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A Spectacular Success

Disclaimer

It is the responsibility of any scribe to report on any run in an unbiased manner. This is particularly important when your scribe is also one of the hares. You will therefore appreciate that the report of this exceptionally brilliant, exciting & inventive hash will in no way be hyped beyond its worth.

The East

It is some time since we have run in this part of the world so those of us who have turned up early are surprised to find that the coastal car park is jam packed, but not with hashers' cars. So it is back to the Seymour Inn car park – sorry regulars. The pub is named after Seymour Tower which was built in 1782 as a response to de Rullecourt's invasion of 1781. The tower itself was named after Sir Henry Seymour Conway (of Conway Street fame) who was the Governor at the time. As a matter of interest it is the only square tower in the Island as it was afterwards considered that round towers were the stronger. After that little bit of history, I suppose it is right to get back to the present report which in itself is now history (Bit of philosophy there, eh)..

Good Numbers

Anyway we are building up to a fair number but after the appointed hour even more runners (?) turn up – I suppose passport control for those from the west of the Island is to blame. However by the time the pack is called to form a circle there are 35 bodies eager & willing for the challenges ahead. In our number are two virgins, Joanna, a friend of Nicolle, & Connor as well as being joined by our annual visitors, Tricia & Mike, from England.

Superior Run

This will obviously be a superior run as the circle in the car park (as is the rest of the route) is marked out in hardwood sawdust. Klingon indicates that this is to be a round Island run (Shiggy's face is a sight to behold) & exhorts the pack to stick to the edge of cultivated fields & that chalk & striped tape in certain places completes the trail. Steptoe indicates that either 6 strong harriers or 4 harriettes will be required on the run – intriguing, n'est ce pas?

Round Pub & Round Island

Why is it so difficult to pick up the trail? Some go inland & some head for the coast but there is no cry of "on-on". Klingon decides to help out & leads the pack around the pub. A fat lot of use this is as he was only looking for the landlord to tell him of our numbers. Anyway, eventually we head inland past the lands of the Happy Hens on which we are not allowed to place a foot because of the potential for spreading avian flu etc. Our feet do touch grass when we reach Holme Grown & one of the mysteries is explained as we are taken around the raised flower bed that represents Jersey. Across the fields on the other side of the road & on to the check at the foot of Rue de Crevecoeur (Heartbreak Hill) where Illegal Immigrant presents Steptoe with an empty packet of KY Jelly - I can't think why.

Rue de Crevecoeur

You can almost hear the "Oh no!" as the FRBs seek out the trail either way along the main road. But "Oh yes!" it is the challenge of the hill which is taken very slowly by the pack. But near the top the dreaded masculine double arrows are found & Frisco & Beep are the first to descend followed a little later by Ballcock & Muff Diver who decide to demonstrate their strength by giving Steptoe a lift up the hill. This does not happen for long as Muff Diver regrets his impetuosity when he pulls a muscle in his back – but it would be cruel to say "Serve him right". Thankfully there is a check at the top of the hill where Rent-a-Bed &

Shiggy are seen to be coming back to the pack having ignored the double arrows – tut, tut to say the least. Anyway the trail leads along the track to the German Bunker/Observation Post where the pack takes in the outstanding views but unfortunately the sun is not shining for them to be seen at their best. It is now that Nil-by-Mouth astounds the pack by mentioning that se is going down - what can she mean?

Spectacular Delay

Anyway instead of going down we make our way through nettles & brambles & clamber over a fence. This holds the pack up but when we reach a path further down the slope our task of the day is revealed. A small tree has come down across the path & we have been asked to try to move it. This is achieved but in so doing Illegal Immigrant decides that he has to flick Rent-a-Bed's glasses off his face. Quite amusing in itself, but the spectacles are nowhere to be found. This causes a long delay while diligent search is made. Eventually it is decided that whilst the bulk of the pack continues on its way a small number should remain behind to continue searching. This is important as not only is Rent-a-Bed about to go on holiday but there is no way that he can see to drive home. This is what a route through virgin territory can do! The pack reaches the driveway & turns up the hill again. Just as we reach the house a triumphant cheer is heard. Hooker has done it again with her positive thinking approach & hey presto the offending spectacles are discovered.

All friends together

Together again the pack crosses various fields & down a wooded coteil only to climb once more up a bumpy slope. At the top there are some mounds of earth & amongst them is some dressed granite from the nearby building site – so much do developers respect the traditions of the Island. Anyway we make our way to the check on Le Rue des Alleurs (Blood Hill) where our botanical knowledge is challenged & found wanting for failing to identify a particular plant. I'm a town pat & deny any expertise in this matter.

Lucky Harriettes

At last the way proves down but not for too long for the Harriettes who find the female double arrows. Nelson, who had only run 15 miles the previous day, & Steptoe delay their descent so that Twin Peaks, Joanna & Nicole could have a decent bit of exercise. At the bottom of the hill we turn right & skirt Grouville Church & enter the fields that border what was the site of Grouville Annexe (now a small estate). We are made to jump a ditch where Tinky Winky "helps" Tricia to make up her mind about crossing. We keep well clear of the horses & eventually take the old railway track to Old Station House – now there's an original name. So it is into the Tradesman's Entrance to Holme Grown. We pass numerous glasshouses & are amazed at the number of gas cylinders but are soon into more fields. Onto tarmac again & from here it is a quick "On Home" to the Pub.

