

Hash Report - Run 252
6th March 2016 – Caldbeck
Hares: Huggy and Slasher

It seems that the Hash gods (Desmond, Eva, Frank and Gertrude) are still not appeased – the promised run from the King's Head at Thirlspot having to be abandoned due to both lack of trail and lack of catering facilities – the latter being far more critical to the outcome of the day.

With admirable *sang froid* and stiff upper lips (we have to take Huggy's word for that) a new trail was recce'd and set in no time at all. Back on home territory in Caldbeck, the intrepid pair found some new paths and some old excuses. Both were heard to utter the famous words – 'I didn't set this bit' as the pack searched in vain for flour.

The pack was a few cards short of the full deck with just 3 runners and 2 walkers but it was a fantastic spring day to be out on the slopes to the north east of Caldbeck. We tacked up the slopes without too great an effort and were rewarded by a stunning view across the Solway from the ridge above the village.

After a couple of hundred yards of tarmac we turned downhill towards the village and thoughts were turning of the pint to come at the Old Crown. But no – this pair are known for scorpion hashes and true to type they took us on a northerly bypass of the village across the edges of the Common. There are many exits from the Caldbeck Orbital and finally we found ours which took us down to the river and a long on in past the Howk, where walkers and runners met as if it had all been planned that way.

Finally it was time for that pint.

A fantastic route that deserved a better audience. Let's do it again!

On On!

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