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Run No. 2062
Date: 1st October 2023
Venue: The Star
Location: Hoddesdon
Beers/Cider; Old Growler [Steady Pebbledash! – Ed] & several others!
Hare/s: Paxo
Runners: 16
Virgins: 0
Visitors: 0
Newies: 1
Après: 0
Hash Hounds: 0
Total: 17
Membership: Building up on the Trail.



Thank you Spiderman for saving my son's cake 🥺❤️



The Hare returned from 'tarting up' the last bits of his Trail & there was no one in sight as he approached the front of the Star! What he didn't know was that the majority of the Pack were inside the 'spoons, with 2-1-2 Maureen who was an early bird after having to catch her bus journey down. With only a few minutes to go, My Lil' was tapping his watch to indicate it was time to venture outside, the sight of the emerging Pack came as much relief to Paxo, he now had a Pack to Hash his Trail.

The welcoming to the Hash was dealt with by TBT OBE, then it was over to the Hare to hear what the Pack could come across [Steady Pebbledash! – Ed] & by the time he had finished his cryptic crossword clue of a 'Chalk – Talk' the Pack were just confused, there would be paths that hardy anyone currently uses at the moment but in the future they would be choker with loads of folk out on a stroll!

Aim for the Bucket Kylie – Christ sake
that's the new slippers f**cked...



2-1-2 Maureen was willing to go to the first CHK, but the Hare tried to discourage her, saying she was better going back to the 'spoons & wait for the Pack to return. Next, there was a request from Milf to have a group photo outside of the Star, which a kind member of the public sitting outside the bar took for her. There was no Kylie available to take the first photo of the day, since he was laid out with a trapped nerve in his back, a bottle of drink & an empty one for wee by his side [Hope he didn't get them mixed up? – Ed]

Finally the Pack were set loose, bizarrely a lot of the Pack decided to look off to the south, meanwhile Mr X & My Lil' had spotted the CHK outside of the Pub had been marked away to the north.

The Hash were soon away down Amwell Street & around on to the start of Paul's lane to the west, here the Trail would cross on the bend in the road as Where's Wally?, My Lil' & Mr X took the path running down from Hoddesdon's Parish Church of St Catherine's, to take to the spur-road section then drop down by Barclay Hall to the dead-end where a footpath leads out over a narrow footbridge spanning the Woolens Brook.

The next CHK was found off of the bridge's end, on the bend of the back street of Brookside, here Where's Wally? & Mr X searched up to the north & picked up Trail toward the back-passage near the termination of the road, this would be a Falsie & soon these two were on their way back to find the My Lil', No Eye Deer, Hash Test Dummy & TBT OBE all headed off down Brookside to southwest. [Wonder if anyone had a body buried under their patio on Brookside? – Ed]

The next CHK was found on the T-junction where Brookside ends as it joins Langton Road. A turn to the north & a climb up the urban street as it rises to reach the road bridge crossing, above the Dinant Link Road, that leads over to the A10 to the west. Once over the bridge My Lil' found another CHK, this one on the bend in Winterscroft Road, situated by the safety fence before a footpath leading up from between the Homes.

Sludge was very vocal, & he wasn't the only one, in mentioning that My Lil' was well on his way up long back-passage of the Hodisten path & there wasn't a peep out of him as to him being on Trail! Even the Hare commented on the lack of calling from up ahead, the derision of My Lil' continued as he made haste through the next CHK on Norris Rise to shoot off up yet another back-passage [Steady Pebbledash! – Ed].

After 860mYards the Hash would emerge out on to Westfield Road, again there was another ginnel to be searched, & from the CHK the Trail would take the Pack between more fence panelled back garden of the homes to come out on to the end of Saffron Close, here lay another CHK. 170 Yards for the next & final section of these tarmac jiggers for the Pack to reach the Hertford Road, this was the road section the Hare had warned that Hash would have to take care in crossing, so a Regroup CHK kept the Pack safely together.

Paxo added that while setting the Trail it was getting dark, so further on in the Trail the Keenies should hold the "First CHK within the Wood" & they would know where that was when they reached it! Where' Wally? Hash Test Dummy, Moss Key Toe, My Lil' & Mr X all made a move over to dash cross on to West Hill Road with the southern tip of woodland on its northern edge, but this wasn't going to be the Held CHK woodland just yet. Nope, the Trail would lead up College Road, it was some 340 Yards along the uncapped stony, water filled pot-holed Private Road, with some very large, desirable detached homes on either side.

A CHK was found on the bend where Roseland Avenue leads off of the end of College Road, options were limited & the grassy path beside the gated grass drive to one large home was favoured by Hash Test Dummy & Where's Wally? & these two picked up the Trail as it led into Dells Wood, a section of Woodland that would have the next CHK, so Where's Wally? marked the centre of it with an H.

The regroup & Sweets Stop was here, Hash Test Dummy was not surprised to see Supertrouper appear with the Hare & these two were clutching the bags of sweets! Sludge, Whatevershesays, Des Res, Milf, TBT OBE & Flanders all arrived, there seemed to be a larger than normal Knitting Circle this week, with some of the usual runners being handicapped with various ailments.

Sweets were enjoyed, but it seems these were not the only things to giving pleasure around here, [Calm down Pebbledash! – Ed] since there was a large nitrous-oxide canister abandoned by the Held CHK. Time came to move on & Where's Wally? had a bit of an insight as he had disappeared for a 'wee while' when he first reached the CHK.

