

Run #2158 Tuesday 1st September, Una Road, Bowers Gifford

Hares:- Pied Piper, Ratchatcher, Master, Mistress & Little Miss Naughty

Today we were gathered at the abode of Pied Piper and the clan – at Una Road in Bowers Gifford. Little did we know, until the down-downs, that it was a special day for Pied Piper – as it was his 1,000th run!! Well done PP - he had even attended a Sunday run a few weeks back – in order to get the timing right!

Anyway – as usual – I started counting the attendees, I got to about 26 and couldn't count anymore – there were too many people – and lots of little people – and they were moving about and all looking quite similar – so there must have been over 35 of us – at least!

Anyway – the Count called us all to order, and PP explained that there were 3 trails tonight – the 'normal' trail, following flour and led by Little Miss Naughty, a knitting circle led by The Master, and a small group in the woods (!), led by Pied Piper himself. So, we all set off – and there were lots of runners, there was a promise of shiggy and ditches – but they didn't come to much – as it had dried out again since last weeks rain.

The group were quite spread out – the youngsters were a bit quicker than the oldies – but we managed to regroup at the Beer Stop – managed by the Mistress. They had even provided a camouflaged port-a-loo – just in case it was needed (!).

We then headed back to Una Road – across the fields and through a tricky wooded section, before we saw Pied Piper in the distance, welcoming us back.

Ratcatcher had provided a good spread as usual, and all of Pied Pipers gang had turned out in force, partly to celebrate the 1,000th run – and partly because they know that there will be good food!

Then we had the down-downs – given out by our stand-in RA – Pulled Out. Firstly we had the five hares come forward – and we all sang the ditty provided by Frogman. Then we had a faller on the course – Ellie – so she had a down-down, Pulled Out had found a golf ball – so this was presumed to belong to Corpse, and he got a down-down, others went to the 4 grandsons of PP, for 'being young', Sucked Inn for her 700th run, Pied Piper for his 1,000th run and finally Little Miss Naughty & Hubby for their 19th wedding anniversary.

We had a great evening, with great hospitality, enjoyed by everyone.

On! On!

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