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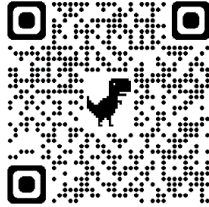
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We've bought a 'Twitter Blue Tick',
so it's all got to be all true!

When world cups on but you
promised to take her out for her
birthday 🍷🍷🍷

Run No.2012
4th December 2022
Venue: The Doctors Tonic
Location: Welwyn Garden City
Beers/Cider Greede King IPA, Abbot & Rocking Rudolph
Hare/s: My Lil'
Runners: 16
Virgins: 0
Visitors: 0
Newies: 0
Après: 3
Hash Hounds: 1
Total: 20
Membership: Wanging wellies in Welwyn.



A cold start to the day, a bit nippy to say the least, as the Pack gathered at the Doctor's Tonic. The Parking had the Pack's cars scattered all around the local vicinity, it seems that the car park out front of the venue is 'free on Sunday', according to one sign but not the other sign, but it appeared it was dependent on which spaces as it reads that two separate companies run different sections.

Considering the chill in the air, the turnout was better than expected. On his way to the venue, Mr X had passed by the end of the 'Welwyn Garden City 5 miler', if he hadn't had a much deserved lay-in to recover from the X-mas Weekend Reconnoitre, he would have spotted Waragi & Supertrouper who were Marshalls along the course! The RA was also happy to have reached the 3 Mile marker in orange spray paint, even though he had walked less than a mile for his home.

Fliptop did the honours to welcome the Hash to the correct R*n number, then the Hare was called forward to explain what the Hash could expect. There was some dismissive coughs when the Hare said that it would be a short Trail, these came to a halt when there was mention of Short Cuts & a regroup at the end.

The Pack set off, with Mr X & Moss Key Toe running off down Church Road to the east, then over the start of Longcroft Lane to find a CHK. Mr X was confident that the Trail would be down the last small section of Church Road, by the long stay car park to Osbourne Way. It was a slightly stop start R*n on this section as there was plenty of traffic coming from either direction & the Trail was spotted on a bollard over on the northern side of the road.

Having dodged the traffic once, within a matter feet they had to cross back to the southern side to follow the Trail around on to Osbourne Way. Dust led on beyond the pedestrian crossing to head away some 280 Yards before Mr X found the Bar CHK! Mr X now had to explain to Moss Key Toe that a Bar CHK meant that you have to search back from this & the CHK point, where the Trail would head off on another path. This time it would be the pedestrian crossing they passed by earlier.

Sludge, No Eye Deer, Tent Packer & Fliptop all looked on in disbelief at the sight of Moss Key Toe & Mr X trotting back toward them, when they too had tuned-about they could see the Hare had marked the way over the pedestrian crossing, where the figures of Milf & Kylie could be seen dashing across, with Manjeet & Veronique following on behind. They were followed by the late arriving Paxo & TBT OBE.

Waragi & Supertrooper now took up the cause & found the Trail leading up a path wedged between Osbourne Way, to the west, as it disappears up beside the back of the Howard Centre & the Railway lines to the east. Of course Kylie had to stop & peer through the fence to see what rolling stock was on the tracks, he would have been happy to spot the yellow units of the Track Grinder parked up on the sidings.

The Trail now led up a set of steps to run along the length of the back of the Howard Centre Shops, there has been a footpath along by the railway since it was built & the Station was just a one platform halt on the bend up ahead of the present station, situated where the single track branched off toward Ayot, Wheathampsted on what was the Hatfield Luton & Dunstable branch line.

Having come down the few steps, the Trail now led the Pack into Hunters Bridge car park, a bland concrete lump, following the red pedestrian route around to the opposite corner, here the Trail took to the stairs. Scaling the concrete steps, No Eye Deer commented that "Only Karl could take the Trail through a car park!" Fortunately it was just up one flight of smelly steps to merge out on the edge of west side of Hunters Bridge.

The near section of pedestrian crossing was a doddle, since the work to make a cycle lane permanent on the southern side is still underway, even though this should have been completed by now & this road closure was one reason that Milf, Kylie & Paxo were late arriving, the other was TBT OBE was still watching the Great British Sowing Bee when they arrived to pick him up. [Good news Welwyn Garden Citizens, the works are going to be put on hold until the New Year now! – Ed]

Anyhow, the Pack crossed the northern active lane of the bridge & then obeyed the arrows pointing the way down the steps to the Waitrose entrance located in what was the Cherry Tree Pub, where a CHK was found. Sludge & Kylie headed along the west side of the old garages & raised parking of the Campus East car park, however "On!"

