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Easter Fun!

Bunnies etc.

It's Easter & that must mean blue skies, warm sunshine & happy shiny people. Well the gathering at Pastella is certainly happy & colourful but the blue skies & warm sunshine are absent. However, the weather is far better than forecast & eventually we have some 38 hashers & tadpoles on the run. Bunny ears & tails are around aplenty & Gigolo has raided Telecoms Stores & is distributing sticky chicks to all & sundry. Captain Poocock is attired in chick mask & colourful skirt whilst G-String pleases the boys & turns up as a Hefner Bunny (complete with Jersey Spartans T-Shirt!).

We welcome back the Flying Scotsman on one of his rare journeys to civilisation as well as Sophie a tadpole virgin. Little Jack is with us once more along with his friend Nina. Easy Rider & Double Top have also been tempted out. Nil-by-Mouth & Gobbler have returned from their enjoyable skiing trip to Canada. At the last moment Frisco turns up having parked at the pub (naughty, naughty) & improperly attired – he had still to tie his laces.

Surprises

Our hares today are Gigolo, Illegal Immigrant & Karen, our virgin hare. The trail is laid in sawdust & Gigolo indicates a multicoloured design on the tarmac. Yes there will be colourful checks which should be held as there could be Easter surprises - I just can't wait.

Lesson

The trail does not take us to the pub – far too obvious. So we set off down La Rue a la Dame (more properly Damne). Did you know that this is a euphemism for Fairy in Jerriais as it was considered unlucky to use the proper term (Fee)? Well, you do now. Anyway at the crossroads a sizeable number continue down the road but

eventually our hares are kind & call them back in order to lead us along Mont Sohier. Our first colourful egg heralds our first check.

Virgin Territory!

Down a small lane & we are soon climbing through trees & undergrowth. This would seem to be virgin territory as nobody can remember this piece of land – well done hares! This must have been a proper track at some time as there are edging stones.

Trophy

Climbing into the fields we pick up a Ricard jug half buried in the hedge. Plonker relieves Steptoe of this prize item as he can use it for display purposes – yes, we do have some strange people! Around we go past a pleasant house from where the Lady of the House is shouting at us. Couldn't hear what she was saying but Illegal Immigrant believes that her husband could not have informed her that the hash would be coming through. The track descends past fields of horses. We are forced to walk (never too great a hardship) as some of these steeds are somewhat “spooked” by our presence.

Waterworks Land

We eventually end up at Grands Vaux reservoir & decide that it would be better to enter Waterworks land than climb the hill at Paul Mill. Luckily we are right & we find some greasy spots along the path. A check brings about a chocolate fest with Captain Poocock distributing eggs & the tadpoles searching for more.

We cross the stream & make our way through the undergrowth where ET demonstrates how to fall to earth gracefully. Captain Poocock has had to remove his skirt as it was getting in the way & decides it would look better around his shoulders.

La Boucterie & the Rain

We leave Waterworks land & enter National Trust territory where we are able to keep moving on the paths. Soon we are climbing the hill to La Boucterie (Victoria Village) where the 8 leading FRBs hit the double arrows. After some prevarication the trail leads south & Captain Poocock (yes, him again) checks the juniors playing at the St. Paul's football pitch. As it has now started raining heavily the sensible shelter under the trees at the entrance to Chateau Clairval.

Cold & On-Home

Efforts by the hares to keep us moving are in vain until the rain eases a little & we emerge into the chill wind. We are soon back into boggy land & crossing the stream gets Little Jack mucky feet & Nina a stinging from a bed of nettles (nasty!). We are now getting colder & are glad to get on La Grande Route de St. Martin for the run home after a good & interesting run.

Refreshments

This is the first time the hash has been at the Five Oaks since its restyling as a gastro-pub. Not to worry, the bar is very much the same & in fact has improved in that draught Bass is now available.

The weather precludes us from going outside & it rather crowded but not too crowded to prevent us attacking the sausage, chips & bread. We deserve this reward after the way the weather has treated us.

Down-Downs

Hash Rev calls us to order for our GM, fifth removed, (yes, you've guessed it) Captain Poocock. He gives us the usual reminders & is seen carrying a "Jersey Now". Meccano & Please Insert are called up as a photo of them taking part in the Race For Life has appeared in that magazine. Our young virgin Sophie is rewarded for her efforts & Top Gun is punished for getting as muddy as ever.

Many of our number including Karen our hare have to leave early because of Easter commitments. So Gigolo & Illegal Immigrant enjoy their punishment for providing a good hash.

P.S. Who left a Ricard jug on the table? Yes Plonker has lived up to his name!

RECEDING HARELINE

975	30 March	Trinity Arms	Gigolo & I Immig.
976	6 April	Pr. of Wales, G. de Lecq	Wendolene

REMEMBER – Only 25 runs to Run No. 1,000.

WANTED – URGENTLY

It is hoped to prepare a booklet concerning the Crapaud H3 in time for our Run No. 1,000. If you have any memorabilia, early articles or any items that may be of interest to others please contact Steptoe (734911 or rgallichan@hotmail.com) or Is-it-Buggery (722643 or isitb@hotmail.com). We promise to look after your precious items & return them in good condition.

Hash Announcements

Weekly dues:-

When you attend a run you must pay your subs (£3.50 Members, £4.50 Non - Members or guests, £2 tadpoles).

If you arrive late, or pay after the run/walk, then a 50p late fine is added to the subs! No pay - no run and no food! If you aren't running/walking & therefore arrive after the run then see Tinky to pay for your food, no late fine for those who did not run or walk.

If you have not paid your annual subscription you are deemed a non-member & will have to pay non-members weekly dues.

Please inform TW if you do not intend to stay for food as this will save the club paying for your food.

Hares - Reminder

Hashers who are booked to lay a trail and cannot make it for some reason **must** find a replacement and not just rely on the Hare Razor.

Insurance Cover

Please note that the club is covered under the UK Hash House Harriers policy for Third Party Person & Property liability up to £2,000,000 as well as Member to Member liability. **However**, the cover does not include personal accident insurance & all members undertake Club activities at their own risk. A new company has had to be found as the previous insurers were concerned that some web sites featured "unusual images/behaviour" Software, please note. The mismanagement recommends that you therefore arrange your own cover against personal accident. If you wish to check the details of the Club's policy please see Tinky Winky.

Harriettes Night Out

Hooker is once again organizing a night out. The date to note is 12th April meeting at Cosmo at 7.30. (No danger there, Ladies!). Call Hooker at home on 601076 for full details & to reserve your place. All that is required is a £10.00 deposit.