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Run No. 2182
Date: 19th October 2025
Venue: The Fox & Hounds
Location: Croxley Green
Beers/Cider: GK Abbot. IPA
Hare/s: Moss Key Toe
Runners: 16 (Apologies Diamond Geezer)
Virgins: 0
Visitors: 0
Newies: 0
Après: 0
Hash Hounds: 2
Total: 18
Membership: Hippo Bidet Moss Key Toe!



Before the start Diamond Geezer phoned to wish us well. [Other absentees included the RA, the Hash Beer Meister & Hash Hen, all of whom were away with Lobby Lobster & Pebbledash, dressed up in their 1920's finery on the latest Bull Moon 'Peaky Blinder's Hash, none of them were fit enough to call the Hare! – Ed]

Moss Key Toe, the Hare had his fingers crossed that the dry spell weather would hold for the duration of the Hash; it did, just about, a few drops only were felt during the whole Hash Trail. We were lucky, the rain came as forecasted, just after 1pm, we were all back by then. The Trail would include some roads, footpaths, some tree covered, to cross playing fields, the village green, arable fields and follow the River Chess

The group assembled in the car park outside the Fox & Hounds, briefed by the Hare on what to expect on the Trail, just over 4.75 miles, 3.5 miles for the shortcut 2.5 miles ESC. The full Trail would take just over an hour and a half to complete.

The group, headed by the FRBs, No Eye Deer, Tent Packer, Sludge & Milf were followed by the main Pack of Angelai, Fliptop, Teddy, Slug, 3D, Sally and the Hare, who all proceeded along New Road in a westward direction for 30 yards where it crossed the road and moved along Barton Way for 120yds to the first Check.

By the time the Pack arrived, No Eye Deer was calling On! On! westward for 400yds along Community Way passed the Social Club and along a footpath alongside Croxley Guild Sports field for 80 yds to the next Checkpoint. No Eye Deer continued along the footpath until Milf and Sludge called On! On! following the Trail along a footpath to the north and then off westward for 200 yards around to the opposite side of the playing fields to another Checkpoint.

Tent Packer took the pathway leading to Fuller Way and turned back when On! On! was called by the other FRBs. No Eye Deer now lead the way again, moving westwards through Stones Orchard and out onto The Green (road) by Croxhenge over the road and onto The Green itself completing another 600 yds.

[Yes, Croxley Green now has its own stone circle, after the Local Authority, without any consultation, decided to add the rings of stone boulders in August, all in order to prevent over-spill parking on the grass! Local Publican of the nearby Artichoke, Jason Keen, like other residents isn't keen on the addition! - Ed]

Going northwest across the green for 400 yards, No Eye Deer was well away ahead of the group (using her local knowledge of the area?). The following group headed by Sludge and Milf (not wearing her 'Peter Storm bright red sailing jacket) this time, Kylie, Slug, 3D, Fliptop and the Hare all following closely.

The Trail left the green to proceed westward through a gap in the hedge, it was all downhill for the next 800 yds. Along a treelined footpath down to a flight of steep steps then out into open arable fields to the next Checkpoint. No Eye Deer went left, while the Trail went straight ahead, uphill to a corner of Loudwater lane before turning left.

The footpath followed the hedge around the fields for 800 yds towards the River Chess to a Held Checkpoint as the footpath headed into a woodland area near the east bank of the river Chess. No Eye Deer, Sludge, Milf, Slug, 3D, Sally, Tent Packer, Angeli, Kylie, Fliptop, Teddy and the Hare shared the sweets between them.

From here the shortcut, through the wooded area taking the bridge over the River Chess to join the longer Trail again at the Chess Valley Walk. Nobody took this route. Fliptop doubled backed from here to rejoin Sis & Hot n' Spicee on the shortest route.

Nobody took the intermediate short Trail. The rest followed the long Trail, headed by Sally, on the inside of the wooded area fenced off on both sides, on the left side The River Chess, open fields on the right side for 600 yds. The footpath opens onto Chess Lane for 200 yds onto Loudwater lane.

Found something new to say
when I leave a room.





Had anyone stayed field-side, they have had to climb the gate as the gap in the fence had been filled. This was much to the annoyance to the Hare who at this stage, on the previous day whilst laying the Trail, had to back track half a mile and re-route the Trail to avoid this unwanted obstacle.

A Checkpoint on Loudwater Lane, no one fell for the false Trail here (up the hill). Turning left along Loudwater Lane over the River Chess, around the bend in the road for 600 yds and onto the Chess Valley Walk through a gap in the hedge, now with the River Chess on the right-hand side.

Following the tree lined footpath for 800 yds, the royal Masonic School for Girls is on the right for most of the way on

this part of the Trail. The long Trail path meets the short-cut by the bridge to the banks of The Chess itself. The Chess is one of the two hundred chalk streams almost unique to the UK, free flowing, clear water running over chalk and a gravel bed, preferred spawning ground for trout and grayling. Sally just enjoyed a paddle in the crystal-clear water.

Remedial work is being carried out here to shore up the banks, maintaining the gravel bottom and removing silt built up over the years. The Trail follows the Chess for 600 yds as it veers to the right around Rickmansworth Sports Ground (which is on our left-hand side) for another 400 yds.

Turning left onto the A412 Park Road towards Croxley Green, passing by 'Our Lady Help of Christians' Catholic Church. The Trail following Park Road for 400yds, passing Scotsbridge Mill on the left.

Park Road becomes Scots Hill, sadly taking the Hash by the now closed Sports Man, an excellent CAMRA Pub that has been a venue for Herts Hash over the years. Here on a steep accent for 400 yds, Milf decides to kick for home and opens a gap between the group and herself, Sludge bridges the gap a little, as we go over the roundabout and onto The Green again. The others closed the gap a little as Milf strays from the route.

200yds on The Green (road) On Inn is written into the pavement as we follow New Road for 400 yds to the Hare and Hounds. Meanwhile hot and Spicee and Sis did the shorter route following the main Trail, did a circuit of The Green, on to The Green (Road), down Baldwins Lane, right on to Repton Way, left onto Fuller Way, right onto Barton Way, left on to New Road into the pub

The late arrived Des Res followed the 'well marked' whole Trail around and was already back by the time the Hare arrived. Back at the Hare & hounds, the group was assembled.

A toast to the Hash, a Down-Down for the (birthday) Hare. The Hare was third time lucky, The Hare and Hounds does do a Sunday buffet lunch, which was ordered in advance and enjoyed by all.

Probably the one who had enjoyed the Birthday Trail the most was Sally, a good walk, a frolic in the river chess & a doggie-bag to go with meaty left overs!

Guess Des Res has a Down-Down coming his way? See below:



St Albans Police

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Police were called at around 11.38am this morning (17 October 2025) to reports of an suspected unexploded WW1 bomb being found in the garden of the Old Fox Pub in Bricket Wood.

Officers arrived at the scene and evacuated the pub and surrounding houses and a 100 metre cordon was put in place for a short time as a precaution.

Specialists from the Explosive Ordnance Disposal (EOD) Team arrived and are due to carry out a controlled explosion in a field nearby to dispose of it.

If anybody has left £1500 rolled up & secured in elastic bands on the train travelling from Birmingham New Street to Lichfield Trent Valley today, please GET IN TOUCH ASAP. I have your elastic bands.



APPARENTLY it costs the NHS over £300,000 a year to remove foreign objects from people's rectums. Why aren't we removing British objects instead? Was Brexit all for nothing?

Gerry Paton, London