



The Runday Shag

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Date: 2 July 2023
 Hare: Ms Bean
 Venue: Epsom Downs
 On On: The Derby Arms

ORIGINAL START; A TWIST IN THE TAIL

Stevie Blunder was eager to be re-assured that we had not previously hashed the start of the trail. Of course we had indeed crossed the race-track when last at 7th Furlong Car Park, but otherwise, yes, to stay so long in woodland, twisting and turning to the north, was new. There was a recreation area I had never seen before, where I made my only contribution to finding the trail, i.e., identifying an arrow in flour separating short-cutters from the main trail. Thereafter we quickly rejoined very familiar territory, and indeed much of the middle of the trail was an exact repeat of an earlier run, including a part where **Atalanta** (today I saw her only at the Circle) had almost solved a check and gave up 5 yards too soon. There was a curious variant, through dense grass and denser woodland, almost off the beaten track: the flour in the wood was hard to find. But basically we had done all that stretch of the trail before, though without the back-check included for runners to admire the poppy-rich view.

Well, I say runners. Nowadays the majority, the substantial majority, prefer to accept the short-cuts; **Mother Brown** and I, the tail-end of the front-runners – **Sir Ray** was a little ahead of us – found ourselves very much in the midst of the “walkers”, of whom the fastest was **Twinkletoes**. Today she was outpacing **Captain Webb**, who is perfectly

capable of real running. **Miss Bean**, today’s hare, was with us, and insisted that **Mother Brown** and I accompany her on a deviation to the east, though the finish was then in sight. Hares are not meant to add a loop when everyone can see where the Circle will be. Now, **J. Arthur** assured me that he and those with him (**Bonn Bugle**, **RHUM**, I forget, they had been out of sight for so long: oh, **Randy Pandy** and **Loopy Lou** were with them) had also completed that loop; in which case they had not marked the check through is all I can say.

We were told 5 miles, so I predicted being back at 1230, which is exactly when I did reach the car park. We did not find there our customary camp-followers, **Lord Raleigh**, **Teddy Bear**, **‘Ardon Provocateur**, [*Ed – ‘Ardon was there, hiding with Elle T-Shirt*] so our total fellowship was not numerous, perhaps 25 all told. Our thanks to the hares.

The word “woke” is African-American, and in the US of A anti-woke is simply white supremacy made vocal. Here several of the politicians denouncing woke are not themselves white, and the sense is rather “Don’t challenge received opinion! It makes people nervous!” The Empire was a force for good, and England helped end slavery; no point in asking for more details. Check the attitude of your favourite newspaper when

women first sought the vote: you may find this embarrassing. (“Suffragette” was originally a word invented by the Mail to mock vote-seeking women. The Times and the Telegraph were equally dismissive). I still recall the vicious hostility here in the fifties to legalising homosexuality. Anti-woke seems to mean Give people 50 years or more to change their ideas. Sometimes fewer: hostility to seat belts was short-lived. Sometimes more: the death penalty still has proponents. “It stands to reason” means forget reason – and evidence – just trust your gut-feeling. I suspect that anti-woke sentiment goes with a reluctance to allow history to include social and economic themes. Just kings, victories, and dates. Populists seek an imaginary golden past, a Merry England approach to thought. Or rather an escape from thought.

On-on, FRB.



The hare celebrates

MISMANAGEMENT

Grand Mistress
Bonn Bugle

Joint Mistress
Ms Bean

Joint Master
RHUM

Religious Advisor
Popeye

Hash Cash
J Arthur

Clutcher's Mistress
Atalanta

Trail Mistress
Birthing Blanket

On-Sec
Speedy Humper

Hash Scribe
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Petal

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Next Week's Trail

9 July 2023 - No. 2477

Hare(s) Petal & Raffles
 Venue [Hawley Memorial Hall, GU17 9BW](#)
 Maps [What3Words \(locating.skirt.improvise\)](#)
 On on Picnic at Hanging Rock [Hawley Green](#)
 (some may never return)

