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# The Runday Shag

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Date: 21 May 2023  
Hare: Too Posh & Hornblower  
Venue: Reigate Heath  
On On: Skimmington Castle

## TOO POSH AND HORNBLOWER TAKE US INTO NEW TERRITORY

The car parks filled up fast: plainly the area is at least as popular as when Spingo brought us here, repeatedly. Oh, and other hares too: an unrivalled place to start a Reigate hash. Well, sometimes we have started from the Skimmington Castle; today the trail brought us by devious and ingenious means to run as if from that pub. In the hares' honour it must be said that after we got away from that pub much of the trail was original, which is quite an achievement in this area. There was an interesting moment at a check: **Doug** said "We used to go this way", but then followed **Dormouse** elsewhere, and when **Tosser** chose that path, our **Uncle** called "That's too easy!", but **Tosser** had got it right. **J. Arthur** believed in **Tosser**, but waited for a call before following him.

Now, this path went on a very long way indeed between two fences, later on between a fence and a wilderness, and this happened rather often today. Trails are best when on open ground, not confined to a long lane which has no turning. The next check had a solution going back a very long way indeed before any flour was found, and the following check had a solution an unconscionable distance from the circle. Half a mile at least. I still hanker for the days when the answer to a Surrey check was at most 200 yards away. But I must admit and admire the perseverance of our front runners.

We came to a mill, and **Belcher** said "Ah! Now I know where we are!" And perhaps he did, but Surrey has a fair few such buildings on streams and rivers, all very similar, and many converted, like today's, into something residential. This one was in Betchworth. Shortly after this **'IsKnees** went off heroically in an implausible direction at a check; **Doug** had chosen better and found flour, and for a fair while he, **Dormouse, J. Arthur** and I were out in front. Or have I forgotten **Chastity Belt**? The trail emerged onto the Reigate Road, with the sun behind the clouds – I rely on the sun to orient myself. I went off in quite the wrong direction, and learned of my error from two friendly ladies; by the time I got back to that check **'IsKnees, Olive Oyl** and others were just arriving at it. Well, the cars were not too far way, over typical Spingo territory.

Our Prime Minister wants all our young people to study maths till they leave school, which is very interesting. Those who have long left the classroom equate maths with arithmetic, which is not what he meant at all; calculators will do that for us. He means abstract reasoning; geometry in 4 dimensions for example, or differential equations, essential for all careers in science or engineering. Now, many people have a horror of abstractions. A very intelligent secretary I met was studying to become a buyer, which meant learning elementary algebra; but to solve equations she relied on

trial and error, alarmed by x and y. Our Prime Minister should beware of what he asks for; those who arrive at genuine reasoning will see that our political system needs proportional representation, defeated thus far by unthinking loyalty to the "First Past the Post" approach, regarded as tried and tested. It has indeed been tried, and failed the test. (When did we last have a good government?) Just imagine the effect of questioning all the ideas and values we live by! No wonder "intellectual" is used here as an insult.

*On-on, FRB*



*Sisters are doin' it for you*



### MISMANAGEMENT

Grand Mistress  
**Bonn Bugle**

Joint Mistress  
**Ms Bean**

Joint Master  
**RHUM**

Religious Advisor  
**Popeye**

Hash Cash  
**J Arthur**

Clutcher's Mistress  
**Atalanta**

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**Birthing Blanket**

On-Sec  
**Speedy Humper**

Hash Scribe  
**FRB**

RS Editor  
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## Next Week's Run (and gig)

Run 2471  
 Date 28 May  
 Hare Chunderos & Co  
 Venue The Quarry – Betchworth RH13 7BZ  
 Links [Googlemaps](#) [What3Words](#)  
 On on [Brockham Village Hall](#)

*Directions: From Dorking Cock Roundabout take A25 s.p. Reigate for 2.5 miles, Turn left at roundabout s.p Betchworth Station onto B2032.*

*Go over level crossing and take first left into "the Quarry" a private "business" car park that we have permission to use.*

## Receding Hareline

2472 4 June Tossler (Strood Green)  
 2473 11 June Chastity Belt (Hindhead)  
 2474 18 June Speedy Humper & Wankelsplitz  
 2475 25 June J Arthur (**BB Boston Tea Party**)  
 2476 2 July Ms Bean