MATT



*'If you advance up the pitch
in small rubber boats the
French won't try to stop you'*

Mr X wasn't keen on following TBT OBE, since it appeared he had picked the Trail up way too soon from the CHK, but Milf had followed on & was now heading down the northbound track on the east of the railway line. A 336 Yards gentle drop along the tree lined route & then around by the substation to come out on to the bottom end of Knightsfield, there an arrow pointed the way up to the northwest, which meant a climb back up over the railway.

Mr X found Milf peering out, looking southward at the four railway lines, he informed her that the day before Sir Nigel Gresley had steamed through & that would have been a bit of Train Porn for Kylie! Sir Nigel Gresley designed such iconic locomotives as The Flying Scotsman & the Mallard (He liked Ducks) & to honour his work he has roads named after him, not only in Welwyn Garden City, but also St Evenage as he died at his final home at near-by Watton-at-Stone. Just for Moss Key Toe, Sir Nigel, for a time, lived at Salisbury Hall, which is now home to the de Havilland Aircraft Museum & where the Mosquito aircraft was designed.

The Trail continued over the wide road bridge & then quickly off to the south on one of the groups of homes surrounding one of the small spur roads. Here Mr X knew that there would be an alleyway through to Vineyards & the Trail was picked up heading almost due west.

While Milf & Mr X stopped near the junction where Vine Close runs away to the south, TBT OBE carried on but looked as if he had lost the Trail. Mr X fared better as he used his local knowledge to search down Vine Close & he picked up the Trail through the dead-end & on to a footpath that heads westward to an underpass below the Digswell Road, a road that terminated at Colney Dale until the 1960's, before a couple of the old homes were knocked down so it could continue over the hill of Knightsfield & then down toward Digswell.

Milf & Mr X emerged from under the main road to the 'White Bridge' in the south, as they came out into Little Dell they could see Waragi & Supertrooper, as well as Fliptop & Teddy up ahead of them, beyond the drive to the local Scout Hut & taking to the rising Pentley Park.

Thankfully Welwyn Garden City is not that hilly & it was a gentle rise up & around in an anti-clockwise turn to move back around from '5 o'clock' to '1 o'clock' where Fliptop, Tent Packer, Waragi, Supertrooper & then Mr X & Milf were all caught out by the CHK on the end of Pitfield.

A trudge back for the FRBs to find the Trail was carrying on around in an anticlockwise direction toward Nut Grove at '11 o'clock' No Eye Deer benefited from being slightly behind the others as The Trail would now turn southward to run through the wide grass strips through the 'Templewood' area, Kylie had to stop to take a picture of one of the houses there, it stands out as the ivy on its frontage is cut to the shape of elegant long hands. Then the Trail made its way out by the local Schools.

Ahead of him & Kylie, Mr X could see Paxo, Manjeet, Veronique, the Hare, Tent Packer, Supertrooper & Waragi, Milf, No Eye Deer all hanging around by a car. Here the Driver was looking for Nut Grove, which was just up beyond the Schools, Milf told him to ask Mr X for directions as a local couple weren't sure where it was. Mr X explained that it was 2nd Left after the School, something that impressed the local guy who couldn't understand where a rag-tag bunch of Hashers had come from & helped the driver find his way!

Leaving the bamboozled local, the Pack now made their way along to Roundwood Drive, where the Trail cut through the trees & out on to the old Railway line, some much needed ecstasy for Kylie as he & Mr X caught up with the rest as they headed away to the southwest. Reaching the penultimate CHK of the Trail by what was an old level crossing on the former line, here the majority consensus was to turn to the south by the old Chapel & on to Bridge Road, this proved to be correct & the Trail was marked so.

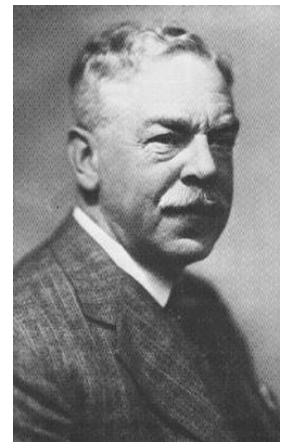
The RA had noticed that there was no sign of Sludge or TBT OBE, as the rest of the Hash crossed over the road & on to the start of Handside Lane, one of the original rights of way before the creation of the World's Second Garden City, linking Upper Handside where the small green is, & this runs down to Lower Handside, where the Barn Theatre is located & down to Lemsford Lane.