Directions: From Guildford take A31/A331 towards Camberley. 3rd Exit for Frimley. Left at first exit roundabout and then take 2nd exit from main roundabout (Hawley Lane, which becomes Hawley Road after another roundabout). Travel circa 2 miles to traffic lights. Turn left into Fernhill Road then 1st right into Hawley Green and park at the Memorial Hall. **Bring a picnic to have on the green. Petal might even cook a salmon. The bar on site serves beer, coffee, cakes, crisps etc., but no burgers or baps today. Bring your own baps.**

Receding Hareline

- 2478 16 July Hornblower & Strumpet
Albury Music Festival
- 2479 23 July Joint Weybridge celebration
- 2480 30 July The Bounder TBC
- 2481 06 Aug Teddy Bear BBQ

Horizon

- 2482 13 Aug RHUM & Atalanta (Chipstead)
- 2483 20 Aug SBJ & Blue Suit
- 2484 27 Aug Twinkletoes
- 2485 03 Sept J Arthur (Thursley Common)
- 2486 10 Sept TBC

Forthcoming events

- Picnic at Hawley Green (Petal might do a big fish) 9 July
- Albury Music Festival 16 July
- Real Ale Train Revived 29 July
- 2500th Celebration Ball
Riviera Hotel, Bournemouth 12-14 Jan

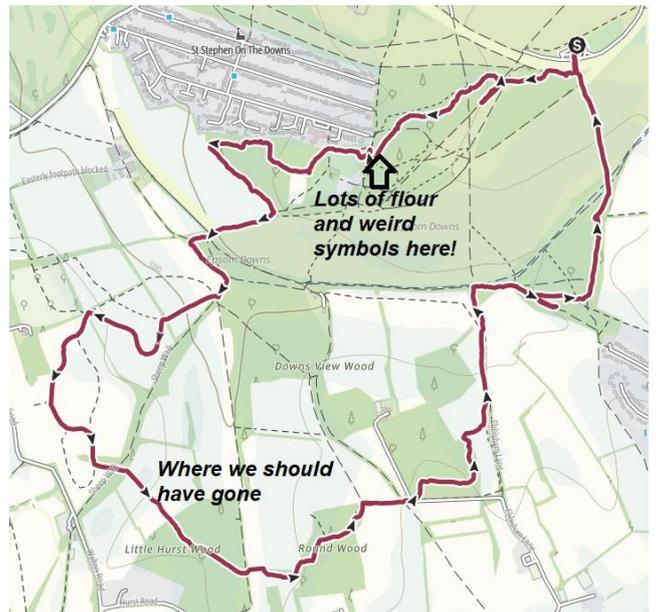
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This week's trail



Hilly too



READERS SAY:-
Journalistic standards are plummeting!! What is this – The Weekly Getsworse?

In our postbox this week on old-fashioned papyrus:

Dear Editor

As a regular reader of your weekly journal, The Runday Shag, I am saddened and dismayed by the poor quality of an article/interview in last weeks edition [issue 2475] by one of your contributors. That individual, who has so little confidence in himself that he hides behind the pseudonym RSR, clearly has received his journalistic training from the hacks of the tabloid press and who have little interest in writing the truth. If it sells copy, that's all that matters and the more sensational and salacious the better. I would not be surprised if there had been an attempt at phone hacking to try and find something controversial.

Well Mr Editor, I can tell you that the person RSR interviewed is a most upright character with little to write about in this regard. He is most upset by the misinformation poured out by this feeble attempt at journalism. As an example, I know for a fact that that person did not go to a public school, as sneeringly indicated in the article, but was 'Secondary Moderner', educated in the gritty backstreets of the Black Country. And, yes, there was a little tarmac on the trail but again I understand, was deliberately included as it provide a little shade for the elderly runners. But a mile, no, perhaps a few hundred yards.

I could go on but just to say Mr Editor, when you send your staff out to conduct interviews in the future, please try and ensure that the interviewer is properly skilled in the art, has done his research and is not some nobody desperately trying to make a name for himself.

