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Chervy's return short run longer than expected

We meet once again in the west. It seems that we are almost stuck in a groove. This run was scheduled to run from The royal, St Martin but a last minute hitch meant a switch. We gather in the car park by the Parish Hall and shiver in the first day that resembles the winters of old. Looking about it is obvious that long running gear has replaced the summer shorts which have prevailed so long. Nevertheless, there is a good turnout this day. Hash Cash is busy relieving us of our funds. The hares today are Capn Peacock, Beep-Beep and Chervy, returned after a long injury. Seeing Beep-Beep, our thoughts immediately turn to long runs. IfIhadabigone is absent but the local vicar turns up as we are waiting and there is much banter. It is chilly and we are keen to get on-on. The hares announce that the run is in sawdust and sawdust and we are off.

Third estate

A little confusion at the off. John dodsley and I follow the wrong trail and are called back as the pack sets off towards the estates. We are guided around and up and down the FT's by Beep-Beep who is keen to see us take the wrong turns. We cross the main road and then back again as the hares tease the pack. We then head through the estate and head west past Mount's house. Rigsby spots the goat, and the goat spots Rigsby. Touche! We run on. The trail heads down the path and on towards Val de la Mare. The path is not easy and we have to descend a steep bank leading to the reservoir. There is much slipping and sliding and falling on arses as

we go. We pause for a quick check as we catch our breath. The trail heads on down into the valley and there is frost on the ground still. So it really is cold but the sun is up and feels warm as we run. Up the other side of the valley and on over onto the road leading down to the golf course.

Hot Toddy

We find ourselves a long way from home and still heading away from the pub. This causes some disappointment to the less rugged. We pass to the east of the golf course and head up towards a farm below the airport. We are glad to be invited in by the farmer away from the cutting wind. We are amazed and surprised to find Glüwein and simnel biscuits being handed around in generous helpings by volunteers. The shed is full of paraphernalia to do with the Battle of Flowers. It is also the resting place for a considerable number of deceased kitchen appliances in among the seed potatoes. We drink our fill and then head off again.

Hill climb

We have to mount the hill to the airport but not before the hares have tried out a final FT. The way is steep and long and the top of the hill is greatly exposed to the wind. We make great haste for home to get out of the cold. The pack is well spread out as we pass by the sirport perimeter. We pass by some dog walkers who think we are as mad as they are. The trail leads around the church and back to the car park.

On-downs

The on-downs are in the Topsy Toad (The Star). We find many non-running hashers present when we arrive. This is indeed a good turnout. The on-downs are sausage and chip butties. Well cooked chips and the sausages are good too. I am volunteered to punish the hares in the general absence of the RA and the GM turning up after the run. The three hares are punished, Chervy receiving only a half as his performance is always piss-poor and a waste of good beer. A good run a little extended but a good drink stop!

Receding Hare Line

23 December	Shiggy & Nelson	The Foresters
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More hares urgently needed - See the Hare Please Give Hare Razor fair notice if you cannot make your run happen on the date!

REMEMBER when you attend a run you must pay your subs (£3.00 members, £4.00 guests, £1 tadpoles). No pay – no run and no food!

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