

## **Hash Report**

**Run 281 – Keswick, 2nd September 2018**

**Hares – Leopard Thong, Rent Boy and Tricky Ticker Tyke**

Five runners, three walkers and two dogs congregated on Briar Rigg on a humid mizzly morning, itching to get going, but then along came a honey salesman – yes, you read it right, they're ten a penny in Keswick, didn't you know – selling "Badger's Bees" honey on the fly – and there were several takers.

Then we were off, buzzing along onto the old railway line just beyond the station, along and down to cross the Greta. It was all going far too smoothly so the runners decided to have a 15 minute break in order to play a game of "Hunt the Flour" up and down and up and down the busy main road. Oh what joy! Luckily, just as we were wearying of this game, the trail was found, hidden behind the filling station.

We swarmed back onto the railway for a while, popping out onto the main road again near Chestnut Hill and already well into another 15 minute flour hunt when a Hare appeared suddenly from nowhere like a genie out of a bottle, looking worried and glancing nervously at his watch. He granted us our wish to reconnect with the trail, and guided us back across the river and up into the trees below Latrigg, like a pilot boat guiding a supertanker through tricky waters, and then cast us off again with a couple of hints as to the future trail.

We crossed Spooney Green Lane for the sting in the tail - into the meadows below Applethwaite and then south through Thrushwood to a final dose of the railway line to guide us back past The Pheasant to the On In.

It was a great hash. After all, with three Hares what could possibly have gone wrong?

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And finally... we were nicely holed up in the pub drinking amber nectar when who should turn up but Highway and Layby! After having arrived half an hour late at the start, Highway had found his way to the filling station but then even he had given up. What a star!