

Oxford Hash House Harriers: The Scribe



Hares: Paperboy & Quasimodo

Pub: The Exeter Hall,
Cowley Road.

The Beer Stop Crew: Far Canal & Wha De Say.

Next runs:

7th Nov: Boundary House, Abingdon.

14th Nov: Bookbinders Arms, Jericho.

Fri. 16th Nov: Tudor Arms, Slimbridge, Glos. (2pm)

Sun 18th Nov: Rose and Crown, Nympsfield, Glos.
(Visiting Churn Valley H3. 11am)

Do they never turn on the lights in this pub? It's always a bit gloomy in The Exeter Hall; or TheX as it seems to be called now. Great when there's a band on, but when there isn't, we consider to abandon the pub altogether and go elsewhere. Perhaps the darkness is planned so that you can't see that your beer may or may not be Hobgoblin? Victoria was certain that it wasn't.

It was a big night for returners tonight. Two (two!) of the original Oxford hashers turned up. Buffalo and Sherpa were both in town (separately, I might add) and had extended their stays so that they could drop by. It was great to see them both again after quite a few years. Age has not withered, nor custom staled, their infinite variety. Who said that? Was it Shakespeare? Or Julian and Sandy?

Anyway, it was time for the orf and Big In Japan stood in admirably for our GM. After BiJ's introductory spiel, hare Paperboy quietly sent us on our way past the council's waste depot and on out for a trail of two packs. I dunno when the pack did split, but split it did. Trolley Dolly and UB40 couldn't believe it and thought they were front-running, what with there being no shouts coming from ahead, but in reality the front half of the pack just couldn't be heard (if, indeed, they were calling); the gap was too great. Still, it did mean that some of us slower hashers did get to check this week when normally we'd be trundling along in the middle of the pack. That's not to say that the front pack didn't mark the checks. They did mostly, but sometimes they were kicked through in not quite the right direction so occasionally we still had to search a bit for the trail. Black Beauty, in particular, managed to find falsies at even the most clear of kicked-out checks. "Is it not that way then?" he was asked. "Nay." he replied, cantering back to the rest of the pack.

The rest of trail was a series of twists and turns through Cowley, the details of which are long forgotten by yer scribe (hence that rather laboured Black Beauty anecdote above to fill up a bit of space.)

But what about that On Inn eh? Surely the longest On Inn we've run since the glory days of Ladybird's trails from a few years ago. At least there was plenty of food left when we arrived. Obviously the FRBs don't open their mouths to shout on on while they're hashing, so it stands to reason that they don't open them to eat at the beerstop neither!

It was a bit chilly after the circle so back into the pub, only to find that they'd run out of what may or may not have been Hobgoblin!! Inconceivable! Don't take your coat off – we're on out and into the Marsh Harrier.

The Circle

This section has been sadly lacking in recent weeks and is so again this week. Yer scribe hasn't got back into the routine of taking notes of the down downs.

Announcements

Away Weekend at Slimbridge. Friday 16th November.

Details to follow, but in summary...

Meet at Tudor Arms (close to hostel, by the swing bridge just short of the bird sanctuary) at Friday lunchtime for lunch and afternoon hash at 2ish.

Friday evening has a murder mystery.

Saturday is the usual do what you like – bike, boat, birds, etc. Some walking areas have been suggested by Electric Joy and will be in the details.

Saturday evening is a black tie dinner with a theme of Hare Or Feathers. And there's an after-dinner beach party in the drying room. Lockjaw says budgie smugglers get in free of charge. "Do you charge the ladies then?" "No, I usually sidle up to them."

Sunday morning, hash with Churn Valley hash on the way home. The Rose and Crown in Nympsfield (only a short distance from Slimbridge).

As is customary, everyone will volunteer to help with cooking, washing up, cleaning, etc.

More detailed details to follow, but that's the gist of it.

News of more investment in speed traps since they heard Gatecrasher kept his licence...



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