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Puffin around the Headlands

Spring

It's mid-April & spring is in the air & warmer weather is on its way. But not today. Our hares, Is-it-Buggery & Gobbler, have chosen the outpost that is Plémont as the venue for today's hash. The overcast day & a cold north-west wind do not make it the most inviting area. Not that this is a strange place for Tinky Winky who has great plans for the replacement of the sad & sorry Holiday Camp. What the puffins will think about the "improvements" is unknown.

Late Arrivals

It looks as if the numbers on the hash will be low today. Rampant Rabbit has taken on himself the position of Hash Cash. However, Illegal Immigrant does turn up with Jack & Anya who immediately informs all & sundry of her loose front tooth. It looks as if the tooth fairy will be calling soon. Bedpan 2 is to try her first proper hash for months & Hooker is back in the fold. Suddenly we have an influx of vehicles & we will, after all, have a respectable number out today. Were they all watching the end of the Grand Prix from a very wet Shanghai? In summoning us to form a circle Is-it-Buggery refers to us as "young & horrids". He might get away with that with his charges at school but us "young".

Behave!

It seems that we must all behave ourselves today as our hare has had to go on bended knee to get permissions from farmers whose fields are full of potatoes. In one place we will have to be silent. Not for our hares common or garden sawdust but sapele sawdust – how posh is that?

False & cold

The ways out of the car park are numerous but every one seems to lead to a false trail. This is making our late start even later. Eventually our hares relent & we are directed to a trail that leads us past the derelict holiday camp & onto the cliff path. Here we find the wind coming off the sea even colder which is an encouragement to keep moving. The FRBs should have been thankful for the double arrows that sent the first 8 back. We do not know what the cyclists make

of our proceedings but they are kind enough to let us pass.

Inland

The path is very up & down but our hares have discovered a place where we can get inland & away from the chilling wind. We are now in fields & remember the strictures of our hare. It is however difficult to stick to the trail when the farmer has been through the field "banking" his spuds. But not to worry we are resourceful enough to eventually pick out the sapele.

Vinchelez de Bas

We find ourselves near the Dolmen Hougue des Géonnais where we have enjoyed drinks stops in the past. This pleasure is not to be repeated today as we seek out the trail. We are heading for the main road but suddenly divert down the meadow, across a stream & up the slopes beyond. We are lucky enough to enter the grounds of Vinchelez de Bas Manor but not for too long as Is-it-B did not wish to upset the elderly resident. We are treated to the magnificent sight of a tree in splendid isolation in full blossom. At the check at the Manor gates we are advised that if we should wish to cross the road to Vinchelez de Haut we should take extreme caution. Of course the temptation & we do cross the road but only for the trail to take us along the main road.

Silence!

The FRBs are well on their way when Is-it Buggery at the top of his voice calls them back. Why is this remarkable? Well we are immediately informed that the trail now takes us along the area where we must maintain silence. It seems that the householder is concerned that the wildlife & birds in particular are not disturbed. So for once in our lives we quietly make our way along La Cache & into open land.

Dry

We pass a pond well & truly overpopulated by ducks many of which make their way up the bank to escape us. I never thought we were that dangerous. We climb the slopes & find an area which would be perfect for a

drinks stop. Is-it-Buggery blames Gobbler for this dry stop. So who said chivalry was dead? Disappointed yet again the trail is sought for but Jack & Rent-a-Bed have left us far behind by making their way to the cliff path through a narrow opening. This is too obvious but proves to be perfectly correct.

We eventually emerge once more on the cliff path & see the welcome message "On Home". The Holiday Camp is seen on the skyline & is but a short distance away. Oh no it wasn't! The ups & downs on the trail make this a long way home but at least we kept warm.

Delayed refreshments

Back at the car park the thirsty masses are kept waiting for Gobbler to arrive & extract the supplies from her car. At least this week we have bitter to accompany the French bread, paté & cheeses. Whinger is suffering from the cold & threatens to visit the café for a coffee.

Bike Bash

Details of the Bike Bash are circulated & we are asked to note the early departure of 3.30pm on Friday, 4th September returning on 6th. Only 40 places available so a swift £50 deposit to Illegal Immigrant will secure your place.

Down-downs

This week Gigolo has managed to run with us & calls the pack together to form a circle. A belated birthday is to be celebrated & Software is summoned. It appears that his birthday was in February but the elephantine memory of the Hash has worked yet again.

Our worthy hares Is-it-Buggery & Gobbler receive their just deserts & allow the rapidly cooling pack to swiftly head for home.

Liberation Day

We have once more been invited to provide marshals for Liberation Square & environs on May 9th. For these efforts the Hash is rewarded with £500.00. We would hope to obtain 25/30 people for this task. There will be a get together for volunteers on Wednesday 6th May for those who can make it. If you can help please let Illegal Immigrant know asap.

Hash Announcements

Weekly dues:-

When you attend a run you must pay your subs (£3.50 Members, £4.50 Non – Members or guests, £2 tadpoles).

If you arrive late, or pay after the run/walk, then a 50p late fine is added to the subs! No pay – no run and no food! If you aren't running/walking & therefore arrive after the run then see Tinky to pay for your food, no late fine for those who did not run or walk. Please inform TW if you do not intend to stay for food as this will save the club money by not paying for your food.

Hares – Important Reminder

Hashers who are booked to lay a trail and cannot make it for some reason must find a replacement and not just rely on the Hare Razor to do the work for them.

Hash Ha Ha's

Political Correctness

It just all depends on how you look at some things...

Judy Wallman, a professional genealogy researcher in southern California, was doing some personal work on her own family tree. She discovered that Congressman Harry Reid's great-great uncle, Remus Reid, was hanged for horse stealing and train robbery in Montana in 1889. Both Judy and Harry Reid share this common ancestor.....

The only known photograph of Remus shows him standing on the gallows in Montana territory: On the back of the picture Judy obtained during her research is this inscription: 'Remus Reid, horse thief, sent to Montana Territorial Prison 1885, escaped 1887, robbed the Montana Flyer six times. Caught by Pinkerton detectives, convicted and hanged in 1889.'

So Judy recently e-mailed Congressman Harry Reid for information about their great-great uncle. Harry Reid: Believe it or not, Harry Reid's staff sent back the following biographical sketch for her genealogy research:

"Remus Reid was a famous cowboy in the Montana Territory. His business empire grew to include acquisition of valuable equestrian assets and intimate dealings with the Montana railroad. Beginning in 1883, he devoted several years of his life to government service, finally taking leave to resume his dealings with the railroad. In 1887, he was a key player in a vital investigation run by the renowned Pinkerton Detective Agency. In 1889 Remus passed away during an important civic function held in his honor when the platform upon which he was standing collapsed."

NOW THAT's how it's done, Folks!
That's real POLITICAL SPIN.

Receding Hareline

1032	3 May	Les Creux	Taxi & Butter*uck	
1033	10 May	TBA	Smuggler & Nil-by-Mouth	9 th Liberation Day
1034	17 May	Volunteers	Required	
1035	24 May	Trinity Arms	Rent-a-Bed & JH3	

Please help Desperado in his task as our new Hare Razor – phone 07797 827 751