

The Blue Boar – Billericay

Heapo & Aven't got One.

The last day of March was sunny but a bit chilly. Many of the pack were hoping for a shorter trail than usual as they thought that the clocks going forward meant that it wouldn't be dark at 8pm and they didn't bring a torch.

Lunchbox and I had collected the hares en route to the pub and although the recommended parking was off the high street the GM had bags of raffle prizes to off load so we parked behind the pub.

We were greeted by Dr Deaf as we entered the pub, enjoying his 90p half a pint before the trail. Around 20 hashers gathered, we were one short as BCSP had a flat tyre and couldn't make it in time and suddenly it was 7.01pm and Blow-dry hadn't called GM to order. The pack were accompanied by AGO and the knitters guarded the GM and the beer. Pied Piper, Dr D, Sucked Inn, Corpse, GM and me headed downhill towards the station, downhill along a footpath (trying not to delay the hoards of ants that were on their way home) and before too long we were at Lake Meadows.

A much needed sit down was needed by the Harriettes as the male contingent walked further into the park to set up the beer stop. We decided not to go any further but to do an about turn and head back to the pub. I sent the GM a WhatsApp to let him know we were heading back and off we went up hill.

A drink tonight was definitely not going to break the bank. A Guinness zero, pint of Pepsi and a half of porter was £5.48!!!!!!!!!!!!!! cheaper than a can of zero at most other venues although the clientele left a lot to be desired until the manager asked a family that included a 3 & 6 year old to leave (Well dad had called the youngest a f\*\*king little g\*t.)

The pack slowly returned to the pub and Frogman gave out songsheets and a hare song for the circle. AGO had been trusted with the tray last week as Fag After was on another holiday so Dr Deaf got the beers in but needed the GM's assistance as a 2<sup>nd</sup> tray was required to transfer the down downs to the garden. So many beers we had 3 RS's, Count, Casey & Vicky. AGO got one for leading the pack very much astray for around 200 yards in the wrong direction and another as well for the trail, Heapo got one for the beer stop, Sludge got one for feigning a stone in his shoe when he got to the fish hook. Zipper for harassing a youngster and trying to steal his scooter, Frogman was rewarded for providing the songs, Lunchbox for aiding medical research (and he is still waiting for the picture of his brain) Blowdry for reaching her retirement, Pied Piper, Comes not a lot, and a few others were rewarded for reasons I can not remember.

Loads of raffle prizes finished off a great evening.

Thanks all On On till next week for more of the same Sooty.