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Exclusive:

X-Ray reveals family pet devoured a sofa cushion!

Vet describes Pooch's condition as comfortable!

Run No.2238
Date: Sunday 17th October 2026
Venue: Chez Hot 'N' Spicee et Moss Key Toe
Location: Clearwater
Beers/Cider: All sorts of bottles/cans
Hare/s: Moss Key Toe (assisted by Christa & Aman)
Runners: 21
Virgins: 3
Visitors: 0
Newies: 0
Après: 0
Hash Hounds: 1
Total: 25
Membership: Celebrating Moss Key Toe's Birthday!



Don't think we need to see that!

An overnight downpour washed away all of the Trail markings. Luckily the Trail was test run the day before as a reconnoitre! Moss Key Toe couldn't believe his luck as the rain had been forecast for both Saturday, for the Trail laying, and Sunday for the run itself, but in contrast it was dry & sunny for the trail with a cooling wind blowing.

With the prospect of Hot 'N' Spicee's cooking après Trail, as well as Kylie & Milf being present, also Mother & Lemming, No Eye Dear & Does What She Says, Kylie & Milf with Cody, Slug & 3D, Underfelt & Lyn, Angeli, Mimi, Sum Chi-Yi, Mei Lean, Linda Lim & Chris were present.

The Hare explained, usual markings in chalk and flour, checkpoints, false trails. A Held Checkpoint would be before the Trail would split into longer or shorter versions. The full trail is 5.9 miles, with a shortcut 5.4 miles. A further short cut would reduce the trail to 4.3 miles.

New runners of Chris, Linda & Sum were welcomed to the Herts Hash before Christa, Aman and No Eye Dear set off quickly, the Trail would proceed south-eastward along Byewaters for 50 Yards, turning left into Gill Close then across the grassed area for 100 Yards to the first Checkpoint on the asphalt path by the River Gade's north bank.

The Trail was picked up again along the riverside path and continued eastwards for 150 yards, meanwhile Milf, with Cody sitting in the buggy, chased the FRBs. The Hare, Slug, 3D and Sally, Kylie and DWSS followed not too far behind, Mother & Lemming had left Buster at home this weekend, so, Sally was the only pooch on Trail this week.

The Trail went down a flight of concrete steps over the river Gade, via the Weir bridge to the next Checkpoint by the wiffy dog poo bin. Christa, Aman and No Eye Dear went into the common Moor in search of the next section of Trail markings, only to double back and catch up again with Milf & Cody as the Trail continued onto a towpath and following the south side of the River Gade for another 100 Yards to a kissing gate by the edge of the common moor, turning north across the Grand Union Canal at The Common Moor lock 79. (the final stretch of the Trail also crosses this bridge, but in the opposite direction).

Turning east on the edge of Weston Wood, the Trail proceeded along a stepped incline, where Cody got out and walked while the Hare and Milf carried the buggy up and onto Buddleia Walk for 400yds to a Checkpoint. Cody was in and out of the buggy amongst Knitting Circle of DWSS, Kylie Slug, 3D and Sally. Mimi, Sum, Mei, Linda, Hot 'N' Spicee and Angeli were following some way behind.

The walkway split at this point and the Trail continues along the left fork for another 400 yds, the final 100yds of which were downhill and joins the Grand Union Canal towpath. Going east for another 200yds (crossing under The Met Line) to a checkpoint at Lot Mead lock 80.

The FRBs followed the False Trail here which continued along the tow path. The main Trail took a north-easterly direction along an unmade road for 400 Yards, to reach a checkpoint at a crossroad/track by Croxley Hall fisheries. The FRBs swept past here making the right decision at the next Check point (At this point Kylie was beginning to give us the low down on the history of the Metropolitan line). (This is the last the Hare saw of the FRBs until the Held Check).

Continuing for 800 Yards along a straight path between the south side of the Metropolitan line and Croxley Hall fisheries, the Trail would advance downhill passed the Joan of Arc School Sports Field, crossing the River Chess (at Caryvan) then onto Caravan Lane to a Checkpoint at Rickmansworth High Street.

The Trail crossed the High Street and continued uphill for 500 Yards, the Pack were still on the southside of the Metropolitan Line (A shared line with the Aylesbury Express Service, according to Slug, into Marylebone station) [The name derives from Mary le Bon, or Mary the good! – Ed] to a Checkpoint down a steep flight of steps.

The buggy and Cody were assisted down the steps onto Station Road. Care was need in crossing the road, proceeding north along Station Road to pass under the Metropolitan Line for 50 Yards and crossing Homestead,

Hopping mad

I am a Flea Circus owner and recently decided to groom my performers for a big show. I chose 'Johnsons Dog Flea Shampoo', but far from cleaning my fleas' hair, it actually killed them. Let this serve as a warning to other flea keepers.

