



Kirton Hash House Harriers

Monday 28th Dec 2020 @ 2.15pm

Venue: Kennerleigh Woods

Hares: Scoubidoo & TweedleDee

On-down: Not On

THE MYSTERY AT CHRISTMAS

The wheels of the KH3 faithful began to appear before 2.00 in the afternoon, a very odd time for a KH3 hash. Some wheels were on white vans, one normal sized and the other 'Blimey, that's big'. Some wheels were destined not to leave - Woodie's due to lockdown - and the gradely shiggy in the parking area threatened to keep others.

Masks were worn as per hare's request with Haddock's rendering him deaf, dumb and blind. Should be renamed Flounder.



After some burbling from the hare, the haress sent us off with some military-grade instructions to not cavort on the wood piles and sweeties to be eaten at your own risk.

The early up-up was through trees once vertical now horizontal and awaiting conversion to flat-pack furniture and side-planks etc. Soon we met the first fish-hook and played a new version of the pass-the-parcel game called pass-the-virus. This game can also be played with back-checks.

Some absolutely splendid ups, downs and alongs with just the right amount of total confusion eventually brought us to the sweetie stop. Those in the know quickly spotted the Morrisons' chocolate mints in green wrappers. Very nice, but I do believe that Tesco have some that are even nicer. These can be easily obtained from the fine big Tesco down near Crediton station or even from the Tesco Metro at the top of the town. Both are extremely chic establishments and well worth a visit.

At the sweetie stop our Religious Adviser, Zorro finally found his vocation and named three newbie hashers as *Hen Harrier*, *Puddle Dodger* and *Hands-Face-Space*. He's new to the game so can't be blamed for not giving obvious seasonal names like 'Jesus, it's cold' or 'Oh, is that a star in the East that I see? Oh no it's just a hasher's cheap head-torch'. Never mind.

A hash in Kennerleigh woods has to be a bit damp and a wade though the ford immediately after the sweetie stop made the point yet again that waterproof socks should be on everyone's Christmas present list, especially since we came back to wade the same ford again after a big two-way loop. Which takes me on to the subject of non-standard hash symbols. The pic above shows the very fine example that was met half way round the said loop. It actually turned out to mean 'keep going in the same direction in which you are currently running' (which seems to have a certain built-in redundancy you may think), but as is probably clear from the above picture, we three decided it meant 'stay here and await rescue', but that soon became boring so we just wandered off anyway.

The trail then led down the main path to home and the end of a fine hash, the last one of 2020. Much better than sherry and mince pies in front of the fire, you can do that anytime. But I'm dreaming of a proper on-down, it must happen sometime in 2021 surely?

Happy new year to all KH3 hashers. May your vaccination be soon. Keep safe.

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