

Run : 2125 The Carpenters Maldon Hares: Basil, VV & Dr D

Our chauffeurs (Heapo & AGO) arrived in plenty of time to collect us and get us to the car park in White Horse Lane by 11am. As we pulled into the car park we spotted Small P sitting on the tailgate of his car and as we headed over the G M was parking up too.

The 6 of us headed to the pub and as we neared it we spied Basil, VV, Compressed F and V bitch on the corner. Whilst we were extolling the virtues of a cold, damp grey morning we were joined by One Erection and Pulled out closely followed by Corpse.

The Landlord kindly opened the pub for those needing a wee stop before we started and those not taking the opportunity to use the facilities had to move out of the road to allow a vehicle to pass, however as it slowed down the passenger door opened and Mother Sucker appeared.

BS3 had just left to park up when VV told MS where the beerstop was going to be so she quickly called her transport to divert him to the new Buchanan abode. The church clock struck 11 just as GM called us to order and set us off.

The pack ably assisted by Basil turned right out of the pub but once AGO realised it would quickly get very shuggy, she opted to join VV and the walkers. Corpse said he would struggle to get around the walking trail and whilst the Hare was giving him directions I made the decision to go with Corpse on a very short trail as I had already visited the Buchanan abode before.

We arrived at the beer stop to a very warm welcome hosted by Dr D and found a grand display of Ironbrew, Tunnock cakes, Whyte & Mackay Whisky, Pattersons shortbread and I think it was Mckewans ale adorning the dining table.....Haggis pizza's were in the oven and she even had time to make an ad-hoc veggie option for BSC & MS.

The main pack arrived and quickly demolished the buffet before queuing at the back door to retrieve their muddy shoes from the mound of footwear outside the back door. There was a time when the shoes would have been distributed around the garden and laces of incorrect pairings tied together, but not today. Just V Bitches shoes being hidden under the wheelie bin lid and one of Corpses shoes being thrown out the gate to be retrieved by SP.

A short walk back to the pub (or the car park to change into less muddy attire) to find a great selection of ales available. Great social on inn and shortly after we got back we were joined by E M F, Tits Up and Rising Damp.

SP stood in as RA for the day and shortly after the raffle had finished Pic, Furry Annie, Stinking Bishop & Come on Bear arrived. They had been delayed enroute and missed the start of the run but had managed to navigate the complete trail on their own. Great to see them even if only for a short while as our chauffeurs were preparing to take us home.

Great old fashioned hash, great time all round On On Sooty