



11 August 2011 Run 183 - Chester, The Artichoke.

FCUK, Snoozanne, ET (Trash), Auntie Cyclone (Hare), Overdrive, 10'', Sprog, Compo, Cleopatra, Tia Maria

Rain had threatened to dampen the enthusiasm as tonight's pack congregated. Rain held off for the larger portion of the evening, menacing clouds were ever present and the markings for this evenings run - as well as from 'The other Hash' laid at the weekend had remained visible to the more observant of the pack.

Familiarity with the water/roads networks would have assisted in finding this evenings rendezvous at The Artichoke. The packs vehicles were scattered around the start point - difficult for leaving clothes and gathering the post run provisions.

The Artichoke was situated on the canal side in the old Steam Mill. Good selection of beers if a bit overpriced. The interior decor was not enhanced by the white plastic chairs - maybe they were warned that the place may have been filled with hashers this evening and would be easier to clean?

Imposed on a hapless bystander to snap the hash flash so all attendees are featured in the picture



Artichoke - Thistle like plant of which base of flower, bud and surrounding scales are edible - What's that got to do with a bar in Chester?



And we're off - An unusual shot of all the hashers 'Running'. It must be noted that this is about 20m from the start which may explain the initial enthusiasm. Pack had reverted to the usual pace by the bridge.



FCUK obviously confident from the back to indicate which direction to follow..



Severe flooding spotted whilst running along the Shropshire Union canal.



Tia Maria advised (No photographic evidence available) that she had the ability to talk to the ducks. -Well we all have that ability- But TM was convinced that they understood what she was saying and would jump into the canal on her command. This skill will have to be tested on future occasions if the opportunity arises.

The route was well devised to utilize all the bridges, walls, roads and canal paths of Chester. Lots of twists and double backs to allow the back markers to catch up. Also included all the main sights such as the amphitheatre, cathedral, riverside, racetrack and the walls. No need for a tourist guide.

Pub stop - fortunately appeared to be selling the cheapest beer in town.



10'' and Compo fitting in with the locals.

Down downs started after all the goodies had been gathered from the hashers' various cars parked around Chester. A few riot jokes were made such as Spurs have bought a new Italian called 'Grabately'. It was noted that 'Big Dogbite', christened on the last hash and who was very generous in buying everyone a beer will not be with us for a while.



FCUK indicates the effect on his chin when wife goes away for a few days.



A Few pints of extortionately priced beer to finish the evening

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