



Herts
Hash
House
Harriers
Herts official Website: hertsHash.co.uk



Run No. 2046
Date: 2nd July 2023
Venue: Chez Flying Solo
Location: Letchworth
Beers/Cider Varies Bottles plus wine and cava
Hare/s: Flying Solo
Runners: 18
Virgins: 1
Visitors: 1
Newies: 0
Après: 0
Hash Hounds: 2
Total: 22
Membership: Looking Hungry and Thirsty



The Pack gathered in Flying Solo's back garden arriving in dribs and drabs, the exception being Sparky who was discovered loitering outside very early on and asking if this was the right House Number, all while standing on a large Hash marking the fact this was the On Inn.

The Hon GM tried to call the starting circle a couple of times but had to delay as more Harriers and Harriettes kept arriving. Surprisingly no one took advantage of the advertised offer of parking on Flying Solo's drive (room for at least 4 or 5 cars)

The Circle was eventually ready for the Hare (Flying Solo) to tell us what to expect on the trail. Some of the non-running Knitting Circle were pleased to hear that there was a short trail marked in pink flour and chalk arrows. A few minutes later as we set off Titanic from CH3 arrive with his hound to join us running off to the north up as Eastholm becomes Eastern Way.

Our visiting late vomer didn't get too far along the Trail before he was stooping down to do a bit of pooper-scooping by a cul-de-sac, while the FRBs ran on to a Check that was found on Eastern Way, and we turned right to use the footpath through to the Orchard Area of Payne's Farm, with its neat rows of trees out to the north, the Trail would keep to the southern edge before it lead out through the wooden five-bar gates to the old Croft Lane, with Paxo, Sparky and Hot 'N' Spicee leading Coucou, Sis with Teddy and Fliptop as the Knitting Circle.

The Trail would now take the Pack out on to the old Croft Lane, which predates Ebenezer Howard's Letchworth Garden City Concept for almost 340 Yards until reaching the next Check by another gated entrance to the fields behind Payne's Farm. Being situated close to the Norton Road, Where's Wally? would fall for the Falsie out toward the main road, not expecting to be almost double backing through to the north of Payne's Farm.

A northerly trot between the dry brown fields of hay the fields to reach a Check where the permissive looking paths cross from Norton in the southeast and away to the northwest. Milf, No Eye Deer and Hot 'N' Spicee arrived as the Northwest option won out to lead the Pack on behind the Grange Playing Field. The Keenies were soon on to the Trail as it turned back toward the back of the houses of the Grange Estate.

The track would run around the back of the rear gardens following the elbow from northwest to southwest and on to a Check by a Twitchell back between the houses. No turning back into the northern estate end of Letchworth, for the Dust was found running out to the northwest, out over more open wheat fields on a dry track with a kink its route about halfway along its 460 Yards until it turn to the southwest for a few more yards to reach the next Check with two options.

Where's Wally? was among the Keenies to search the direct, due west, footpath over toward the Pix Brook, some 270 Yards to the west, this would be a False Trail. The other and correct option was to take the southwestern option as the Farm track continued to edge toward the Pix Brook tree-line, where it would turn due south, while keeping just far enough away from the pong of the Sewage Treatment works.

Just beyond the large pond to the west, the Dust would seem to take an anti-clockwise loop around the grounds of Standalone Farm, with a Check at a fork in the path. The Short Cut would lead on down the sou-sou-easterly path beside the Farm, while Where's Wally? and Moss Key Toe led the FRBs on the longer option, where they were taken on the southwestern Track that would take them out to the Stotfold Road, where passing out via a metal five-bar gate a turn of approximately 30 degrees to 195° from due north was made.



A short way down the main road, passing opposite the Two Chimneys and not far after this a Check was located on the junction of the four main roads to the west of the First Garden City. The arrows would be picked up on just a short way down the Bedford Road, on to the junction of Wilbury Road to run up to where the Knitting Circle would come down by Standalone Farm to rejoin the FRBs as they made over the Pix Brook, as it flows under the road, on their way along to the next Check Point, near to the start of Cowslip Hill.

At least it was a nice descent when the Trail was found out down Cowslip Hill for 300Yrds to the Next Check by the western entrance where the Pix Brook turns to the east to flow into Norton Common, a Falsie lay ahead on the road, and Dust was found in the western edge of the Common, leading southward behind the back gardens of some of the Cowslip Hill Homes, then after only 150 Yards somewhere led off southward from the eastbound elbow as the main track heads deeper into the wooded section of the Norton Common.

The Track had a gentle serpentine curves on the 330 yards to reach a Check on the main, wide path that bisects the common. The Direct route back for the FRBs to the north seemed to be the correct one Inn, but then the Dust was spotted on the trees heading out further eastward, running behind the Outdoor Swimming Pool of the Letchworth Activity Park in the southern end of the Common.

After 300 yards to the east the Trail entered the end of Glebe Road, after a few yards the arrows would now turn to the north and this time it was a direct route back up for 330 yards up Norton Way to come out on the Roundabout where Wilbury Road and Norton Roads meet, here both white and pink Trails would finish.

To see a details of the route please see Where's Wally?'s Trail track map that he sent out on the Herts Hash Facebook page. Most got round the trail in 60 – 75 mins.

We were treated to some nice grub cooked on the BBQ by Flying Solo plus cakes and other sweets – apple and rhubarb crumble and custard, water melon etc. donated by various Hashers. Whilst the cooking was in progress Flying Solo asked someone to assemble a new electric BBQ to cook the veggie options on. The Hash was thus entertained by TBT and Paxo trying to assemble said BBQ. The watching Hashers of course shouted encouragement to as to how TBT should put it together. Shame the veggies had to wait for their food!



responsibility for the accuracy of this run report!!)

After most had had their fill of food and some drinks the circle was called and the surprise RA for the day (Pepé the Pew) stepped in to the circle and awarded a few down downs. Of note was the one TBT got for insisting that he drive to Pepé le Pew's house for a lift to the run when he could easily have been picked up on the way as it went past his house!

Sparky was called out for having two different, worn-out old shoes [I know Oxford Hash insist you have 'odd socks' for their Trail or face a Down-Down, but knackered old odd shoes? – Ed]

Flying Solo and her friend and helper Hash virgin (sorry can't remember your name) got down downs and the thanks of the Hash for a great run and BBQ. There was an added bonus of the 'Sally B' B-17 Flying Fortress, Flying overhead, this 75 Year Old plane has just been certified as Airworthy and was taking part in the Duxford Display that weekend.

On On Fliptop (The author does not accept any

Just a friendly reminder to check each other for ticks this summer