## Horizon

2477 9 July RHUM  
 2478 16 July H&S (**Albury Music Festival**)  
 2479 23 July Tossler  
 2480 30 July The Bounder  
 TBC

## Forthcoming events

- **BonzoBills at Brockham after trail 2471** 28 May
- **Boston Tea Party at Bonn Bugle's** 25 June
- **Albury Music Festival** 16 July
- **Real Ale Train Revived** 29 July
- **Surrey Hash Ball NEW ! 12-14 January**

Further details see [page 7](#)

## First Friday Hash - 2nd June 2023

Surrey Hash House Harriers continue the series of First Friday Hashes. Details below. It would be very helpful to know who is planning to attend, even if you showed some interest before but cannot attend this one, fill in the form, it is reset every month. You can fill the form in for multiple people. You will get a confirmation email, and if you keep it you can update your response; change details or even cancel.

You can see who has registered for the next FFH (including yourself so check before registering twice) here: [WHO IS GOING?](#)

The above spreadsheet is only for information. You cannot edit it. Please note: **all are welcome to any or all of the parts: Run, Pub, Social**, but please register, it helps with the organisation. Feel free to forward to other hashers, especially those near the venue. Subs:£2. The Hash starts at 19:00

[Info & registration - Hash Flash in Godalming.](#)

## Another account of this week's trail (I think). A taxi driver sent me this:



### From Sid Snott (Guildford Cab No 875)

Bleeding hell what a night shift! I'm parked outside Razzles Nightclub, 3am, waiting for one last fare before heading off to my pit when this couple of birds staggers out, pissed up to their eyeballs, and fall into my cab. I'm no misogynist, whatever that means, but you could see they had been around the block a few times, although in fairness they scrubbed up well.

One was a bit posh while the other gave me one of those horny looks that are always trouble for us drivers. Told to drive to a gaff down by the Wey, a right dodgy area. Thereafter they gave it endless mouth, going on and on about runs. Well the only runs I know around my manor are runs of speed, skag, meths, and coke organised by the local potheads. Blimey, I've got a right pair of villains in my motor, and to confirm it they now start talking about loads of cheques. Well that's the clincher, not only are they running drugs but collecting the dough for them. Enough is enough, can't wait to drop them off. Fortunately their pad comes into sight, lots of lights on and a sweet smell in the air. One says "want to come in for a drinky poo ducky" while the other says "how would you like to be paid" before giving me a dirty leer.

Sod that for a game of soldiers, I'm off, fare or no fare, giving the motor full welly. A lucky escape even if hash lingers in my nostrils.

From now on I'm going back to days. Nights are too bloody dangerous for old geezers like me with totty like that on the rave.



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## Letters to the Editor

### IMPORTANT from OnSec

If you are not getting the RDS as normal please let Speedy know: email [speedy@surreyh3.org](mailto:speedy@surreyh3.org)

The issue seems to have been created when a new email account was set up. Speedy will make sure that all Teq's work in setting up the account before he handed over was not in vain. Speedy is working to resolve the issues and apologises to those who are still experiencing issues.

Dear Sir,

### Re: Run 2469

There are some lessons to be learned and I certainly have! My provision of a spread of food at the circle takes preparation time and, as a lone hare, it precluded my laying the main trail and the S/C on the day, it was a "bridge too far". I laid the trail on the evening before and the "blue" S/C on the day. I will never provide food on my runs again. I will, however (with agreement), do so at someone else's. Again, setting it all out prevented me from going around with the pack. I agree with FRB that this is the best practice so that instead of checks just being kicked through, blobs can be added, which is especially helpful with back-checks. It also deals with trail sabotage that we have experienced.

When I laid the S/C I had to follow the 1<sup>st</sup> mile of the trail and discovered that some flour had all but disappeared (just a smattering) other blobs, especially on trees (which I use, where possible) looked freshly laid. I remember a (WH3) Mother Brown run on a balmy summer evening, where there at least five slugs on every blob! But slugs, dew or sabotage (of which I found no evidence) it's best to lay the trail on the day and go round with the pack.