D. Miller, Kiphill

where Milf searched for and found a marked, safe crossing point for Cody and the buggy to come onto a pedestrianised pathway, by the car park and Rectory Road for 100Yards and under the road bridge.

Emerging on the east side of Chorleywood Road, it was uphill for 150 Yards on a path running parallel to Victoria Close. Turning westwards, and more uphill for 150 Yards along to a pedestrian bridge (with a viewpoint there) over Chorleywood Road to a Held Checkpoint at the east side of Rickmansworth Park.

Aman, Christa and No Eye Dear were waiting at the regroup, they were joined by Slug, 3D & Sally, Milf & Cody, followed by The Hare followed by Kylie and DWSS. From here the Trail split again. The Short Cut for 800 Yards, followed a path downhill through Rickmansworth Park, joining a road around Rickmansworth Park Infants School and joining Park Road by Our Lady of Help Roman Catholic Church and westwards along Park Road and rejoining the main trail at the base of Scotts Hill (now renamed Milf Hill).

Meanwhile the FRBs continued northwards along a treelined path between Chorleywood Road and The Royal Masonic School for Girls, rejoining Chorleywood Road and continuing north uphill for 150 Yards to a Checkpoint. The trail continued sharply downhill westwards along an unmarked path alongside a perimeter fence of the Royal Masonic School for Girls for 400 Yards to another Checkpoint where Loudwater Lane meets Chess Valley Walk.

A shortcut here followed Chess Valley Walk for 800yds along the east side and merging the Eastbank of the River Chess, then rejoining the main trail by the bridge (over the river Chess). This was a low point on the Trail, the main Trail followed Loudwater Lane for 200 Yards westward and 200 Yards southward to a Checkpoint at the junction with the unmade Chess Lane. The next 800 Yards followed Chess Lane which now became a path west of the River Chess to reach a Checkpoint.

Turning east for 150 Yards across the bridge heading south and meeting the shortcut at Chess Valley Walk. The Trail continued south along Chess Valley Walk for 400yds. Leaving the Chess Valley Walk the Trail ran through the park for 200 Yards, with the Millers and Carter on the left, a skate park on the right, to join with the short trail at the east side of Park Road. The FRBs were behind at this point, Milf & Cody were a few minutes ahead.

At this point the FRBs caught up with Hot N' Spicee's Oriental group. All Trails now merged together as one Trail, as everyone crossed Park Road to the other side and turning west for 150 Yards to a checkpoint at the junction with Lavrock Lane continuing south, a steady climb on Lavrock Lane for 200 Yards and a further 800 Yards westwards. (Here Milf, Cody, 3D, waited For Kylie, Slug Sally & DWSS to catch up and for Kylie to explain to us all about this Metropolitan Line junction which we were about to cross). We now know what a spur in the line means! [A line that supplies good to a works, storage or industrial site? – Ed]

The Trail continued passed All Saints Lane on the left and Croxley Hall Farm Road on the right, still climbing veering northwest on what is now a track for 400 Yards crossing Harvey Road onto a path bordering HR Allotments on the right and Weston Woods on the right travelling westwards Parrell to Frankland Road, the climb is now flattening at a trail highpoint.

The trail turned south along a path 100 Yards through Weston Woods Downhill towards the canal and turning westwards parallel to the Grand Union Canal for 200 Yards. It was a little tricky exiting Weston Woods because Milf, helped by Kylie and the Hare, had to carry the buggy over some exposed tree roots [TBT OBE Traps! – Ed] and then turning south downhill along mill Lane for 100yds towards and over the canal at lock 79.

The ON INN was spotted, turning sharp westwards on the canal part on the southside of the Grand Union Canal for 150 Yards turning south into Byewaters (note spelling ED) [Noted, dear scribe! – Ed] for 100 Yards turning west for 50 more Yards to finish at Chez Hot 'N' Spicee et Moss Key Toe.

Milf & Cody were the first to arrive back, followed by the FRBs and Hot N' Spicee's group of Mimi, Sum Chi-Yi, Mei Lean, Linda Lim. As the Hash came Inn by the Grand Union Canal, around this time of the day the absent Pebbledash, Pepé le Pew, Paxo, My Lil' & Mr X were also on the Grand Union Canal, but around 80 miles away at the Birmingham end of things, having attend the Peaky Blinder's Hash Weekend.

Back at base with the BBQ on serving burgers, sausages, brioche buns, complimented with Hot 'N' Spicee's chicken curry, rice and poppadum's, plenty of salads [Shame TBT OBE wasn't there! – Ed] as well as a few nice sweet courses, and not forgetting a birthday cake as the 18th is Moss Key Toe's birthday.

It took a 10-year-old in 1988 to point out the error with the pencils issued in the US education system!





