



HALDON BELVEDERE - HARE-CUT POACHER AND ARFANAH

THE TRAIL

In which we celebrate Poachers Birthday (40?) and his "Harecut!"

Pack assembled at the car park on a brilliant sunny evening..just about the last one you could get away with running "sans" torch!

Pack size 20+ given those missing (Busby, Screech, Coffin, Oddbitz etc this was a good number. Couple of new comers and virgins Mike? and University guy just moved to the area. Also "Boggoff" from TVH3 and Ash hash. Stix present and X bitz stand in RA... while Spocky and Itsey Bitz headed off on a short cut to the tower.

Usual briefing by Poacher.....I think the language is English...but not quite sure then a quick "On On" up and around the tower to a very early beer and cake stop at the tower.

For those of you who don't knowfrom its vantage-point, panoramic views extending to Dartmoor, Exmoor, the South Hams, the River Exe valley and its estuary can be seen. On a really clear day, the Isles of Purbeck and Portland Bill in Dorset are visible and some say even Wales. A great stop, great views and great hospitality.

Haldon Belvedere, also known as Lawrence Castle, is a Grade II* listed triangular

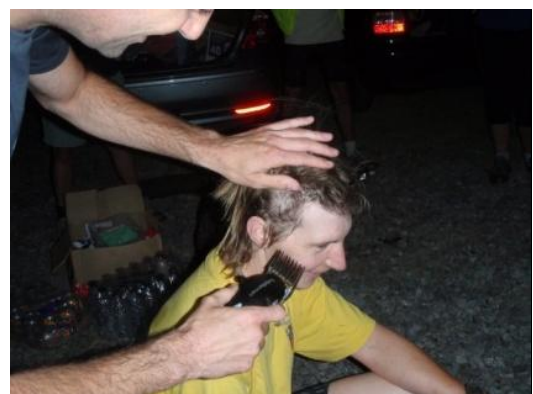
tower, originally built in 1788 by Sir Robert Palk as the centre piece to his vast estates and dedicated to the memory of Major-General Stringer Lawrence the founder of the Indian army.

Then came the hard work..."ON ON" great trail in a great location, now joined by Wide Receiver as a late comer.

Trail worked really well...."shiggy" in plenty, lots in my eye..... which resulted in lots of attention from the ladies...must do this again! Lots of ups and downs, on the trails through the forest ridge with fantastic views and a brilliant sunset.

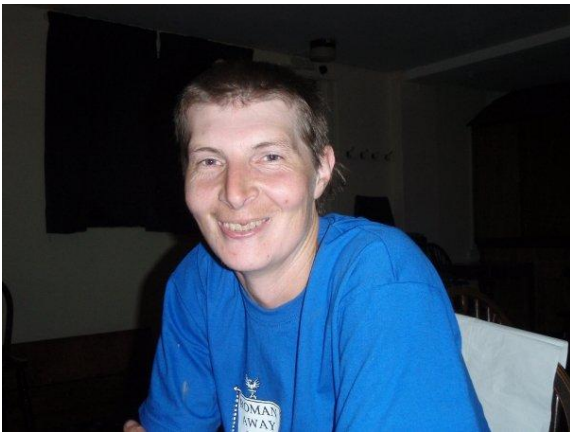
Key point on this trail was the outbreak of "fishhooks which caught out the FRB's..Strongbow, FF, Wide reciver "et al" and our virgin Uni guy. Just proved you don't need long trails to create good runs.

Shorts back early followed soon by Longs. Then the delights of circle and down downs..who got what I fail to remember but the climax was poacher having a haircut with clipper..Battery failed on these then nail clippers..Chief crimps were X Bitz, PP, Arfanar and Wide Receiver. If they ever offer to cut your hair refuse!!!!Battery about to run out!!!!



ON Down was the Seven Stars in Kennford.
Where I was greeted by “Duncan” TVH3 long
suffering paramour of Hi De Hi.....he thought
he would be safe having a quiet pint in his local!
We repaired to the back room/skittle alley for well
earned drinks and sausage, beans and chips... all
for £3.50... Strongbow of course won the “who
can eat most” competition narrowly beating
Whoopsie.

Poacher after - lucky you can't see the back!



A great night, great trail, memorable events and
good pub... shame it's the end of summer
nights!!!!

On On to winter Larks

NEXT WEEKS HASH

Date: 16.09.09

Time: 7.30pm

Meet:

O.D:

Hare:

19:30 Cowick Barton, Alphington, Exeter - AGPU [Buzby