Yours
 Anon



Beware of the black book



Honey, I shrunk the Spud!



It was her



No, it was him!



I met someone famous

You 'orrible bunch of incompetents
 Here we go again...



GM says a prayer for the sinners



That imaginary drink is working wonders



Sit a while and remember all those we lost in the COVID pandemic
Always in our hearts and never forgotten

The bench

I met a friend from university at the weekend, who lost her brother in the pandemic. He was undergoing chemotherapy at the time and contracted COVID at the hospital. With/of...it's complicated...



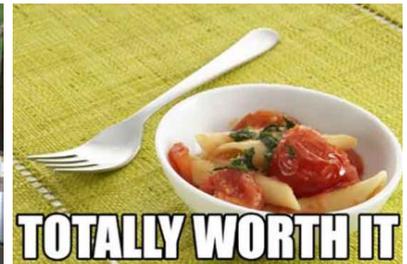
The band played on Saturday



The Proxettes

Master Bates' culinary tips #2

"Before cooking and dressing it, let the bird chill in the sink for a few hours."



MANY MORE PICTURES IN [Dropbox \(rs2476 & pics\)](#)
Including bits missed out here.

The Snorting Life

Lord Raleigh and the Random Capslocks, report:

SH3 & Their SWIFT MOVING (mostly) OPPOS



BRIAN THE SNAIL aka LOOKSNOWTLIKE BRIAN LORD BRYAN (by Zebedee out of Rough Courte) etc. came out of his shell to spring a 9/1 surprise in a sprint at Ripon showing he was still no slouch at age of 79- er... I mean 9, but then went back to his old ways at Newbury to finish 8/9. "Hey!" he exclaimed, (or was it "Heh heh heh"?) "I suffered a sciatic spasm in my left fore fetlock. I thought I did well to finish the race"

Newcomer LUNA MAGIC aka LUUna came 4th at Newbury and then made a rapid reappearance (i.e. the following day) to win as 9/4 fav at Chepstow.

At Chelmsford in a 5f sprint MICK'S SPIRIT 7th was behind SIR.RODNEYREDBLOOD (don t mention BI**BI**d to him!) but in front of TOMSHALFBROTHER in 8th.

DAAFY hasn't been out since late April but hot favourite at Ascot, LITTLE BIG BEAR came 2nd with RUMSTAR some lengths behind in 6th.

NIKELSONTHEDIME in a 2m + hurdle came second at Newton Abbot where in a later race a h 'cap Chase over 3m+SEYMOUR PROMISE 9/4 fav came 2/4.

What s in a name?

8 yr AHORSEWITHNONAME(GB) triumphed in a valuable race at Ascot.

GIVE IT SOME TEDDY came 5/8 in a straight mile at Redcar.

ICY DIP (by Stimulation out of Inya Lake.) aka COol BOx went for an evening sprint at Lingfield and finished 9/17. "Hey (or was it....?) I've done some good races recently. You don't expect me to win every time do you?"

WALLY was last seen out in May in the Grand Prix de Bordeaux where he was 3rd behind WATCH HIM! but in front of SAY GOOD BUY!

DRINKS DRINKS DRINKS:-

VIN ROUGE had its best run for a long time winning a 2 mile+ hurdle at Newton Abbot a15/2.

CHAMPAGNE SARAH has been thriving winning sprints at Newbury and Yarmouth.

JUST ANOTHER BOTTLE 9/1at Ripon won a sprint handicap beating Strike RED into 2nd place.

VINTAGE CLARETS showed them the way home in a 5f sprint at Chester.

MOONSHINE SPIRIT. aka MOONWALKER couldn't beat SOSSIFIED but finished 3rd ahead of ONE MAN PARTY & ATLANTIC BREEZE (PU).

Finally, what ever happened to RATFACEDMCDUGALL? Perhaps we shall know next time.

ON ON !

at a canter

Lord Raleigh