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Emergency! What Emergency?

999 situation

Well there must have been considering the number of emails, text messages & phone calls concerning the wrong venue published in the JEP on Friday night. No matter, all these efforts have not been in vain as a motley crew of over 30 assemble at the Snow Hill Car Park to celebrate the 999 run. In keeping with the notable occasion various outfits have been donned & mutually admired. We have AA men, policemen & associated thieves (one being Jack senior who we welcome back after a long absence) &, most bizarre of all, our hare Meccano has obviously risen late & has put on her undergarments last of all.

Knickerbox, our other hare, has decided it is all too much for him & has made no effort at all.

“First Aid”

Eventually our hares call us into a circle & it is explained that in an emergency Knickerbox will apply the kiss of life & Meccano is equipped with rubber gloves in preparation for any internal examination. No chance that any of our number will require such drastic treatment!

Environmental considerations on this urban run had necessitated that the trail was laid in chalk. As this was a “town” run there would be only a limited opportunity to run on grass. The participation in a “special” event was at our own risk – perhaps the medical skills of our hares will be called into service after all.

Swift Start – for a change

No waiting around today as Knickerbox leads us at great pace towards the roundabout at the entrance to the tunnel. It does not take too long to deduce that we should ascend the steps to Regent Road. The arrows at the top of the steps however point directly at the cliff face opposite but luckily we veer right & head back towards town & a check at Snow Hill.

Town

We are soon off down Queen Street & then King Street to the amusement of others before reaching Broad Street. There is a half-hearted attempt at splashing from the fountains but no real damage is done. Confusion abounds in the area of Liberation Square as we utilise the zebra crossings but are called back in order to head up Conway Street & then Commercial Street.

Photo Opportunity

We are soon at the entrance to Les Jardins de la Mer & as we proceed (I almost said run) along the paths we are filmed by a camera man. The opportunity is too good to miss & we stop for a group photograph. Not for too long though & the majority of us manage to miss the water jets. West Park is our next destination with a little grass to run on – at last. We are destined to climb by either the smart or easy routes but all roads lead to the top. It is not long before we are skirting Peoples Park as we have been urged that there is no time to waste as there is only a limited window of opportunity – but for what?

Trial by Prison and Water

We are near the emergency services but pass the ambulance station & halt outside the Savoy Hotel. Before long we cross the road & realise that the fire service is out in force to observe our antics. Before we brave the decontamination spray a number of our colleagues are incarcerated in the “Prison Me – No Way” van to enjoy the dubious pleasures of a prison cell.

To the applause of the firemen we decide to brave the overhead sprays & then climb the tower. Meanwhile a fountain has been turned on & is made all the more impressive with the setting off of flares. On returning to “dry” land we have the opportunity to brave the fountain & get soaking wet. What a good way to celebrate our 999 run. Thanks must be given to Karen Huson, Chris Love, Manager, & the men of Blue Watch for their enthusiastic cooperation as well as to the JEP photographer for recording the auspicious event.

Passing Bars

We may be soaking wet but that is no excuse for delay & we hasten up Brighton Lane to Rouge Bouillon. We run along this highway past, but not into, the Robin Hood. The football capital of Jersey, better known as Springfield, is crossed (at least this meant some more grass) & it is not too far back to Snow Hill passing but again not entering establishments such as the Daily Globe, the Soleil Levant, the S Bar (Stag) & the Great Eastern. We should have been very wet inside as well as outside by the end of this run but strangely we are pretty well sober.

Ale - eventually

The down-downs are to be at the Prince of Wales not an establishment I have visited after a hash run (but I might have done so on other occasions). Horror of horrors on reaching this hostelry we are informed that they do not

open till midday on a Sunday. We are however allowed into the beer garden at the back of the pub & fortunately the barmaid turns up early & mine host allows us to indulge in liquid refreshment. Is-it-Buggery is delighted with this, unknown to him, gem of a place in the centre of town with the choice of at least 5 real ales. The Ginger Knocker is not ready but the Betty Stoggs proves an irresistible attraction.

We have even been joined by Hash Frog who had been spotted earlier in the day in flip-flops with obviously no intention of joining the run.

Cock-up

Our GM draws attention to the massive cock-up of the day – namely the misinformation in the JEP. Nelson tries to defend himself by blaming Andy Bradshaw of that august journal but this cuts no ice with the pack & our Hash Rev. eventually accepts his fate & his down-down.

We are informed of arrangements for next week & Captain Poocock we have use of the Burgundy Room at the Hotel Normandie. It also seems that Hash Cash will be investigating & taking names for those interested in the Euro Has being held in Antalya, Turkey, 22nd-24th May 2009.

Down-Downs

Has Rev takes up his duties & comments on the England football teams achievement in the Czech Republic. He deserved another down-down as the game was against Croatia.

No one is allowed to escape deserved punishment in this Hash so Corkscrew & Bottle Opener are rewarded for co-hairing last week's run. Plonker has, however, abandoned his offspring.

Finally the real sinners, Meccano & Knickerbox, are punished for providing us with a memorable & very different run.

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.

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

Hares – Important 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 to do the work for them.

Jokes

Harriettes please take note &

Harriers dream on

concerning this extract from a sex education textbook for girls written by a woman in the early 1960s.

“When retiring to the bedroom prepare yourself for bed as promptly as possible. Whilst feminine hygiene is of utmost importance your tired husband does not want to queue for

the bathroom as he would have to do for his train. But remember to look your best when going to bed.

Try to achieve a look that is welcoming without being obvious. If you need to apply face-cream or hair-rollers wait until he is asleep as this can be shocking to a man last thing at night.

When it comes to the possibility of intimate relations with your husband it is important to remember your marriage vows and in particular your commitment to obey him. If he feels that he needs to sleep immediately then so be it. In all things be led by your husband's wishes; do not pressurize him in any way to stimulate intimacy. Should your husband suggest congress then agree humbly all the while being mindful that man's satisfaction is more important than a woman's. When he reaches his moment of fulfillment a small moan from yourself is encouraging to him and quite sufficient to indicate any enjoyment that you may have had.

Should your husband suggest any of the more unusual practices, be obedient and uncomplaining but register any reluctance by remaining silent. It is likely that your husband will then fall promptly asleep so adjust your clothing, freshen up and apply your night time face and hair care products. You may then set the alarm so that you can arise shortly before him in the morning. This will enable you to have his morning cup of tea ready when he awakens.”

Disappearing Hareline

1001	28 Sept		Software	
1002	5 Oct		Illegal Immigrant & Steptoe	Jersey Marathon
1003	12 Oct			
1004	19 Oct		Shiggy	