

Hash	Pub	Village	Date	Hare/s	Scribe
331	The Pelican-in-her-Piety	Ogmore-by-Sea	18 July 2010	Margaret & Val	Lynn

I am told it's an honour to write the hash mag, I hope I do it justice.

It was a wet & gloomy start to the day, however, James was convinced it would improve, although we had our doubts.

We arrived at The Pelican in her piety to find Margaret & Val soaked to the skin and feeling bedraggled, although the weather was now looking more promising. The landlord was very unhelpful and rude to Margaret so it was decided that we would not frequent his pub after the hash but go to the Watermill instead. We waited for everyone to arrive, a dozen walkers but only two runners (where were you all)?

Ready for the off...the first task was to cross a stream via stepping stones, not something we were keen to do! However, everyone completed this task safely (no wet feet)! Full marks to James who preformed this task backwards, supporting, Kathy all the way. On on towards the church, passing picture box cottages on the way, morning service was in flow but we decided not to join in. Back across the suspension bridge & through the fields, weather still improving. The walk was helped along with stories from Kathy & James, from the golf course we had a view of the sea, which was bathed in sunshine, part of the walk was likened to a jungle by Kathy as we couldn't see anything apart from the undergrowth, (no wonder Margaret & Val got so wet setting this trail). The walk was longer than usual but very enjoyable, Val did get concerned that the tail-enders had got lost but as she rang we appeared in the distance. Viv & John (the only runners) kept trying to take short cuts but Margaret (who was likened to a sheepdog) kept sending them back to the proper trail.

We all gathered in the Watermill (a much friendlier pub) for a well earned drink & chat before our picnic & games on the beach. Margaret was keen to get the games underway, everything was very organised, Margaret was complete with whistle (a school teacher thing no doubt)!

There was the egg & spoon race which was won by Lynne but she was disqualified for cheating so Kathy was declared winner. The men's fancy dress was a sight to see, Andrew, who was about to leave was persuaded to take part. All the men had trouble with their tights, John with his skirt as well! All the men enjoyed this race far too much!! James was the winner & looked very fetching in a turquoise top & wraparound skirt. The three legged race was won by Margaret & Winn, Liz enjoyed this race so much she took part three times, winning once with Mike. Viv & John did really well but I'm sure that's because they have longer legs than anyone else. Margaret decided we had all done enough & let us go home early if we wanted to. The group that stayed went for a walk & paddle along the beach in the warm evening sunshine before returning to the Watermill for a very enjoyable meal.

A brilliant day was had by all, Margaret & Val worked very hard planning this hash for us all so a Big Thank you for your time and commitment.

P. S Margaret & Val would like to thank everyone who turned up &took part.

