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On & On

Liberation Day Hash



The Liberation Day Pack

Liberation Day events having been largely cancelled due to the pandemic, there was no marshalling duties to be done at Liberation Square. This left the Crapauds with no option but to revert to our normal Sunday activities, For the first time in many years the Crapauds were able to Hash on a Sunday that was also Liberation Day.

The weather was cool and the sky overcast but the forecast was for dry conditions, maybe with sunny periods later. In short, ideal Hashing conditions.

A Pack of 24 Hashers had assembled in the car park opposite St Martin's Public Hall by the time that our GM started the briefing. The GM didn't bother to provide his weekly history lesson as he had decided that most of the Pack know what Liberation Day is all about. As instructed, most Hashers had made the effort to wear something red white and blue or were clad in Liberation branded kit to celebrate the occasion.



Liberation specials



The Pack gathers



A socially distanced briefing

The Hare (Bags of It), provided a very brief briefing that mainly consisted of warning the Pack that he had marked the trail with white chalk and sawdust but that there were numerous yellow arrows out there. The yellow ones were red herrings that should be ignored. There was also a warning of dire consequences that would occur if the Pack did not stick to the sides of fields containing crops

With the briefing completed, the 18 runners and more select group of 4 walkers, headed off onto the recreation field and followed the path to the south-eastern corner. Helpfully, there was a graphic demonstration provided

to make sure that the slower members of the Pack had got the message about the different coloured arrows.



A Molehills sized molehill



Additional instructions

Continuing on down the main road the walkers turned left past the Catholic church and then right into Rue des Ormes. A number of the runners also went down the road past the church but this was a false trail and they had to return to the main road before continuing south before turning left into the potato fields.



Ballcock leads the way

Having run around numerous spud fields the runners eventually found their way to the coast between Archirondel and St Catherine's tower.



Up into the fields



Charlie makes a splash



On Down to the beach

On reaching the coast the trail continued along the top of the sea wall to the lifeboat station before turning back inland to St Catherine's Woods. At the lifeboat station the tail enders (Steptoe and Capt. Poocock) were separated from the rest of the pack as they were forced to wait for the lifeboat to be hauled up the slip and into the lifeboat station.

The trail continued up through the woods before turning left to emerge at the pumping station on Rue de Pavillon. Surprisingly the runners were persuaded to turn left up Rue de Pavillon rather than going straight ahead on the most direct route home.

Half way up the hill the runners met the walkers coming down. The walkers had just passed a set of double arrows but didn't have the heart to tell the lead runner (Ballcock) that he was going to have to go back down again.



On up



The Walkers



Tail end Charlies

At the bottom of the hill, near the pumping station, the walkers came across Capt. Poocock and Steptoe, who by now were some distance behind the runners. They joined the walkers for a gentle amble up the hill and back to the On Inn at The Royal, St Martin

Sadly, there was no draft ale back at the On Inn but there was bottled Stinky Bay to keep the GM reasonably happy.



Hashers waiting to be fed

The first Down Down was awarded to Elsie, for her spectacular fall on the run.



Birthday Down Downs

Finally, the Hare was awarded the customary Down Down for organising an excellent run, with the On Inn at the first pub since the most recent lockdown and arranging very tasty nosh (which did arrive eventually).



Faller

Next up was Jacko, for bringing the Hash into disrepute (found fast asleep on a bench outside St Brelade Parish Hall) after the thrash last Sunday and also for losing his jacket on the same occasion.



The Hare empties the beer dregs into his hood



Sinner

Jacko was followed by Ballcock, flanked by Vital statistics and Twin Peaks to receive their birthday Down Downs.

RAPIDLY RECEDING HARELINE

Run No: 1636
Date: 23 May 2021
Hare: Bunty & Elsie
On Down: Sir George Carteret, St Peter
Scribe: Muff Diver



Run No: 1637
Date: 30 May 2021
Hare: Nil by Mouth & Smuggler
On Down: Le Petit Verger, La Blinerie, St Clement.
Scribe: TBA