The last CHK was found on the crossroads with Russellcroft Road, here the Hare chose the simplest way back, knowing that those with a little knowledge of Welwyn garden City would 'Sludge it' back from there, so the last

was called back & around to the eastern side of the long ugly boxes of concrete with their battered steel pull-down doors. Kylie decided to come back around, but only after the RA did the same as he didn't want to be accused of Sludging Short Cutting.

The RA informed the rest of the Pack that if they kept their eyes peeled, then they'd spot Sludge coming out around from the opposite side! Sure enough, & right on time, Sludge appeared out of nowhere just like the 'Shop Keeper' in Mr Benn. Though he did go a bit astray in not seeing the clearly marked Trail leading on to the raised footpath at the end of the car park & out through to the dead-end of Gresley Close.

344 Yard along by the fairly recent builds on what was TBT OBE's best section to run, which meant he was first out to the CHK at the opposite end of the road, at the T junction with Digswell Rise & Lyles Lane. TBT OBE was soon over the railway bridge, for pedestrian access only, this was once Black Fan Lane in the 1950's when it passed by ICI (Imperial Chemical Industries) which was based on the eastern industrial estate where Tesco now sits.





leg was from Russellcroft through to Guessens Road & then a turn on to Church Road. However the Hash were not going straight back to the Pub, unlike Sludge & TBT OBE! After the RA called TBT OBE, in case one of them had had a tumble, it transpired that they had gone to Sainsburys!

In the centre of Parkway the Hare had set up a line of flour on the enclosed grass space, here there would be a Welwyn Welly Wanging competition [Which isn't easy to say with these teeth! – Ed] but not before there was a mad scramble at the now opened box of Liquorice Allsorts for the knobby blue & pink ones, but being a box there were plenty enough in there to satisfy Tent Packer's cravings!

Then the Welly Wanging got under way, with a contest for distance, & another for accuracy, neither of which Tent Packer achieved with his first effort which went a few feet, though he claimed it to be 'Six Inches' but none of the female judges agrees with that!!!

The sight of the Hash partaking in the Welly Wanging caught attention of passing civilians, as well as Junior, who claimed he spotted the bright shirts & hats, but it was probably the lure of Old Rosie wafting on the air that teased his nostrils? Fliptop's concerns about CCTV were allayed as Sis the camera operator wasn't going to see his hand go in to the box of allsorts sup a cup of strong apple juice!

With the Wanging over, the Pack returned to the Pub to find TBT OBE & Sludge sitting in one end, they were joined by Mrs Mallett & Flanders. The Down-Downs were taken care of early, to allow the Gourmet Hash time to eat their lunches. The Hare was rewarded for his Trail & the excellent Welwyn Welly Wanging at the finish. Also out were Junior on his 'slight return' at the end of the Trail.

Tent Packer was awarded his Hit for the shortest throw with his Wanging, while Moss Key Toe had the longest Wang of the day [Steady Pebbledash! – Ed] & finally Paxo the most accurate Wang of the day, something he was very pleased with! [Whoa there Pebbledash! – Ed] The single Trophy now had to be decided as to who would take home a silver boot, that looked like a miniature of one of Gary Glitter's stage boots, but it wasn't going to join Paxo's Jim'll' Fix it badge, instead after a 'Toss up' for the best Wanging [of a coin, Pebbledash! – Ed] this went to Moss Key

Toe.


As the afternoon went on, Kylie was shocked to find out that he could have had a 20% on his meals discount in the Doctor's Tonic, as advertised on one of the chalk-boards, with use of a Blue Light Card! Then, to add salt in his wound, Kylie found out that he could have got 15% off with just his AA Membership!! TBT OBE bemoaned that he hasn't got a Blue Light Card & doesn't get such discounts that were being talked of, perhaps not being an Emergency Services Worker or in the Forces could be the reason why he doesn't qualify?

If that wasn't enough for TBT OBE, Sludge mentioned the then Herts Hash Haberdasher procuring the Tallinn Hen & Stag hats, which (apart from Mr X's one) only have one 'n' in the stitching, so it reads Tallin! [The Scribe's auto-correct really wants to put an extra 'n' in there! – Ed] Things were made worse for TBT OBE, who had spent a lot of time trying to work out the number of Jimi Hendrix Song Titles hidden in the previous week's R*n Report, he was short by a few, so, the prize is still up for grabs!




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PARENTS BEWARE!
My son opened the first window of his so-called CHILD-FRIENDLY Paw Patrol advent calendar this morning and the chocolate was in the shape of a GUN! Just to check, I looked at the second chocolate and it was a HAND GRENADE. I'm absolutely FURIOUS!
How DARE THEY expose our children to such VIOLENCE!!!

