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**Last Run before Lockdown 2**

## A Virgin Festive Trail



**Festive PPE**

### **The Hares.**

The car park behind St Ouen's Parish Hall seems to have been a much-used venue in recent times and here we were yet again. Sadly, the Farmers Inn will not be our destination for the On Inn, as it has been closed for a couple of weeks due to the dreaded pandemic.

Under a mostly blue sky, the Pack assembled in chilly but sunny conditions. It was anticipated that this would be the penultimate run of the year. However, the Mismanagement had discussed the rapidly worsening Covid situation and decided that the Hash should be 'paused' until at least the first Sunday in January 2021. In consequence, this was to be the final trail of 2020. As this was also the last trail before Christmas, it was perhaps fitting that festive dress was the order of the day and that it would be laid by virgin hares; namely Bunty, James, Elsie and Millie.

Only 15 Hashers eventually arrived in time for the briefing, possibly a reflection of the worsening pandemic or perhaps the threat of heavy downpours during the course of the morning. However, two rarely seen Hashers (Ragsby and IIB) put in a (welcome) appearance – they must have heard that the Christmas elf was scheduled to visit the Hash .



### **OTT Festive fancy dress?**

The Hash Elf (Wendolene) did indeed appear and was busy handing out the Hash Christmas presents before the run.



### Hash Elf

Our GM, Steptoe, held forth (as is his wont), providing his weekly history lesson (about what I have no recall). He also gave us the sad news that the next two trails were to be cancelled (or maybe postponed) and that the situation would be reviewed early in the New Year, with a view to resuming Hashing asap.

The Pack was briefed by Bunty who explained that a Beer Stop had originally been planned but new restrictions brought in by the government meant that this was no longer possible. The good news was that this would give a slightly shorter trail!

When the On was called Illegal deserted the walking pack, leaving only 3 walkers (Ragsby, IIB and Molehills). The bulk on the Pack set off rapidly, heading north out of the car park without noticing that the Hares remained in the car park, waiting for them to catch on that they were not on trail.



### The GM holds forth

### Harriettes return



### The Virgin Briefing

### Balcock and Frisco get back on trail



### Jacko follows his own trail (or tail?)

The Pack eventually set off eastward but only for a short distance before turning left onto a little used (by the Hash) footpath running between the houses to reach the northern edge of the village. It is rumoured that the trail then passed the Parish playing field. If the sign is to be believed, you are not permitted to do many things there but they did forget to include running and enjoying yourself. No doubt this oversight will be corrected by the Parish authorities, in due course.



### All the things you can't do

Having proceeded down La Verte Rue and onto the trackways between the fields, the Pack descended the hill and on into Greve de Lecq woods. Having traversed the length of the woods the Pack crossed a meadow and the stream to climb back up the hill towards St Mary.



### Queen of the Swingers

Having reached the fringes of St Mary, the trail turned southwards and then westward to return to the On Inn at the car park at St Ouen's Parish Hall



Socially distanced Hashing



The three walkers chose a rather gentler route for their perambulations. Having followed the first part of runners' route, they continued eastward, crossing the main road into Botellerie before turning south down Rue de Douet. Having crossed the main road, the stroll continued along the northern border of St Ouen's Manor (Rue de Manoir).



The Walkers (IIB & Ragsby)

It was during this section of the walk that we discovered that IIB needs to walk on the right hand side of the road because of the camber. Presumably, this is to help him walk in a straight line – if he walked on the left side he would go around in circles!

Before reaching St Ouen's Church the walkers turned off onto Rue de la Cour, before turning right onto Cache de l'Eglise to return to the fringes of St Ouen's village and the On Inn.

On our return to the On Inn, it became apparent that Red Baron had joined the Pack at some point but he didn't hang around for the post-run festivities.



**The vultures descend on the mince pies**

The On Inn, held at the rear of the Parish Hall, was totally innless and a socially distanced affair. We were joined by several non-runners/walkers, namely Tinky Winky, Walkies and Jenny. The Hares generously provided mince pies and the GM contributed some Roses, which at least provided some solids to soak up the supplies of BYO alcohol.

**Down Downs**

Yet again, the Hashers on the trail had been excessively well behaved, so there was a complete lack of sinners to punish.

Frisco was awarded a Down Down for the most OTT festive dress. He was joined by our Hash Elf (Wendolene), who was rewarded for arranging the Hash Christmas presents (new blue light weight jackets) that had been handed out to Hashers that morning.



**Frisco and Wendolene prepare for a socially distanced Down Down**

It was then the turn of our Hares to be rewarded for what was (by all accounts) an excellent virgin trail. This was to be a family Down Down, as our Hares were Bunty, James, Elsie and Millie.



**The Hares complete their Down Downs**

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I went to buy some camouflage trousers but couldn't see any.

I was going to get a brain transplant but changed my mind.

When this virus pandemic thing is over with .... I still want some people to stay away from me.

The spread of Covid 19 appears to be based on two factors;

1. How dense the population is
2. How dense the population is.

How did our parents deal with boredom before the internet existed? I asked my 18 brothers and sisters but they didn't know either.

Bored during lockdown? Phone a women's rights group and ask to speak to the man in charge

**RAPIDLY RECEDING HARELINE**

**Run No:** 1627 **Date:** 21 March  
**Hare:** Discharge & Flasher  
**On Down:** Grouville Football Club  
**Note:** Includes Lunch afterwards, kindly sponsored by Structura Ltd.  
**Scribe:** TBC



**Run No:** 1628 **Date:** 28 March  
**Hare:** Fuzz  
**On Down:** Val de la Mare reservoir bottom car park  
**Note:** Bring your own food & drink: Reduced Run subs apply £1.00 Members, £2.00 Non-Members, Tadpoles Free  
**Scribe:** TBC