



Run Number 381

2nd August 2018

Hilbre Run, West Kirby

The Pack: Mad Hatter and Snoozanne (Hares), 10secs, Compo, VR, Victim, Bimbo, Eccles, Carthief, Grutel, ET, Alternative Entrance, Sticky Rice, Cleo, Overdrive, Hansel, OTT, Welsh Maid, 2Dicks, Balls in Chains, Knees-Up, Liam, Eugene, Luna, Bailey



The pack gathered at the end of Lingdale Road. It was an all-time record

turnout, with 23 people and 2 dogs, beating the previous record by one dog. There were several newcomers and a few old friends such as Alternative Entrance, making a welcome return from Portugal.



Snoozanne's floral wellies also made a welcome return...



After some short and barely necessary instructions (basically 3 islands and you're on), we were off.



An advance party made it to Little Eye well ahead of the rest...



followed by a long line of stragglers.



A mysterious message was found in the undergrowth...



before a panoramic photo was taken, with most people only making one appearance...



We then headed off for Middle Eye.



A sheltered nook was found at the far end,



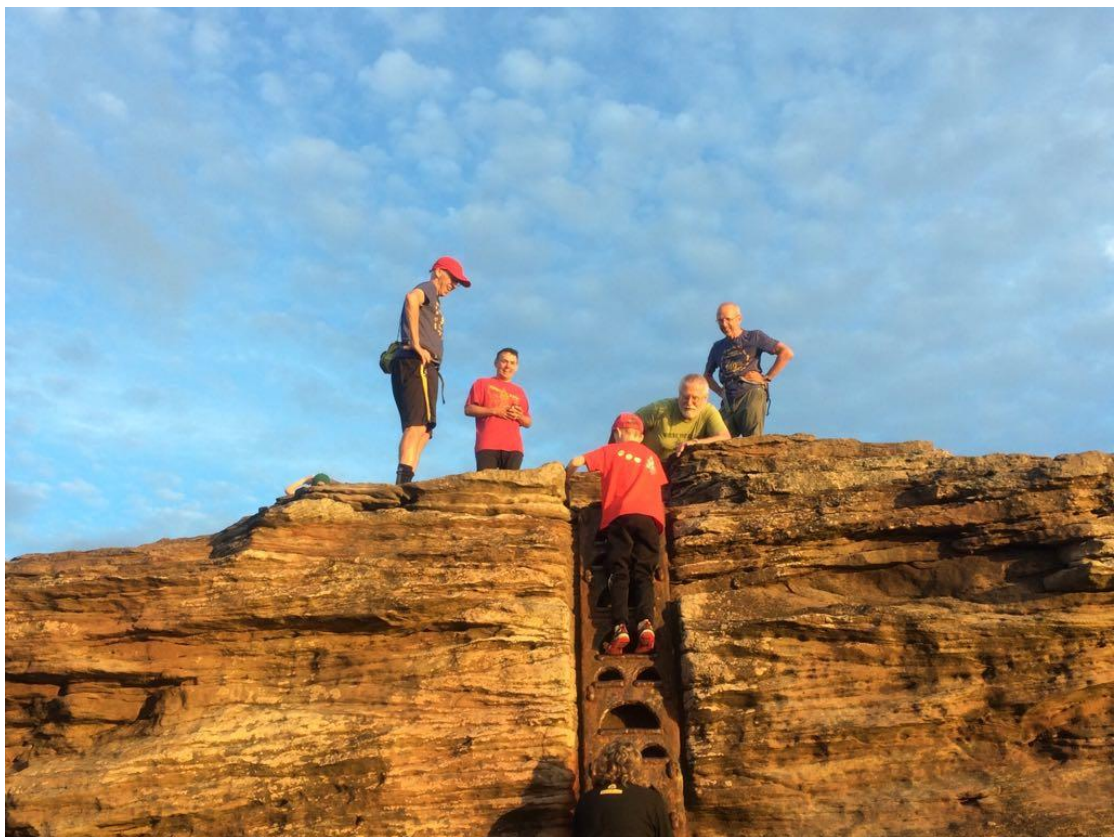
where Hansel's immense burden was revealed to consist of large quantities of gin, tonic, lemon, ice etc. Soon everyone was partaking of a welcome leisurely tipple.







The obligatory seal was spotted. It was remarked that on each successive year, more erosion was taking place, so that soon all that would be left would be the iron ladder which as usual was irresistible to all the chaps.





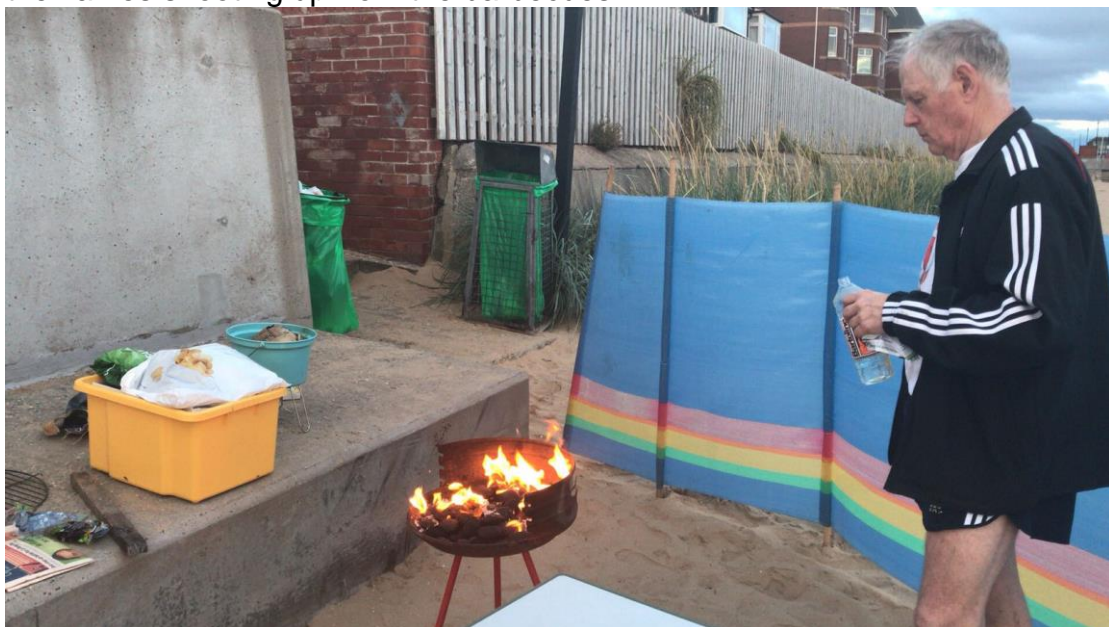
Then it was time for the homeward journey. It must have around about now that Eccles slipped on the rocks



producing quite a nasty gash on her elbow, which she put a very brave face on.



Heading back towards the shore we were guided towards the target by seeing the flames shooting up from the barbecues.





There was lots of food cooking but it was all wolfed down in no time. At some point in the proceedings a newcomer, Balls in Chains, arrived hotfoot from Runcorn.



Including the chips which magically appeared as they always do when Mad Hatter is around.

Down downs were awarded to:

The hares: for a particularly well-marked trail.

Alternative Entrance, Grutel, Bimbo, Welsh Maid, Knees-Up, 2Dicks:
Particularly flagrant returnees.

Liam, Eugene, Balls in Chains: Hash virgins.

Carthief: for (allegedly) making Balls in Chains come, though CT claimed to have no recollection of the event.

Eccles: for the incident on the rocks.