

Run #2140 Tuesday 5th May, The Smugglers Inn, Hullbridge

Hares:- Sir Casey & Blowdry

This TUESDAY evening we (about 20!) were gathered at The Smugglers Inn at Hullbridge – and there had been speculation as to whether we would venture through the water to South Woodham Ferrers. However, Fourplay had checked the tide tables – and low tide was 22:06 – which meant that at 19:00, the water would have been over the heads of most of the hashers (except Sludge & Comes Not a Lot!).

So – the GM called the circle to order, and Sir Casey briefed us on the evenings run. We set off running inland (!), parallel to the sea, and then turned across the countryside, along lovely wide tracks, easy for running. We zig-zagged about a bit, crossing the main Lower road a couple of times, before reaching the beer stop – where the knitting circle were gathered, and trying (and failing) to hide in the bushes. We all drank beer (which was actually there this time – unlike Sir Casey's last hash!) and ate fruity sweets, before heading off on the second half. Heapo & Pied Piper also headed off – but seemed to be going in the complete opposite direction to where they should be going!!

We soon crossed the out-path, as we did our figure of eight – which confused Small Prick somewhat, as he started following the out-trail again! The rest of us continued along the lane, finally reaching the riverbank, with it's 'view point' kindly pointed out to us by the Hare. We had a team photo, and then followed the sea wall back to the pub.

Once at the pub, there was lots of friendly chatter, Pulled Out was acting as the RA for the evening. We went outside for the down-downs, which were duely given to the Hares, Sir Casey & Blowdry, for their excellent route, Heapo & Pied Piper for going the wrong way, Zipper & Frogman for also going the wrong way (dead ends), and Small Prick for also going the wrong way (back along the out route). We also had two celebrations – Corpseshagger reached his 500 run – and proudly put on his 500 sweat-shirt which seemed to fit him perfectly. And also Vicky Vomit, who reached 500 parkruns at the weekend, and was joined on his Saturday morning run by many Essex Hashers, including Fag After who actually completed his first parkrun!

It should be mentioned that when the hares had their down-downs we had the 'wonderful' song written by Frogman. It was supposed to be to the tune of 'bits & pieces' – but as no-one could remember how that actually went – it was just a mumble-along which meant we had to say the words 'budgie smugglers' about 3 times!

On! On!

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