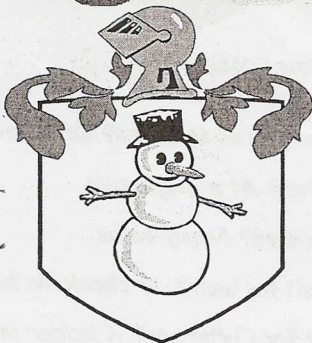


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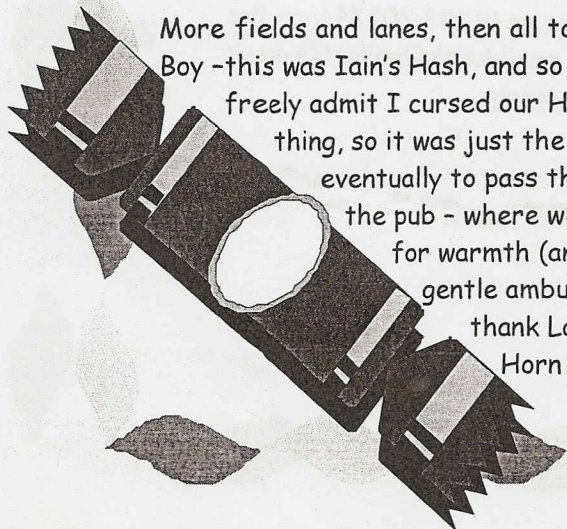
Hash 181 - The 5 Bells, Wootton Bassett - 12th December 2004

We knew before we started that as our Hares were Iain and Laura, we would be in for a fair old hike - and so it transpired. Hopalong had to set his part of the trail on crutches, so it came as no surprise that he told us later he had set out well before the sparrows had even *thought* of breaking wind.

I lived in WB for two years, yet still did not know of the existence of the 5 Bells. However when we turned up only a few minutes early (for us), I thought I knew where the trail might take us - I have a vague memory of running round those quaint little backstreets on a previous Hash. But I was wrong - to begin with, anyway, since Dave, Mike, Maurice and Steve the prodigal son, together with a good dozen or so hardy walkers, had wound their across the High Street and were heading towards the railway bridge. Someone had obligingly placed a large, luminous red-and-white traffic cone in a narrow path, and I obligingly managed to trip over it. Pausing only to knock up an impromptu splint from a couple of passing boy scouts, and improvising a tourniquet from Katrina's Big Knickers, I gamely limped on.

We crossed the road and ran alongside the old Berks & Wilts canal. I explained to Katrina that we would turn left over the second bridge, and so it came as a surprise to both of us when the trail took us right, and back to the Broad Town road. A few minutes later we were running down a farm track parallel to the B&WC again, and at the end we came to a parting of the ways - me taking the L road and Katrina the S. I was a bit concerned, as K's route took her close to the notorious quicksands, which have swallowed tractors, cattle, sheep etc - talking of which, we must lead the North Wilts Hash there someday.... I need not have worried, however, as after a bit of veering and backing across the boggy fields, I caught up with the other runners as we crossed the *third* bridge over the canal - to find K in front of me.

More fields and lanes, then all together, we swarmed back through WB. Not far now! Silly Boy - this was Iain's Hash, and so we ran out the other side and down to the lake, where I freely admit I cursed our Hare something very wicked. Mike & K had done their own thing, so it was just the four of us who headed out into open country once more, eventually to pass the walkers on the outskirts of town and climb back up to the pub - where we had our very own room in the stables. Huddling together for warmth (any excuse!) under the paraffin lamps, we listened to our gentle ambulatory GOM - who for once did not have to raise her voice thank Laura & Iain for a splendid Hash. Maurice awarded the Horn to Katrina for constantly reappearing in front of him!



Now. Since it's Christmas, a few crackers!

Why did the golfer wear an extra pair of trousers? *In case he got a hole in one*

Where does Tarzan buy his clothes? *At a jungle sale*

What do you call just married spiders? *Newly-webs.*

Why did the tightrope walker visit his bank? *To check his balance.*

What did the fireman's wife get for Christmas? *A ladder in her stocking*

What did the great explorer eat in the jungle? *Steak and pygmy pie.*

What will they do if the Forth Bridge collapses? *Build a fifth bridge.*

Why was the Egyptian boy confused? *Because his daddy was a mummy.*

Why do animals have fur coats? *Because they'd look silly in anoraks.*

What happened to the hyena that swallowed an Oxo cube? *He made a laughing stock of himself.*

Why does the milking stool have only 2 legs? *Because the cow has the udder one.*

Why did the chicken run onto the football pitch? *Because the ref. blew for a foul.*

What kind of tie does a pig wear? *A pig sty.*

What award goes to designers of door knockers? *A no bell prize.*

Which is the faster - hot or cold? *Hot - you can catch cold.*

Judge: Have you been up before me before? *Thief: I don't know, what time do you get up?*

Why did the teacher wear sunglasses to school? *Because her pupils were so bright.*

Why did the teacher call both of her sons Ed? *Because two Eds would be better than one.*

The Editor and staff would like to wish all our readers a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!

Second Coming Hash Runs

182 - 26th Dec - The Keepers Arms, Quenington - GOM & Dave

183 - 9th Jan - The Carpenters Arms, near South Marston - Mike
(signposted off the A420 Swindon-Oxford Road)

184 - 23rd Jan - **NOT** Upper Chute; pub shut. TBA - Jeremy

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