



Run Number 131, 10 September 2009
Starting at Sprog's shop, Southport

The Pack: Compo; Sprog, **The Hare**; Carthief; 10"; FCUK (Oh and Cyril the Viking was mentioned once which is why his logo is even more faded than before)

It always seems to take longer to get to Southport than I imagine but this time we relied on Compo's navigation rather than the Sat nav. (Took even longer!)

We stripped off our outer garments in the shop and the customary Hash Flash followed.



We quickly made our way to the grandstand where the Hare had used the local artistry to Hash effect



Being of a devious mind he had hidden the arrow under his foot (you can just see the start of it).



Off went the pack and down to the coast where the Hare had cautiously added a second Check in case the first one was wiped out.

Luckily he had made the second one somewhat bigger.



Making our way along Marine Drive we were treated to a variety of natural occurrences

Natterjack toads
combined with a Check Back 5



And some man made ones



Which were carefully studied (in case of a pub quiz question I suppose)



A sunset combined with a Hash View



Crossing some sand **FCUK** stilled the waters for us



Or was he just bragging about the size (of the fish that he had caught)

Probably the latter
because he nearly had a
Hash Crash



Onto the Check



And then onto the roundabout and the monument to the cockle pickers



And here they are!



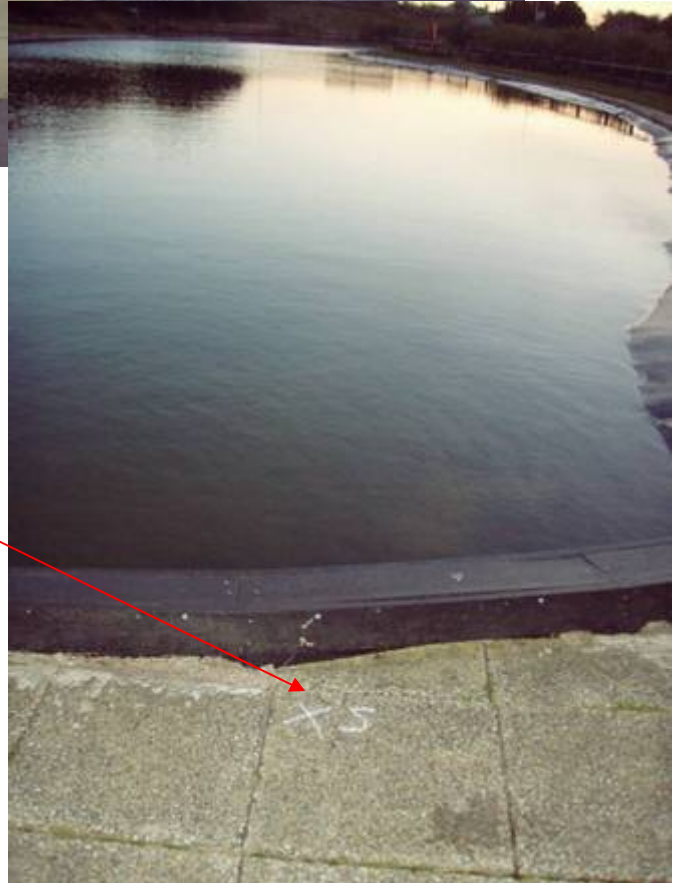
A cheeky Check with the Trail leading through what initially looked like a locked gate over an open area through another gate we went until **FCUK** spotted a photo opportunity par excellence



