



Run 568
The Masonic – Garston

30th January 2025

The Pack: Fur Knickers (Hare), ET, Victim, FCUK, Wigan Pier, Now & Then, BS



The start was convenient for South Parkway – a hub where many trains/buses converge.

The Masonic has previously been a favourite. Once recommended by CAMRA for the selection of cask ales, unfortunately only kegs were on offer, but did include a mild (M&B). There was a debate with the barman about what exactly M&B stood for.

An obedient group listened intently to instructions. Markings were to be found on the left and also no checking was to be done on busy roads – arrows pointed in the intended direction.

There were a few notable absentees, meaning a smaller group to locate markings.

For January the weather was cool but still and dry - conducive conditions for hashing.

The pub, a friendly local which enjoyed the stimulation of visitors from 'The Outside', was nestled amongst similar-looking terraced housing. A few wrong turns were required to locate the venue.

Fur Knickers had agreed (coerced by FCUK?) to hare the run after a panic and pleas from the Harerazor.

There was an opportunity to 'Show Off' on the gym equipment located on Long Lane Recreational Park. Balancing on a beam or 'Pull Ups' were beyond the capabilities of most.



I believe one 'Pull Up' was achieved by FCUK - Note the excessive pool of sweat.

A short run was promised and proposed short cuts info provided for Victim, who claimed to be suffering from osteoarthritis aggravated by the cold weather. The markings were crayon, or paper for the off- road bits. There was only a stub which remained of the crayon at the end, which may be one reason for a shorter run.

Another more dynamic running group were spotted on the streets – Penny Lane Striders.



Rival group spotted

Recruitment attempts were made by Victim – we will see if any of these join the next hash:



Glad not to encounter any of the local dogs

A lot of confusion arose when the trail went off-road. The shredded paper was not initially spotted.



ET tentatively discovering off-roading.

Victim had been absent for the majority of the run – it was realised that he had mistakenly returned to the Masonic for refreshments, expecting the down downs to take place nearby. He also spotted that there were two separate On Inns.



One of the two On Inns on offer

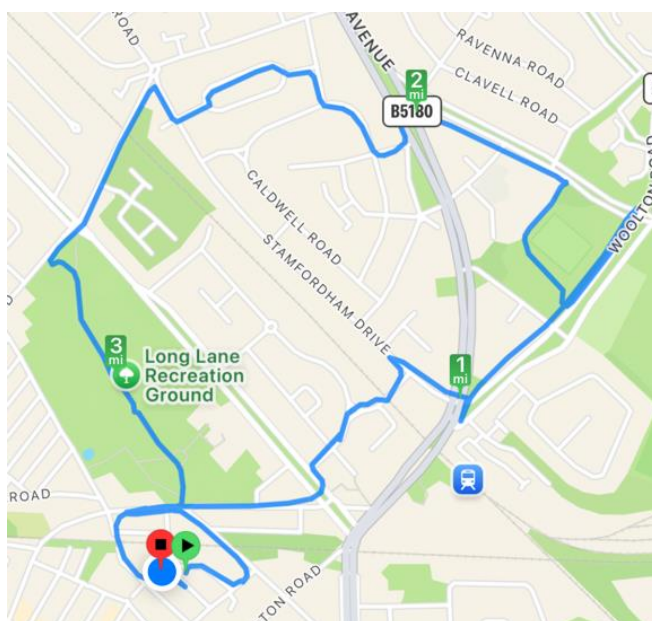
The circle was held by Garston Sports Centre (a theme developing?). A suitable bench was commandeered, with illuminations provided by ET.

Down Downs were awarded to :-

Fur Knickers – Haring

ET – for attempting to follow to ‘On Inn’ at the start of run.

Now & Then - As it was his birthday.



3.68 miles covered.

