

Hash Report

Run 265 – Swinside, Newlands valley, 2nd April 2017

Hare – Sweat Monster

Google tells me that the Angel number 265 meaning 'asks one to keep a positive mind set and remind yourself that nothing lasts forever. Whatever you are going through will surely pass and you will come out of it a strong person'. I ask you to bear this in mind as you enjoy the following....

The April Hash was a first for Sweat Monster setting his first Cumbrian Hash. Lady Godiva could leave off the wellies this month as it dawned fair and sunny but really should have sported the super grip fell shoes, thrown out in recent house move due to underuse!

This insight into the memorable event of Hash # 265, April 2017, is from an unfit walkers perspective who has undertaken rather too many Cockermouth HHH runs but suffice to say I feel sure our RA would have had somewhat more to add, if he hadn't been swanning elsewhere.

In his final pre Hash email Sweat Monster mentioned "I've made final route modifications following a course inspection to avoid a footbridge down, there are 'shiggy' paths and a little bracken so wear longs..." His final instructions at the off re a 'bit of uphill' and 'one route for all so SCB if you wish', really didn't prepare for what followed.

A fairly good turnout and motley crew of Hashers [no dogs this month!] gathered in Swinside car park, including a visitor from north of the border who we hope joins us again... All began well with lengthy route searching around the pub by the athletic and the less fit before the On On was called and the pack straggled of eastwards towards Newlands. We had a pleasant jaunt through fields, across the northbound beck and onto the road below Barrow. As the main pack sped off towards Braithwaite a check directed the more eagle eyed towards the fell side and the cheery Hare suggested we go that way! Mistake, especially by Godiva, as it was really very direct up, which is apparently good for one [quote Plumtart], if you survive the stress, then across an overgrown scree slope, where the lure of a fine return route spurred us on. Highway made a great decision to take a safer route option and he and Slasher missed the fun....probably resting along the way in the spring sunshine while awaiting the pack to turn up later...

Observing our struggles along a gorse infested sheeptrack, Sweat Monster suggested we go direct down the scree as he had done in the route setting, though flour was not on our minds by this stage. We collectively opted for a no holds barred fell descent which Godiva completed 'on derriere', maybe there is a more apt HHH term! Once back to the road we dusted down and the main On-On took a further loop, which your scribe avoided by ambling On-In back across the beck. Who knows what then occurred but the pack made it back eventually and seemed to have enjoyed the whole experience.

The Swinside Inn provided a fine bolthole as we made best use of hindsight in congratulating Sweat Monster on a Memorable Hash, which will serve to be 'compared' for years to come for sure , Well Done to our newest Hare, all will remember Run 265.

See you next month, the legs survived.

Godiva

