

CHURN VALLEY H3 – RUN 1637 – FOX, GREAT BARRINGTON, EVERILL & PICKLE

I usually try to write the mag as soon as I can after the run, so that I don't forget; but I had no such qualms this time.....

Most people overshot the car park as they arrived but we eventually filled it quite nicely, even room for Dogger in his pickup. Twenty one of us in total, namely :-

Everill, Pickle, Dylido, Mr Sheep, Carloss, Fireraiser, Special Kay, Kaywhy, Corndolly, FishFingers, Kippernik, Battery Bunny, Beth (What's her hash name?), Dick the Zip, Grobag, Ultra, Hung Lo, Groper, Caviar, Dogger and Must Hang Piggy.

So Pickle said at the start that there were some horses and that it was a short run, just the one run and to walk just do the odd short cut here and there. Nobody believed the short bit of course....

Off across the road and along a straight footpath for half a mile or so and eventually into a village which turned out to be WIndrush. Not worthy of note, as it has no pub, nevertheless we had a regroup there; the 'R' in the circle was all straight lines and ever so neat.

The regroup was by the church and inset into the wall was a monument to an RAF man, name of Hancock I think, who, above WIndrush, flew his training plane into a German bomber during the Battle of Britain killing himself but destroying the bomber in the process.

On on from the regroup we crossed a couple of fields and went through WIndrush Mill which was very pretty. Out the other side of the mill and we came to another regroup; again a very neat angular 'R' and this time outside the almost perfect circle. It did look to be reminiscent of the game Hangman we (in any event some of us!) played as kids. But it was nothing of the sort; Everill informed me that it was a sex code. I'm not quite sure what she meant by that so moving swiftly on....at the next check Carlos and I caught the same Everill kicking out the check in 100% the wrong direction, we didn't find out why.

Shortly after this incident we came out onto a road and dropped down into WIndrush again. Then we left the village again along a path which we couldn't get to the first time because of a bar, a loop around the fields with the horses and then, for the third time, dropped into Windrush....I like it there but as I said earlier, no pub, so once would have been enough. Then a quick trespass across a couple of fields and back in almost at the same point we went out. We were out just over 40 minutes so Pickle really was not lying when he said it was a short run! Nothing of consequence occurred in the pub, both bags and hat being missing, but nice beer if you were drinking it.

It was a lovely little run in great countryside and it's one of my favourite pubs in the whold world – Everill and Pickle - please can we come back in the summer and have a nice long run out here?

ON ON - MR SHEEP

Forthcoming Runs

1639	26/01/14	Old Neighborhood, Chalford, GL6 8EN	Carloss
1640	02/02/14	Jolly Brewmaster, Painswick Rd, Cheltenham, GL50 2EZ	Mr Sheep RUN STARTS FROM BATH RD CAR PARK (FREE)