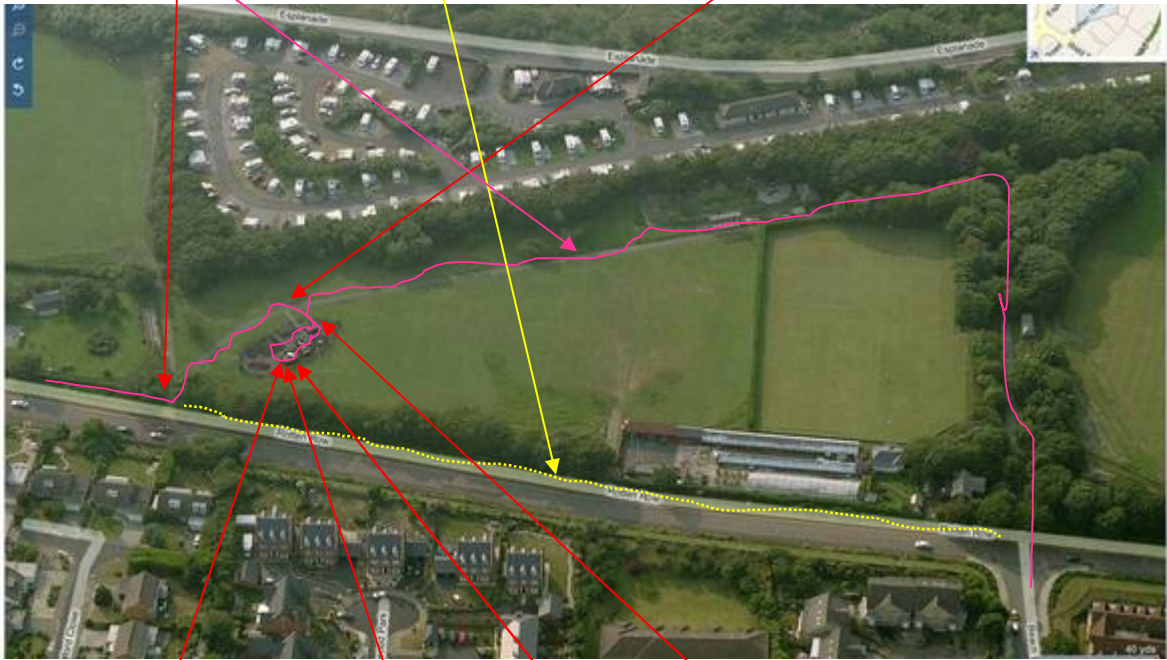
Onto another gate which looked suspicious as it seemed to be a model railway and so turned out to be a Check Back



Check Back



Along Rotten Row to the Run / SC split



Up Beach road but not before we found that someone had stolen the Rotten Row sign



Along Westcliffe Road and onto another carefully placed reminder of why we run



A few false trails, a weird arrow



And we were on the On Inn

Sprog reckoned that we should congregate at the bandstand and produced some light refreshment (seeing that the beer festival beckoned.)



A couple of locals came into the bandstand but quickly (very quickly!) left when we starting singing (I use the word loosely) a Down Down.

The Hare



Carthief

For his travelling directions (from the North this time)



10" for having to ask directions at the station in plain view of the rest of the Pack



Compo for receiving a text message on the run



FCUK

For following the shortcut

The Pack (sans Carthief) retired to the beer festival and then this exchange took place the following morning.

From 10"

Hi Compo, fcuk,

Very impressed with Merseyrail—they put me in a taxi home at Hamilton Square at their expense without demur...!ll never malign them again!

On On 10 secs

From Compo to 10 Secs,

Well done 10 secs, good for Merseyrail.

I got home ok but what a long journey back.

For info fcuk, I met up with 10 secs at Liverpool Central as he had missed his train by seconds, 10 I guess :-). Thanks for waiting at Sandhills, I can still imagine how my reaction must have looked when I emerged onto the platform to see a train pulling out !!

For info CT, the trains from Southport were not running between Formby and Sandhills so we had to cope with a bus replacement service, it took me over 2 hours to get home !!

Well done Sprog, perfect length and interesting run.

Beer was good too, just don't mention the journey home. At least the train was ok for you.

Cheers all round Compo

From Sprog

Morning Chaps,

Thank you for making the effort to come On On to Southport... humble apologies for the cocked up rail network, but trust you all had a jolly good sing-song on the bus to Liverpool and didn't get told off for swearing loudly

I think I owe somebody £3 for the remainder of their beer token card. Looking forward to doing justice to the cider selection this evening, fortunately just 7 or 8 ciders to try, as opposed to 60+ beers... O happy day! Sprog

From FCUK

Compo didn't mention WHY he missed the train..fcuk