

A view from the pub!

Yet another cold and dark Monday evening saw quite a large pack gather in Basildon at The Castle Mayne pub. The log fire did much to cheer the mood, so much so that Dr D stayed in the pub.

Tonight was not only EH3's 2071st trail but it was St Sebastions day. With 2 GM's attending Vicky took the lead and explained that not only is St Sebastian the patron saint of Athletes & Archers, he is also the patron saint of the LGBTQ community and of plagues.

Essex had 3 Archers on the trail tonight... BCSP, Corpse and the Archer by name The Count!! The pack sped off out of the gate and up the hill towards Stanway. We had been advised that Heapo knew where the beerstop was (just over a mile) and looking over my shoulder and back into the pub I made the decision to not let Dr D drink alone.

Just over an hour went by before the first hashers returned to the pub. I handed out refunds to most of pack from the Christmas meal and our songmaster handed out 2 songs on this special hash.

The pub had agreed to the hare (Casey) bringing buttered bread in to go with the chips & sausages from the chip shop.

Vicky stood in as RA and awarded down downs to the Archers (even though count had left early to collect son no1 from the station) 359, Compressed fart, Pied Piper, Boing Boing & Sludge, Frogman and last but not least, myself.

The 2nd song of the night celebrated our friend Carmel "Tenna Lady" Bassett who is hashing in the big circle in the sky. For those that never got to meet her she was amazing and represented England in Archery, she was a bronze medallist in the Visually Impaired 2/3 category at the Donaueschingen 2015 World Archery Para Championships and also competed in the 2016 European Championships in France where she finished fourth.

Best singing for ages!! Great trail, great times

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