



Run Number 512

1st December 2022

The Little Owl, Bache

The Pack: Overdrive (Hare), Cleopatra (Hare), ET, Victim, Madhatter, Snoozeanne, Sticky Rice, AC, Grasshopper, SMS.



Overdressed to reflect the conditions

After the extensive arrangements shared with all for the collection of SR en route by benevolent hashers their late arrival was a disappointment. McDonalds car parks appear to be an elusive place to locate lurking hashers.

The Little Owl was surprisingly quiet. It's a foodie pub which are generally busy at hashing start times – possibly the lull prior the following festive period.

The expected arctic conditions were not present. Most of us had adorned ourselves with an additional layer in anticipation. AC was not even exposing his bare knees on this occasion.

Ventured along the canal to Wharf View before checking out the new smart Chester market which appeared to be more a trendy food/drink venue rather than for the usual function of a market.

We were informed by Victim (Newly qualified Chester tour guide) of the gruesome significance of a boulder called the Gloverstone found at the walls of the city which was the 'Hand over' location of the military to the civil authorities of those destined to be burned.

The authenticity of the qualification of the tour guide status was later questioned with Victim's insistence of a way through one of the routes – when there was not.



Potential party boat?

The pack was promised a Gluhwein stop and therefore were looking out for appropriate venues. It was not the canal boat decked out with party lights or a sinister car park but was the personal lodgings of Overdrive and Cleopatra.



Drink/toilet Stop

The aroma of the broth was detected prior to arrival. The larger pot of hot wine was fortified with schnapps with also a smaller non alcoholic version on offer. The strength of the concoctions was not established. There was ample as it seemed that absent hashers were catered for. Polish biscuits and Stollen cake were also provided to sop the wine. Hashers were sensibly kept outside to avoid the risk of red wine spillages on soft furnishings.

We were eventually shunted out for the last jaunt of the run.



Our Bauble House

More snacks were offered on return to the Little Owl.

A police car had followed us into the pub car park which left after a brief exchange with a white van driver. Misbehaving hashers was not the reason for their visit - on this occasion.

Down Downs were awarded to the hares, SMS for not noticing checks one of which he was standing in, and Victim for lack of the expected local knowledge.

A few ventured into the now almost empty pub for a final drink and a 'Warm up' before going our separate ways.

