



REPORT ON RUN 399 ON 2nd AUGUST 2020

Group 1

Meeting in the ample car park of Greatham Village Nursery School, Group 1 departed with Alpha Blocker and Duracell at the helm as joint hares. And so began one of the most memorable H4 runs I can recall, with landmarks a plenty and outstanding scenery to boot. Starting with a quick diversion through the intriguing ruins of the Old Church of Greatham, we weaved our way through tracks, fields, woods and country lanes (falling for cleverly set falsies along the way) and at one point we ran parallel to the South Downs with Butser Hill on the horizon. After traversing a wheat field with a neatly furrowed path we arrived at a metalled road with a check point, and yours truly converted the hydrant road marking into a ‘H4’ which provided a photo opportunity on how not to social distance!

Shortly afterwards, we arrived at the exquisite Le Court Memorial Garden, dedicated to its founder Group Captain Lord Cheshire VC, OM, DSO, DFC and the former disabled residents of Le Court that will be maintained in perpetuity. Well worth reading up on this extraordinary chap and his feats during and after WWII, truly inspiring and thought provoking. The picturesque beauty continued until we arrived in a modern housing development back in Greatham and after stopping to pick up some free courgettes laid out on a village bench for passersby, we looped back through some fields and the school car park was soon upon us. A thoroughly enjoyable, well thought out and superbly executed 6.5 mile run, courtesy of The Blockers, Jelly and Duracell – well done!

Tony ‘Ravinous Curls’ McVeigh

Group 2

Restricted to 200 words, and on the assumption that Group 1 scribe has written a more analytical account of the morning’s run (!), allow me to provide some discursive facts and observations on behalf of Group 2:

- The last hash from Greatham was 15 years ago so it was high time another visit from H4.
- Beta Blocker (joint hare) brought up in the village shared local knowledge and reminiscences.
- Over the hill having sanitised his legs to ward off the dreaded....✓ exhibited commendable front-running
- Arriving late as intended, ‘iskneesarebuggered and Chastity Belt soon caught up with impressive use of track and trace.
- Group Captain Leonard Cheshire (founder of Le Court home for disabled) was awarded the VC for services over his whole war operational career rather than one distinctive act of bravery (of which there many).
- Of the many crop fields traversed the one that really took the eye was the scintillating blue of chicory – quite bedazzling (thanks to other joint hare, Jelly, for that gem of info).

In summary, a brilliantly devised trail full of diversity and ingenuity (e.g. intersecting arrows; a neat sawdust “4” alongside road-marked “H” for hydrant sign, etc.). Awarded Alpha/Beta +++!

Doug ‘Marathow’ Thow



