



REPORT ON RUN 433 ON 6th AUGUST 2023

After weeks of inclement weather, Lady Luck smiled at us as we gathered in dry conditions in a car park just off Headley Road, Grayshott for a joint run with Pis't'offen H3 set by Hawkeye. 18 hashers assembled in total, with a mixture of 11 from H4 and 7 from PH3 plus Charlie the sole canine. The PH3 contingent included 3 walkers, colourfully named Call Girl, In the Bum and Sparkly!

A bit of trivia about Grayshott. The earliest reference to it is in the Winchester Bishopric records as Gravesetta (1185) and Graveschete (1200). In 1533 it was called Graveshotte and the name changed to its current spelling in the 18th century. Famous former inhabitants include George Bernard Shaw and Colin Firth.

Anyway, Hawkeye briefed us on the variety of sawdust markings deployed, including a novel check sign comprising a circle with a dot in the centre. That was a first for H4. This indicates a short cut can be taken on the nearest track to the right of the marking. Without further ado, we set off at 11am, running along Hill Road and then the aptly named Stoney Bottom before entering the woods and working our way downhill to join Waggoner's Wells Lane where we encountered our first 'circle with dot' marking. Forgetmeknot was called back to avoid his run being curtailed. Whilst taking a shortcut with Nutbush, Beta Blocker had a mishap clambering over a small bank, where her right leg disappeared down a hidden rabbit hole. Later on, Beta maintained her accident prone track record by twisting an ankle on a downward slope, but there was no chivalrous offer of a piggy back or fireman's lift from Lost Fart running alongside! That said, he advised Beta to watch her step!

The pack then traversed clockwise around the periphery of the first two Waggoner's ponds where Charlie the Lab had an impromptu dip to fetch a stick, before we headed broadly north west through Ludshott Common along Waggoners Way, then along Lodge Way before joining Grayshott Way. All of this was through open common land or under cover in the woods with plenty of well laid false trails and check points to keep us on our toes. Eventually we crossed Headley Road again, then ran alongside Hammer Lane before heading south east at the rear of the newish housing estate (formerly Applegarth Farm fields), eventually passing Grayshott recreation ground before heading north to cross Whitmore Vale Road and then entering more woodland due south of Beacon Hill, following the picturesque trail along many-a-footpath before emerging on to Avenue Road and finally Headley Road for the last time, to reach the pub.

We thoroughly enjoyed a convivial get together with PH3 in the pub garden of the Fox and Pelican, and a chance to reflect on a very enjoyable and well executed route. Many thanks to Hawkeye for setting this clearly marked 6.3 mile run with an elevation of 639 ft.

Tony "Ravinous Curls" McVeigh