Considering the above it was serendipitous that most of the pack finished together although RHUM's phone was, probably, a help. Apart from those late finishers that FRB mentioned, CL also needed guidance (by phone). I briefed Strumpet how to negotiate the S/C but she was seduced by a sunny bench and spent the whole time there. It wasn't a waste, however, as Silent Knight gave up the main trail at the airfield and went back via the S/C. I knew it was the "Barnes weekend" and I managed to get the food right. Apart from condiments etc. there was just one porcini roll left over, which I consumed.

Yours faithfully (and ever helpfully),

**Master Bates** [Methinks MB Protests too much – Ed]

### Eternal Sunshine of The Spotless Mind

Dear Ed,

I am very pleased that the new redoubtable Grand Mattress is The Last Post, I think Reveille would have been more appropriate - her favourite record is Boogie Woogie Bugle Boy (from Company C).

However, the reason for this missive is that I received a note from the Ultimate Timelord of the Surrey Hash and needed to respond - see below

*Dear Wally,*

*I am getting worried. This is the second time I have agreed with you. I had to lie down.*

*I'm afraid I could not face another MB Run from the same old place and the same crossing of main roads. When he bothers to get off his arse and find some new territory I may show him some interest, although over the years he has not shown any aptitude as a Hare.*

*Perhaps he should come to your mythical Hash academy for some lessons, although he could return worse than ever.*

*Uncle Gerry*

After this instruction from the omnipotent hasbeen and with support from the new Trail Mattress The Bathing Pool, I am reinstating my Hair Raising Clinics.

Modesty prevents me eulogising about these but many hashers have learnt how to lay a proper trail - CL excepted!

I appreciate that there may be a greater demand over supply but I have always been a big fan of John Maynard Keynes and wish that many governments followed such simple precepts.

So I will organise my trail laying classes based on a first come, first served basis!

Yours most sincerely,

Name and a dress supplied (36 inch bust)





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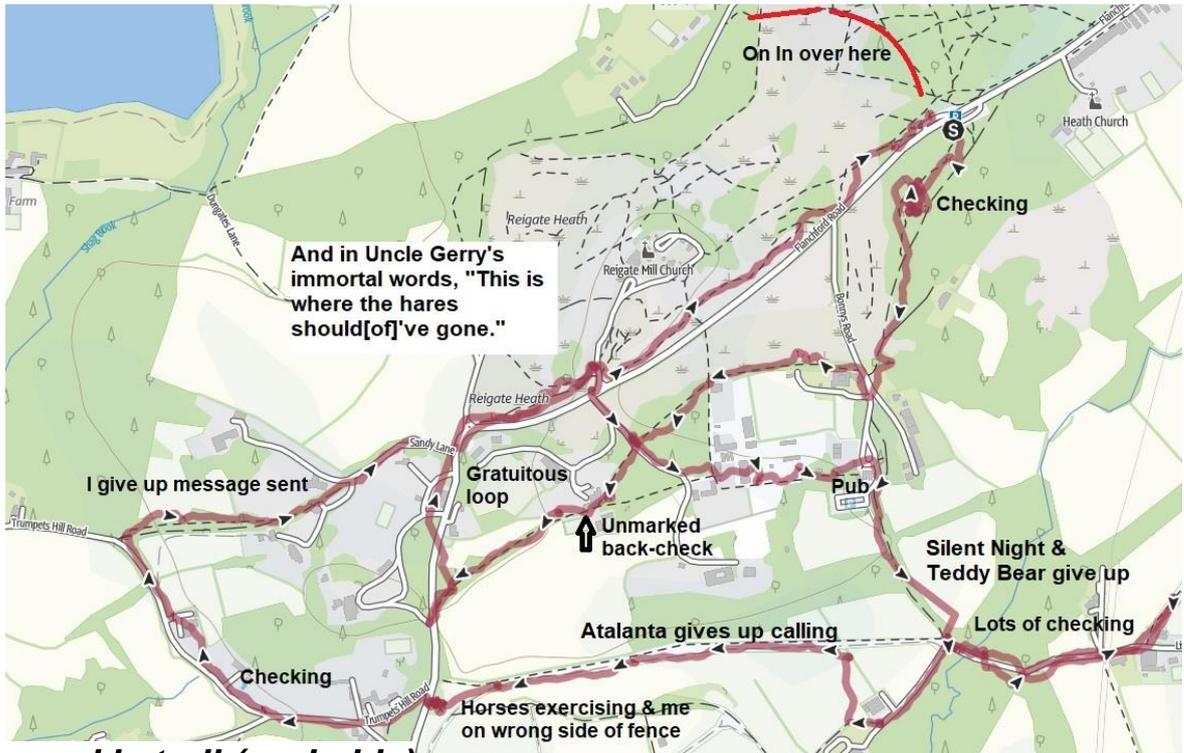
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**Raffles says: 'Ere, Mr FRB! Proportional Representation would have given UKIP more seats and the SNP fewer seats!!**

