

RUN 1522 MINCE PIE HASH

VENUE THE STAR, WHITESHILL

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Good morning folks , this is going to be a short mag because the Christmas rush has caught up with your scribe. Sunday morning found us gathered at playing field near the Star (good idea Martin & Gerald, the parking was adequate). There were about 35 of us, some of our more experienced hashers (Hung-Lo, Pickle, Black Lace, Naquered & Mel, Trooper ~~etc~~, were missing, just because they saw Martin named as a hare, **COWARDS**, we will have all the old excuses this week at the dinner "Granny was coming to visit " "I had to stay in because I was expecting an email from a friend in North Kurdistan "~~etc~~. I happen to know Granny died 20 years ago!

Tim got us in order, (Corndolly looking very smart in the bags and Banshee's dog looking very twee in the sheep's hat) Gerald gave us the brief, then we were on our way. The first 500 yards in the direction Pitchcombe was all uphill and reduced us all to walking. We passed the British Telecom mast somewhere about Harefield Farm, (I have seen this mast many times before on my way to Painswick, haven't I Plodders). All the trails were good, some of the paths and tracks we had not hashed over before and were reasonably well marked. Martin was kind to us on several occasions when he called back the sheep like hashers who were blindly following the front runners up a wrong trail without checking the other trails, (Well done Martin, stopped us getting lost, saying " Oh well " and heading straight back to the pub.) We passed over Edge Common, over looked the Gloucester Inn (sorry, The Edgemoor), saw Painswick in the distance then turned our feet back towards Whiteshill. During this run Stallion was seen to be checking several times, we all thought he was being really good but it turns out he was geo cashing. (He could of got the bags for this, but try as I might I could not dobb him in good enough). On the way back to Whiteshill there was one complete loop which the Stroud AC runners did twice before they caught on.

The mince pie stop was at Alison and Martins house, the pies, rolls and hot drinks were much appreciated, (many thanks to all concerned) when we come back next year we will overspill into your front garden, now we know where it is. The après hash was interesting, the landlord blaming his lack of being ready for us on an exploding beer barrel that happened before we arrived. Between now and the next visit to his pub by hashers he might learn that he would sell twice as much beer if he had a barmaid

on as well as himself. It was about now that some one explained to Di the niceties of how the Sheep's Hat works, to which she said "Oh well" and laughed. So we had two mags for the price of one. The Stroud Mummers gave us a lovely play, very reminiscent of Tim and Nicky's in the Forest of Dean earlier this year. Mr Sheep should have got the bags for combing his face in the wing mirror of his car but he avoided them by the simple expedient of clearing off early (an old Carloss trick!). Stallion proved he was better at dobbing people in than I was and I ended up with the bags for shortcutting. Although they could have gone to Zandra for missing the last few hundred yards of the trail because she was led astray by Conner (Martin's son) who knew the way home.

Thank you Gerald and Martin for an excellent trail, completed just before the rain set in. Also thanks to Marion and her brother Chris (who was called in to make and serve the warm beverage), Zandra and Bob (deputising for "she who must be obeyed" Sheena) for the mince pies, sausage rolls and veggie selection. A good team effort.

By the time you read this guff you should be enjoying our Christmas Hash Dinner. HAPPY CHRISTMAS

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| 1524 | 26/12/11 | Daneway (fancy dress) | Fish & Kips |
| 1525 | 01/01/12 | Golden Farm, Cirencester | Dogger |
| 1526 | 08/01/12 | Blunsdon Arms, Swindon | Caviar |
| | | (Fire raiser will try again to find this venue!) | |
| 1527 | 15/01/12 | | |
| 1528 | 22/01/12 | Keepers Arms, Quennington | Me and Him |