



Run 560 The Eagle & Child, Halewood

26th September 2024

The Pack: Victim, FCUK, Wigan Pier (Hare), Mad Hatter, Snoozeanne, Cleopatra, Now & Then (Hare), Overdrive, ET.



A well clad group

The forecast was not encouraging - Rain was imminent. Fortunately it was not noticeably cold, so was not such a problem. The rain was manageable – thanks to the RA!



The not so promising forecast

Halewood, due to its location, had not been a regular hashing venue. This was the first run from the 'Eagle & Child'. It always great to explore new areas.

The route led to Halewood station before entering the Halewood Triangle – a nature reserve, with plenty of opportunity for watering the trail this evening. The majority of the run was confined within this woodland. It was another challenging cycle for FCUK with plenty of shiggy to negotiate. 'Bars' were found marked on the perimeters to retain hashers within the enclosure.



Challenging bridges

Once encompassed by the trees the scenery and mood did not change until released. Other than the occasional dog walker we had the woods to ourselves. The run spun along an old railway track which was closed in 1964 but reopened as a walking/cycle path in 1986.



The green spots indicate start and finish.



More detailed view of the middle section?

The total distance covered was 4.59 miles.

Disorientation was achieved with the darkness and sameness of surroundings. The play area was the one feature which was prominent as this was approached from all angles during the evening. The apparatus was not too enticing as its use would have resulted in a wet backside.



The strange world we encountered. (Amanita muscaria is a psychogenic but poisonous mushroom traditionally used as an intoxicant in Siberia)



All paths lead to the playground.

Varied parking options had been suggested in advance including the pub and Environmental Centre. The food wagon was located at the latter so the post hash feed was held at this venue – but without the preferred warm clothing which would be found at the pub car park. Due to the late hour a wide selection of picnic tables was available.

Traditional Tupperware and contemporary dishes were both used and discussed. An unusually wide selection of ‘yummy’ stuff was on offer, with the exception of a cake lovingly baked by Cleopatra especially for the occasion, which sadly had been left behind in Chester.



Down Downs were awarded to :-

-Seagulls for the weather

-Snoozeanne for re-enacting a scene from the Railway Children by following a non-existent false trail up the railway embankment.

-Cleopatra for finding a pyramid at the Rangers centre.

-FCUK for finding a ‘Courir’ sign. Bought from Decathlon.

-WP for pretending not to know the trail.

A brisk walk back to the pub followed which offered an opportunity for warmth. Final drinks were held at the Eagle and Child to review the evening’s activities prior, to returning to our various abodes.