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Very disappointed that the daffodils I planted last year turned out to be Marigolds :(



Run No. 2088  
Date: 11 March 2025  
Venue: The Fox and Duck  
Location: Buntingford  
Beers/Cider: London Pride  
Hare/s: Milf and Kylie  
Runners: 12  
Virgins: 1  
Visitors: 0  
Newies: 1  
Après: 0  
Hash Hounds: 0  
Total: 17



Membership: Had loads of carrots for their evening meal to help see in the dark, (WW2 war time propaganda to disguise the fact that we had developed and were using air-borne radar to shoot down enemy planes at night).

The Pack assembled in what was the car park of the pub, which is now populated with lots of illuminated pods with heaters ... nice, an after-effect of Covid no doubt? It wasn't a bad turnout, since with Mother's Day taking place over the weekend, the Trail was moved to Monday. There were a few notable absentees this night.

The assembled pack were joined by our Newie, Louie who had found out about the Hash from Where's Wally?'s poster that Kylie / Milf had the Pub Management to display it on their notice board. At last it's worked cried WW!!

The HGM, Fliptop, announced the Trail Number and called Hares into the circle to brief the hash on tonight's run. Kylie then gave a thorough description of the Hash markings for the benefit of the Newie and pointed out how the Trail was laid.

There was a proviso that torches were to be brought along, just in case, even though the Hares had promised it would be a 'town-run' and it wouldn't really disappear into to the dark depths of Herts Countryside that surround Buntingford. However there was general grumbling about inconsiderate shinning of ultra-bright torches into each other's eyes!

And so we set off down Church Street and after a cunning Check back for the likes of Diamond Geezer, No Eye Deer, Tent Packer, Where's Wally? and Des Res to fall for. Soon everyone was running alongside the River Rib as the Hares utilised the small area around the Causeway and River Green.

The Trail took to the footpath that runs southward along by the River Rib as it flows through Layston Court Gardens, then through to the elbow bend, where Tannery Causeway becomes Union Terrace to reach a CHECK on Hare Street

The Trail was picked up on a southbound back-passage and over to the south-eastern corner of the small green space, through the hedgerow and on tot a footpath that runs between the older homes on the West and then new builds on the east. From here it was a tour of all the new housing that has been built all around Buntingford. I'm not sure of the number of new houses but must have trebled the size of Buntingford.

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So we zig-zagged around the new houses, the runners of Diamond Geezer, No Eye Deer, Tent Packer, Where's Wally?', Louie and even TBT OBE seemed to be getting away from the back markers of Paxo & Fliptop.

As the FRBs took this clockwise route down to Borsberry Way the Hare now confused the whole Pack by calling everyone back after the "On!" had called.

It seems the FRB's were now running a loop as it arcs around to bring them back up from the southwest and on to the hard capped path that runs around the green space. More zig zagging around the houses and the Knitting Circle were getting further detached from the rest Pack, so the Hare suggested we take an unmarked short cut .... but he couldn't remember which side road to use so he tried to look up the trail on his route plotting app which I think he must have had upside down! Some of the Hash were expecting L/Cpl Paxo to call out "Don't Panic!"

Somehow Diamond Geezer, Tent Packer, Des Res, No Eye Deer, Louis & especially Where's Wally? did somehow [Miraculously? – Ed] ended up passing by a pond, which no one fell into and made their way up to Snells Mead, to follow o behind the bamboozled Knitting Circle! W

Anyway we all eventually got back on Trail, which would head west by southwest, following the road out to Station Road, the main thoroughfare into Buntingford, to cross over Station Road, which I think was originally Ermine Street. [It sure was the Roman Road of Ermine Street, which linked Londinium (London) to Lindum Colonia (Lincoln) & then Ebor (York) – Ed]

Earlier in the trail someone suggested that Buntingford could do with railway station. It used to have one providing a track to Ware but our RA's namesake axed it in the 60's.

Dust was found up off of the elbow as Downhall Ley turns to the south, leading along the lit path that runs through the wooded area by the Rib to weave its way out to a Check on the Aspenden Road, thankfully the Trail wasn't going to see the Basil Fawley Landlord of the Fox in Aspenden village [He's moved on since then! – Ed] who was rude to Sparky a few years back.

From the Check here the Trail was picked up on a path that runs up over the back of the Trees on the green for a short way to reach Downhall Ley and head away to the southeast from a Check in the estate.

The Trail would take to Luynes Rise up to the northwest, not too far as another Check was found by the start of a tarmac footpath that heads northward up by along the western side of the Rib, the footpath twisted and turned as it snaked around to the northwest to reach a Check by a split in the path at the south-eastern corner of the of the Primary School ground.

Northbound the Trail continued, then bending around to nor-nor-east as the dusky path comes out to dead-end wooded section of Chapel End, from the Check here the Trail turned due west up a dark back-passage to come out onto Monks Walk.

The Pack would move further westward, following the dip in Monks Walk by the front of Millfield Primary School, there are plenty of interlinking ginnels and back passages around this rabbit warren of an estate, where every confusingly side road is also named Monks Walk

Eventually the Trail would turn northward at the third Monks Walk side road and up through the estate, passing through an elongated green. It was then called "On!" in a northerly direction towards the schools and Sports Centre on Bowling Green Lane up which the FRBs of Where's Wally? Diamond Geezer, No Eye Deer, Tent Packer Louis and now Ketchup with Prince Garmin would set off.

The Trail eventually led us to the Beer (sweetie) stop, finally reaching a Held Check just off of the Baldock Road? It was then a loop back to the Pub near to the Norfolk Road Paying Fields, where a Short Cut was offered and gratefully accepted, by Fliptop & Paxo, it was also where we bumped into Ketchup and Prince Garmin who had managed to follow the Trail and caught up.

A Falsie to the east on a passageway above the public car park drew a few of the FRBs astray, this was also a Shirt Cut option. But there another Falsie up by Norfolk road which threw some of the Keenies off as the Trail stuck with Bowling Green lane.

The Keenies were taken further northward, heading up into & around another new Estate, swing around Phillips Way & then emerging back out on Ermine Street. The Trail would now turn south to the roundabout with Vicarage Road and the High Street, the main sou-sou-east High Street was the run back in, with some 880 Yards to come back On Inn

The Hares had thoughtfully reserved a couple of tables for us, the Pub was quite busy with a poker night and darts. TBT OBE and Paxo both ended up looking like a pair of 'inmates' sitting in the 'Care-home' style chairs to eat their food, it did look rather like something akin to an Age Concern Centre!

The Circle was called in the pub as we had our own area, complete with guitars on the walls. Louie got his introductory pint which he downed in seconds!! The Hares got their down downs, Kylie took his time getting his down and then he was called to get his award for using technology on the Trail and getting the back markers lost! His face

**first time using the air fryer! Turned out delicious! 😊**

was a picture as he sipped a half of non-alcoholic cider (he had to go to work the next day).

