



1st November 2018 Run Number 388

The Royal Oak, Bromborough CH62 7EZ

Carthief, Cleopatra, FCUK, Compo, Eccles (Hare), Overdrive, OTT, Hansel

Gathering at the Royal Oak and with the bar service really slow the start was later than normal. There was a certain reluctance to leave the warmth and a few (several?) hashers suddenly realised that they had to change clothes/ have a pit stop/ finish a drink or other assorted excuses.



The Hare led us down to the corner of the crossroads and the start.



Darkness, some mud and wet grass were promised and markings were standard but generally on vertical surfaces.



We set off of one of Eccles' now famous tortuous and tight trails (at least initially when we could almost touch the pub after a good 15 minutes of hashing (I hesitate to use the word "running").



On some Hashes the sight of the pub part way through a run and the whole pack makes a beeline for the pub).

Running past a couple of Indian restaurants and The Bromborough the Pack cast about wondering if we were going into Dibbensdale Park but no it was up to the A580 and across a grassed area towards ASDA.

The trees had been liberally marked with flour as we made our way to Stadium Road where we headed south and up to a Fish hook (which means that everyone has to turn back once they reach the fish hook and run to the back of the pack). Slightly spoilt in this case by Compo (being the "tail-end Charlie) as he turned back thinking that it was Check back. Shouts of "Fish Hook" stopped him in his tracks.

Turning inexorably towards the Mersey we went down Plantation road and then a footpath to a Hash view.

Following the Mersey towards Ellesmere Port we came to a palisade fence which turned out to have a gap suitable for Compo



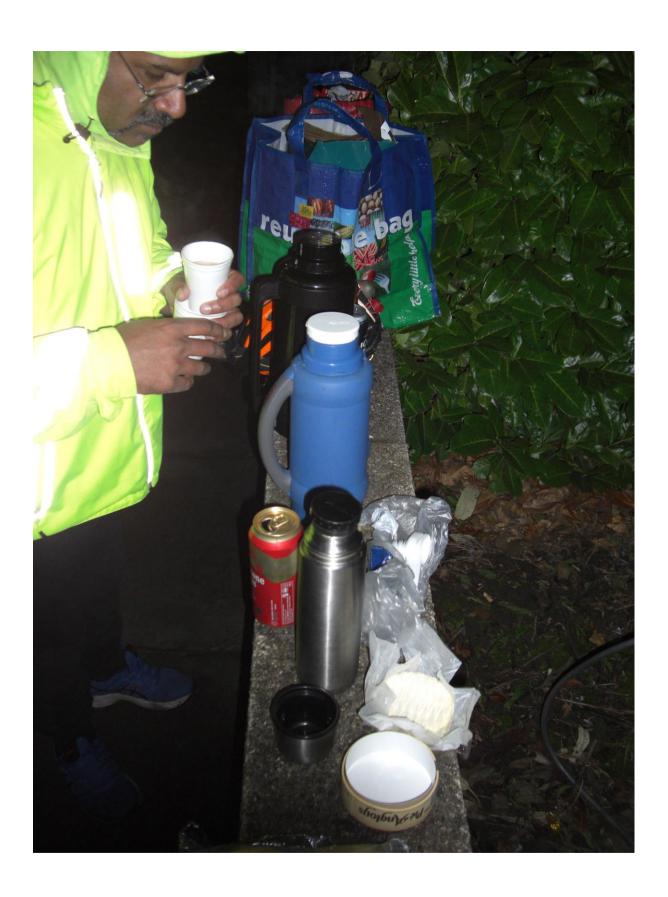


Unlike the one on Run 102 (I needed FCUK's remarkable memory to remind of the run number) where he was defeated.

We then then turned inland through the woods and back up the A580 and the ON INN

Back at the cars a convenient wall on the roadside was chosen and as the buses and an occasional police car with sirens wailing drove past Cleopatra laid out her efforts with the food with 3 thermoses of delicious hot pumpkin soup (mild, spicy and very spicy) on offer together with a soft French cheese following by some Italian biscuits carefully crafted by Hash Food (They are called "Pane dei morti" and are traditional for All Saints/All Souls in Italy. Literally it means "Bread of the Dead".)

The Hare offered her professional experience to say that they were slightly overbaked (despite being baked (cooked?) to the recipe). Your scribe had 4.





Down Downs

The Hare for the run

Delaying proceedings at the start: Hansel, Compo, OTT

Hansel, Compo: Pit stops

OTT "Let the men check it out" showing misandry

Carthief for extensive release of wind (not from the mouth) which upset FCUK's sérénité et équanimité.

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