Seymour Inn

The bar has both Bass & Guernsey bitter on tap- thanks be to the Lord. Unfortunately the food is quite a while in coming & we are summoned outside, having previously been driven indoors by the rain, for announcements & down-downs.

Announcements

Our GM asks if we should enter a team in the Relay for Life event which raises money for Cancer Research – a worthy cause indeed. Next he was asking for names of those willing to marshal on Liberation Day. Friends were welcome if there were difficulties in making up the numbers (25) as £500 would accrue to Club funds. Shiggy recounted that Hash Rev was working on Saturday morning but had managed to get himself locked in at

the end of his shift (apparently a similar happening had occurred during his time at Benests). Nelson was called up to take his punishment but to everyone's surprise refused lager (his usual poison) & took bitter – it is coming to something when we have take your pick down-downs - & he made a good fist of it.

Captain Poocock reminds us of the Bobby Moore Run on June 1st whilst accompanied by the sound of the Harley Davidson Club passing in the background.

Belated Food

The food is suddenly served & what a treat Scampi, sausages, chips as well as the bread & butter. "Brilliant" according to Is-it-Buggery who has witnessed many a hash nosh. Unfortunately the delay has resulted in a diminished pack as plenty have absconded amongst them Rent-a-Bed & Joanna who were due for punishment.

Down-Downs

However, Hash Rev. summons Illegal Immigrant for his part in the spectacle incident. As usual the culprit lets not a drop touch his lips as his pint is down his throat in a trice.

The pack is reminded that a certain hasher had left a jug at the Five Oaks on the Easter Run. The jug was produced, filled with ale, & presented to Plonker who was encouraged to drink from the spout.

Connor had stayed with the pack & found the ceremony of the down-down something of a puzzle & after making a half hearted attempt at his lemonade tipped the remains over his head – at least he did that right & is a hasher in the making!

Full credit must be given to Klingon for his acquaintance with the land owners in the area which has allowed us to experience such a superior, excellent run which I will again remind you has been reported without bias. So our hares are punished for delivering such an excellent morning's entertainment. Steptoe finishes his pint in reasonable order but Klingon is somewhat tardier.

Crapaud News

Due to a problem with his printer your scribe manages to produce a "stereophonic" newsletter. The proper edition will be delivered, with apologies, next week,

RECEDING HARELINE

979	27 April	Pembroke	Bags-of-It
980	4 May	TBA	Wet Patch

REMEMBER – Only 21 runs to Run No. 1,000.

SPONSORSHIP

The 1,000th run weekend will see the club providing events & entertainment for all our entrants. This, of course, does not come free & it is hoped that it might be possible to attract sponsorship from firms or individuals. Dyson & Buesnel (Chartered Architects) Ltd have already offered to sponsor the band on Saturday night. Do we have any more generous offers? Full acknowledgement will be made in the event's publications.

WANTED – URGENTLY

It is hoped to prepare a booklet concerning the Crapaud H3 in time for our Run No. 1,000. As response to our earlier request for memorabilia was muted don't be surprised if you are approached for any interesting anecdotes. If you have any that may be of interest to others please contact Steptoe (734911 or rgallichan@hotmail.com) or Is-it-Buggery (722643 or isit@hotmail.com).

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. If you have not paid your annual subscription you are deemed a non-member & will have to pay non-members weekly dues. Please inform TW if you do not intend to stay for food as this will save the club 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.

Jersey Marathon

Our Harriettes relay team of the last two years intends entering again but it would seem that there are a number of Harriers & Harriettes who would like to make up additional teams. If you are interested in taking part please contact Klingon (Tel. 851651 - Harriers) or Karen (483645-Harriettes).

Liberation Day

Please contact Shiggy on 613980 if you can help with marshalling on May 9th. The successful completion of this task will bring £500 to the Club & all taking part can partake of the free bar at the Pomme d'Or afterwards – now there's an incentive!

JOKES

Etiquette

During one of her daily classes, a teacher trying to teach good manners, asked her students the following question: 'Michael, if you were on a date having dinner with a nice young lady, how would you tell her that you have to go to the bathroom?'

Michael said, 'Just a minute I have to go pee.'

The teacher responded by saying, 'That would be rude and impolite. What about you Sherman, how would you say it?'

Sherman said, 'I am sorry, but I really need to go to the bathroom. I'll be right back.'

That's better, but it's still not very nice to say the word bathroom at the dinner table. And you, little Edward, can you use your brain for once and show us your good manners?'

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Newly Weds

Fred and Mary get married, but can't afford a honeymoon, so they go back to Fred's Mum and Dad's for their first night together.

In the morning, Johnny, Fred's little brother, gets up and has his breakfast. As he is going out of the door to go to school, he asks his mum if Fred and Mary are up yet.

She replies, 'No.'

Johnny asks, 'Do you know what I think?'

His mum replies, 'I don't want to hear what you think! Just go to school.'

Johnny comes home for lunch and asks his mum, 'Are Fred and Mary up yet?'

She replies, 'No.'

Johnny says, 'Do you know what I think?'

His mum replies, 'Never mind what you think! Eat your lunch and go back to school.'

After school, Johnny comes home and asks again, 'Are Fred and Mary up yet?'

His mum says, 'No.'

He asks, 'Do you know what I think?'

His mum replies, 'Ok, now tell me what you think.'

He says: 'Last night Fred came to my room for Vaseline and I think I gave him my superglue'.