



Aylesbear Common, Joney's Cross: Hares PP & FF

THE TRAIL

We pulled into the car park and we were running a little late. All I can say is that since becoming a father I am generally 30mins late for everything so a couple of minutes is pretty good going.

We quickly joined the circle, where 25 or more hashers were waiting to hear PP and FF explain all the necessary info - and then we started off with a long / short split.

I opted for the long – feeling fresh and keen, but soon realised the old obvious trick of, “lets send them all down the hill and back up again” Bahh. I hate hills and so was totally knackered by the time we got back to the car park.

We were instructed over the main road and into Alesbear Common (A place which I have not knowingly hashed in before). Expecting to meet up with the shorts, we were a little perplexed to see non of the checks had been kicked out? So we had to check each and every time and there were a good number of them. (PP took the time during the Down-Downs to explain that this was deliberate, but my tired and weary legs didn't want to hear it). At one stage we even saw the shorts and were on the path towards them, when a naughty false trail cross sent us all the way back and around through some really nasty Shiggy comprising of gorse, bracken, nettles and deep wet mud. Someone even shouted “On In”!!!

When we emerged from the Shiggy the shorts had gone!! And it was high time I had my Sweetie Stop. “Don't worry””, said FF, “I've got the sweets here in my bag.”

On-On into the woods. I didn't actually forget my torch – I just forgot the batteries to go in them. Nevertheless after three weeks of being away I was most surprised to see how dark it got and how quickly. I was stuffed and had to remain behind or next to Stix all the way down to the group.

Sweeties were a good selection and considering the number of hashers there were plenty to go round. Now that's the trait of a good Hare!

We were off again and straight onto a long short split - taking the short due to lack of torch and stamina I was still caught out by a number of fish-hooks. Number Two lent me her torch which made things worse as now I could see the Fish-hooks which were catching me out!!

WE eventually came back over the main road and into Woodbury Common, through some more trees and then back into the open and into the Car Park.

It was a clear starry night. A most awe-inspiring site of thousands of stars, galaxies and a good few planets including Jupiter, which apparently almost could have been a star, and that night really did shine like one.

Coffin had materialised from somewhere (I'm certain she wasn't on the trail?) and performed her very last duty as R.A. She has formally stated that she is standing down after next week.

DOWN-DOWNS

- * Hares PP and FF
- * Balls-up for lost property
- * Damp Patch for not getting to be the R.A. for the night.
- * Wide Receiver and Spocky for dressing up so badly.

THE ON-DOWN

Alesbear Inn never lets us down with good sized pub grub at a reasonable price. I tried a lovely new ale from O'Hanlons called Stormstay – it was so nice I almost punched Damp Patch for forcing me to drive that night, as I could only have the one drink. ☹️

Other than discussing fine ales we also discussed the Miss Management and I was horrified to hear that all members had to stand down and then be re-elected – especially after hearing Spocky claim that I was a crap Chief Scribe and not a Patch on Damp patch. Although deeply hurt, I see this only as a challenge to rise to! So to all - I am more

than happy to be elected for another year to prove my worth.

ONON **Balls-Up**

QUOTE OF THE WEEK

- * Spocky Bitz said to Wide Receiver regarding his rather loud Hawaiian Shirt, "We said wear something bright, not something Twatish!"
- * Buzby said to Spock who was wearing a bright purple cloak, "Clark Kent? More like Clark *BENT.*"

NEXT WEEK'S HASH

Date: 30 September 2009
Time: 7.30 pm
Meet: Newton Poppleford CP
On Down: Otter Inn, Colaton Raleigh
Hare(s): Oddbitz