The Trail weaved its way through the woodland on its way down to the Hertford Heath Road, here care was required to cross over to the road & head toward the bridge the A10 runs over, but before reaching the motorway a CHK was found by a footpath away to the south, My Lil' was soon up this & On Trail, with Mr X in tow there was now someone calling "On! On!" to alert those behind, that the Trail would now run by the fence to the left, preventing access to the land that was being prepared for new builds, to the right beyond the long thin tree-line was the A10.

Having headed up over the ridge, the Trail would drop down & to more cleared land with new homes already constructed but with no one residing in them as yet, but no doubt it's not going to be long. My Lil' & Mr X passed through the open footpath gates to cross the construction access road, ahead of them the footpath in the wooded strip was marked by a large red sign as being closed to the Public. Since this didn't mention the Hash they ignored it & carried on as there was Dust along there.

Suddenly the Dust petered out as it came out to the next open section of works, there was no more Trail or more importantly any T, but at least these two had dragged Where's Wally? Hash Test Dummy, Des Res, TBT OBE & Moss Key Toe up there, it was here that Tent Packer, his Daughter Charlotte & her partner Graham caught up with the Pack & the FRBs. Shame it was on a long Falsie!

It was a long trot back to find that the Hare was taking the Knitting Circle up a tarmac path by the new homes, this rises up on the new High Leigh Estate. The detour from the original footpath would take the Hash over the Dinart Link Road again, as the anti-clockwise Trail now ran through the finished section of the High Leigh Estate with its occupied sympathetically designed homes. A lot of the Pack were amazed at the number of homes that have been built here.

Arrows would now lead along the tarmac paths to reach Lord Street, where there was a change of direction from south to eastward, here there were some who remembered the last time we Hashed these parts, as the Trail run opposite the High Leigh Conference Centre, where TBT OBE had set a Trail & as he is prone to do he had the Pack trespass through the end of their grounds.

Paxo would have no trespassing this time, as this law abiding Trail continued to a CHK by the footpath to Lillywhites Lane in the north, only Where's Wally? & Hash Test Dummy fell for that old rouse. The Trail was found a bit further along the lane & then over to the southbound footpath in to the northwest corner of Barclay Park. The Pack were now going to be taken on the most scenic section of the Trail.

In 1935 the Barclay family gifted part of the grounds of their house to the public for the silver jubilee celebrations of King George V. The house was called High Wyches in 1403, by 1677 it had been renamed to High Ground, with further development it became High Leigh in 1871 when the Barclay Family purchased it.

The park includes a lake, fed by the Spital Brook, featuring a bridge which was laid out in the 1870s by James Pulham & Son, an international firm of landscape designers in this era. The park was officially opened on 12 May 1937.

It was a gentle trot down the hillside to follow the path around & down to the lake, a CHK was found there & this caught out Tent Packer, his Daughter Charlotte & Graham, meanwhile My Lil' & Hash Test Dummy had more luck, even Where's Wally? managed to pick up the correct Trail, as Mr X followed them around the lake's eastern end. There was an information board to read on the way, which explained about the waterfowl, plant & other wild life. One thing not mentioned on this was the flock of



bright green Parakeets that were chirping aloud as they circled above the heads of the Hash & moving from tree to tree, something that TBT OBE was completely oblivious too.

The Trail led over to the east, then from the CHK there the FRBs now found the Trail heading north-westward, up through the wooded strip behind the back of the Football Club, the Pack were heading back to the footpath from the corner of the Park, the one where My Lil' had been called back from to run around the lake! My Lil' grumbled as the Keenies were now turned toward the eastern corner of Barclay Park, as the tarmac footpath runs along to become Beach Walk.

To the north of the footpath were more new builds, which definitely weren't there last time the Hash Ran these parts. The Trail would come out by the row of low Alms House cottages two of which have an alcove above & between the doors with a bust of Queen Victoria sat within.

No more CHKS, the Trail crossed Park View & took to Brocket Road, the On Inn would be found as the Trail came around behind the shops & in to Taverner's Way, where a short walk would lead out of Lord Street to the town centre, on the way some noticed the old Historic red brick building with the three vents in the side wall.

The Keenies entered the Star to find 2-1-2 Maureen was now having breakfast, so a couple of tables were grabbed in the front window, so Sludge could see when Flanders was on her way & he could ready to be on parade! There were plenty of the Pack eating, so 2-1-2 Maureen was not alone on that front.

Eventually the RA could get around to awarding the Down-Downs, beginning with Paxo for setting a great Trail; then the RA's attention was drawn to the lack of the Hash Book [He pleaded that it was the first time in many years since this has happened, but the RA & the baying Pack weren't having it, especially Mr X after he had to take

one for not bringing his Stole the week before! – Ed] Graham was awarded his for completing his first Herts Hash & already having a Herts T-Shirt to wear on Trail [Good work Haberdasher! – Ed]

Finally 2-1-2 Maureen & TBT OBE were called out as it was International Veggie Day [It's an American thing! – Ed] after the Circle was stood down, talk turned to Kylie needing drugs for his bad back, which led to a few laughs at the Hare Raiser's expense. But it was all too much for Whatevershesays, as he nodded off! While 2-1-2 Maureen was still the life & soul of the party, putting him to shame!

TBT OBE's alternative Veggie Breakfast!



Thrilling chase underway

