

Hash	Pub	Village	Date	Hare/s	Scribe
339	Rose & Crown	Highworth	7 Nov 2010	Mike	John

After a week of stormy changeable weather, Sunday dawned bright and sunny and remained so for most of the day and particularly during the Hash. When we arrived at The Rose & Crown, it was difficult to find somewhere to park; the meeting seeming to attract a lot of interest.

Perhaps this was because The Master was planning this Hash. Navy Mike was in charge.

With thoughts in the back of our minds of the recent email on the increasing length of the Hashes, we were pretty certain that this was going to be precisely timed with a return to the pub within 1 hour 7minutes and 34 seconds.

Confident of this I went back into the pub to order a pint to be poured at 8 minutes pass 12 so that it would be ready when I got back.

Mike gave a choice of a medium and short route for the walkers and a distance of 5.34 miles for the runners. The only hazards mentioned were that we had to cross the golf course, but this should be safe as long as we stayed on the marked pathway. This was not as comforting as it sounds from my fairly limited experience of golf balls and accuracy of golfers. The other safety concerns were the main roads we had to cross.

Setting off we navigated the golf course, encountering no flying objects (the Highworth golfers being quite restrained this morning) crossing roads into farmland and Highmoor Copse and into Sevenhampton. Somehow we returned to the golf course, but this time turned left up over the

hillside. There were many junctions and false trails marked with plenty of flour, and all very clearly laid. Mike met the runners around the halfway mark to let us know we were 2 minutes behind schedule. I did say The Master was in charge.

The arrival of the first runners back at the Rose & Crown was 1 hour 8 minutes and 6 seconds, covering a distance of 5.78 miles – not far off Mike's prediction - and the beer was ready!

In the pub, GOM presented the hunting horn to Tim in recognition of his successful first time as a Hash organizer two weeks ago at Wootton Rivers (when we all got lost!). We all welcomed a new walker, Nea, hoping she may join in future walks with us.

It was also agreed to do the Boxing Day Hash and the dressing up theme was "Fairies???".

Don't shoot me, I'm only the messenger!!!

Many thanks again to Mike for a delightful Hash in splendid countryside.

