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**When:** 06 Mar 2018

**When:** The Dashwood Arms, Piddington

**Hare:** Kamikaze

**Scribe:** Crazy

**Hounds:** 19 **Dogs:** 1

**Distance:** 6.62 miles

**Time:** 89.10 min

**Uphillness:** 2055.00 ft

Tuesday had arrived again. "It is our turn to do the write-up as you laid it last week, I have contacted Graham to give you a lift and I am off to visit mum," Sandra told me as she loaded the car.

Arriving with more others than I expected at Piddington, there was no snow in the car park. The Hare informed us it was a flat run (from here?), no shiggy, 3-ish and 5-ish, prompting the usual questions on -ish lengths. Please let it not be a Sarah '-ish' and the distance be just in miles and not in Kenometres.

So off across the fields, the Hash showed our belief in the Hare's description by checking with confidence uphill at every opportunity, even being called at one point, making Kamikaze Kev yell "On Back" and get us to follow the valley. The route took us past the football ground (*Adams Park - Ed.*), apparently with really good views of it - except no one was playing, the lights were off and it was very dark! Thanks Kev :-)

Soft snow is not supportive to run in and the underlying texture hard to determine from above, and also makes one's ankles cold and damp, so I steered around it on the On Back and tried the claggy mud next to it, smoother but not much grip. The grass although cambered is probably the best route, although with cold ankles and claggy shoes it was a bit hard to really know.

Obviously without Hells, Bigfoot and Speedbump the pace was much higher than usual, no-one feeling the need to make them look good. Indeed having crossed the valley and going up the opposite side Nikki came running past me like a train. At the furthest point Kev remembered he had forgotten to mention the kitchen closed at 8:45. (small detail!)

Knowing I was appointed scribe I asked if anything of note had happened on the short run. Mike was apparently having trouble getting his leg over, so Nikki - the only female member out this evening - kindly gave him a bunk-up, and later sprinted past me up a hill? Probably totally unrelated incidents! The 3- or 4-man short run (they had trouble counting) split with only Rob going over the final hill, the other true SCBs followed the road back. In the pub there were plates full of hot Jenga chips, and many choices of beer. Mike stood in and made a very eloquent speech, it was mentioned the steaks were slightly too rare, and the crème brûlée was fractionally overcooked, possibly by the flambé at the table.

All in all a very pleasant hash, great food, flat-ish. Thanks Kev.

# Chip Advisor

The Dashwood Arms  
Piddington

# 67.5 %

SodLime index: £1.80



Happy dog!

## Beer



Now there's a thing. Rebellion Roasted Nuts being top banana. Mind you, it did display the classic Rebellion trait of being great, good, fair, not bad, clag as one emptied the glass. Other offerings were Skinners Betty Stoggs (Big Girl!), the bland but reliably average Doombar and the accursed Rebellion IPA.

## Not beer



Once again a rip off with lime & soda at £1.80 a pint and cola of some description and parentage at a fairly hefty £2.70. With a cost per glug of pennies for chemical fizz delivered from a multi drink pump which probably hasn't been cleaned since Accrington Stanley were last at Wembley, it really isn't on.

## Food



Now these were proper jobs. Designed by someone with a straight edge, they were mostly geometrically perfect, crisp, piping hot and some built like a rugby fullback, sized to require serious attention to dispatch. Yum.

## Hashmosphere



A bit of a rag, tag boozier with three areas, the flow of which is destroyed by a big chimney & fireplace. Keyboard declared it would be better if this was demolished but then added that as it holds the roof up this was probably rather unwise. Given our reduced numbers, we were able to huddle in just one area which was convivial. Plenty of parking out back and on the road out front.

## Commentary

Lying along the old A.40, a road where only one in a gazillion cars pass by, the rest foraging on the motorway, the Dashwood is kept afloat by an enterprising landlord putting on music nights, quizzes, biker rallies, scooter ( not moped!!!) rallies, bring & buys, fetes, jumble sales, knock Roger off the donkey, morris prancers and in fact just about anything that will pull in a punter. Well done & good luck!

## Next Hash

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### 27 Mar 2018

BigFoot  
**The Squirrel**  
Booker  
HP12 4RZ

## Runs list

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27 Mar	The Squirrel Booker HP12 4RZ	BigFoot
03 Apr	The Blue Ball Asheridge HP5 2UX	Spy <b>Please do not fill up the car park as it discourages other punters. Pack your cars in neatly and use the road too.</b>
10 Apr	The Black Horse Lacey Green HP27 0QU	Scribbler <b>It's the Pub of the Year</b>
24 Apr	Dunno yet	Barney
15 May	Dunno yet	Zebedee
19 Jun	Dunno yet	Klingon

## Dates for your dairy

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**11 to 13 May 2018**

### *Bike Bash Away Weekend*

Ken has now booked the bunkhouse for next year's MTB away weekend, dates as above Friday-Sunday. Slindon National Trust bunkhouse near Arundel, West Sussex. Hoping these dates will suit everybody, if not you need to re-arrange your diary as there are some fabulous trails here, you will be sorry if you miss this, (there are also some good local pubs).

**Friday 18th - Sunday 20th May 2018**

### *UK Nash Bash 2018*

Nash Bash 2018 is now open for registration. Brighstone Holiday Centre IOW. I've no idea what it is, but the email I got said "Looks like a great event / location! Get your entries in early!"

**21 to 23 September**

### *Hash Away Weekend*

We're off to Cirencester for the away weekend this year. Details appearing slowly. [more details on website]