

Date: **Sunday 20th June 2004**

Run No: **471**

Venue: **The Star, Thrussington**

Hares: **Wallington**

Scribe: **DUREX**

For most of the journey to this hash it was raining. Cold and wet with a ground frost forecast for this the start of summer. As Thrussington approached the ground became dry and the sun shone. Had the new RA really turned the corner? After all he did deliver excellent weather for our MASH HASH weekend. I decided not to mention the weather but was greeted by the waiting circle with praise for the sunshine which arrived with us. The RA was no where to be seen so naturally I took the credit. I say us because being Father's Day my two kids had decided to take their old man out for the morning on the hash.

The Hare explained some new markings designed to help short-cutters find the quick way back to the pub. These involved marking the checks to indicate a shortcut left or joined at that point. However, short-cutters would know which of the false trails was the way home! So the point of marking the checks was ???

We ran a long way till our first check a rare event and one of only five on the run. We did have two water crossing and these gave me ample opportunity to prove that ex-RAs don't walk on water. The pack was moving very fast, Transit stopped for a pee and took the next ten minutes to catch up. We had several improvised holding checks so Bugger could catch up but eventually adopted the attitude if you don't run we don't wait.

The ON-IN was a mile long dash down the main road to the pub with an outbreak of competitive running. Walkers, short-cutters and "runners" all arrived back at the same time but from different directions.

DOWN DOWNS were awarded to:

1. **TRANSIT** "must try harder" to keep up with the pack
2. "Bride to be" **PE** adorned with a suitable head-dress
3. **MAD DOG** for advertising for household junk. The "Big Issue" award was taken by look-alike Andrew
4. **DUREX** for "competitive hashing" down the final ON-INN trail and not letting anyone catch him
5. **Robert "SOUTH FUCK" Ewing** was named by MANGO even though it was his first hash
6. **MANGO** got a welcome back and farewell, this time as the "tobacco baron"
7. **CHICKI** got one for Mr McGoo like behaviour relating to a damaged car
8. **BEN** a "returner" who didn't managed to catch up his old man, even downhill
9. **BLOW!** "tea leaf" for nicking a glass during a Nottingham pub visit
10. **PE** "ehee ehee" for not inviting those to the wedding reception that he had not met yet
11. **WALLINGTON** for a poor trail
12. And **BARRITONE** who turned up by bike just as the circle was ending blaming undisclosed engineering work. He got a glass of water for all his efforts to arrive at the hash more than two hours late.

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