In the 2015 General Election (pre-Brexit), the SNP gained 56 seats in return for 1,454,436 votes and UKIP secured one seat and 3,881,129 votes. The Green Party secured one seat and 1,157,613 votes. If the number of seats were proportional to the votes obtained (not the fancy first choice/second choice systems) the number of seats would have been:

**UKIP - 83, SNP - 31, Green - 25**

**AND NONE OF THE BLOODY CHECKS WERE MARKED THIS WEEK....**



**This week's trail (probably)**





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*Front runners*



*Welcome*



*Welcome back!*





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Heard it before...



I've heard it too!



I know what you're thinking



Jeez

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Dark, verv dark



Dregs





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## **Forthcoming events** (as promised on page 2) **SH3 BALL**

### **BonzoBills at Brockham – 28 May after trail 2471**

"Teq's new rôle as the "Accidental Impresario" manifests itself at the Brockham Village Hall and Taphouse with a Gig for his long-time favourite artistes in their current incarnation "BonzoBills".

Chunderos, and Pals, are facilitating Hashers getting to the Sunday afternoon event on 28<sup>th</sup> May by setting the SH3 trail somewhere quite near (it's The Quarry by Betchworth Station).

The band have roots in Bonzo Dog Doo-Dah, Whoopee, and Bill Posters Bands. Not to mention Three Bonzos and a Piano, (I said not to mention...). Some may remember various performances at Les Piercies' Parties etc.

More details and ticket sales at

<https://www.wegotickets.com/event/577322>

### **Real Ale Train Revived – 29 July. Sign up details below**

Barring train strikes this is back on again and it is an excellent evening out. Ride on a steam train and drink as much Real Ale as you like. Oscillate between Alton and Alresford and lose count of the return trips.

OnSec says:

The RAT runs from Alton Train station at 7pm - returning to Alton at 10.30pm - just in time for us to get the train back to Guildford / other...

There will be a walk from Alton train station at about 4.30pm for approx 1.5 hours most likely taking in a pub (or two).

From 6-6.45pm we will congregate in the Railway Arms, Anstey Rd, Alton GU34 2RB ready to walk to the train station for 6.50pm.

Cost is £22 per head for the ticket and this includes a free drink. Food is available on the train. Other expenses are pay as you go. For more details see <https://watercressline.co.uk/rat-real-ale-train/>

Interested? Please register here: <https://forms.gle/9j3LtptfRfSjJEuW9> (If this link doesn't work – try pasting it into a different browser OR try using an **Incognito Tab**. For some reason this may work!

### **International Event: 85th Anniversary Hash (October 2023)**

The Royal Selangor Club Hash House Harriers (1991), Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia, (RSC Hash) is pleased to announce that it will be holding a celebration to observe the 85th Hash Anniversary in October, 2023. Hashers from all corners of the hash diaspora are cordially invited to 'return' to the Mecca of hashdom, for a grand extravaganza in celebration of this momentous milestone.

We hope to get your support for this 3 days event. To make it easy for you to register you may just click on this link <https://forms.gle/y8xF8aLu3dwcPrTq8>

Red Dress Run Registration link <https://forms.gle/Qq4CkWP47WshkfBw7>

### **UK Nash Hash 2023 in Yorkshire (25-28 August 2023)**

The venue is Askham Bryan College, on the outskirts of the historic city of York in one of the UK's most beautiful counties, location of the Yorkshire Dales and North York Moors national parks. The theme of the weekend is Vikings, a nod to York's heritage as a Viking settlement. The majority of the accommodation is in individual student rooms in the college, as well as some spaces for tents and caravans / camper vans. More details [nashhash2023rego@gmail.com](mailto:nashhash2023rego@gmail.com) and [UK Nash Hash](#)

