy of it.

A mass of information (fascinating and otherwise 😊) was sent out prior to this run. We were given details about Southcote via the link:

<https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Southcote>

and particular info about Southcote House

(http://www.berkshirehistory.com/castles/southcote_house.html) which was near the start of the trail.

Here it is, just in case you missed it:-

The house was mentioned in the Domesday Book; used to plan the raising of Cromwell's siege of Royalist Reading; owned by the regicide Daniel Blagrove, who fled the country when Charles II took the throne. Its final resident, the eccentric Westall Briscow, would speak of nightly visits of a ghost and narrowly escaped rape charges of a young servant girl. He made his money from the slave trade, which might explain why the building was pulled down in 1921 after his death.

Phew! I hope you took all that in. Like the BBC, the unofficial trails educate, inform and entertain. 😊

THE BH³ QUIZ

Here are the answers to last week's quiz for the well-travelled or just geographically curious. I hope you found them slightly easier than the previous quiz!

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...	USA, Yellowstone
2. What is the capital of Peru?	Lima
3. Mount Vesuvius casts a shadow over which modern Italian city?	Naples
4. There are three US states with just four letters in their name: can you name them?	Utah, Iowa, Ohio
5. What is the currency of Sweden?	Swedish Krona
6. To what country do the Canary Islands belong?	Spain
7. What is the capital of Canada?	Ottawa
8. How many states are there in Australia?	6 – New South Wales, Victoria, Queensland, Western Australia,

	Tasmania, South Australia
9. What African country has the largest population?	Nigeria (190 million)
10. Constantinople and Byzantium are former names of which major city?	Istanbul

Here's another set of brain teasers to while away a spare ten minutes or so. Good luck!

Questions	Answers
1. Who is England's most capped football player?	
2. When was the Calcutta Cup first played between England and Scotland?	
3. How many grand slams has Andy Murray won?	
4. What event did Jessica Ennis-Hill win gold at the London 2012 Olympics?	
5. Who is Britain's most decorated Olympian?	
6. Who is England's all-time top run scorer?	
7. Who is England's all-time top wicket taker?	
8. Who was the first person to run a mile in under four minutes?	
9. How many players make up the Ryder Cup team?	
10. Where is the World Darts Championship famously held every year?	

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.

On On. [Hashgate](#).

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