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When: 02 Jan 2018
When: The Mayflower,
Hazlemere
Hare: Rocky Road, Fair-
weather
Scribe: Sarah

Hounds: 37 **Dogs:** 3
Distance: 8.37 km
Time: 67.95 min
Uphillness: 671.00 ft

Room for a big one? We all gathered (huddled!) under the porch roof of the pub because our hare had done it again! Chosen the loveliest day for a hash. Ironically, she had also dragged (probably kicking and screaming due to the weather) Fair Weather out to set this hash with her. Have people not realised yet that Rocky Road setting a hash also means weather warning?!? Can anyone actually remember the last time Rocky Road set a hash where: the sun was shining, or mud was non-existent, or the winds were still? No? Neither can I. I can remember: gales, heavy rain showers, thunderstorms... And yes, that's right, tonight was no exception. The rain was hammering down!

So, it all began... "Oi! This is a live hash! The hares departed a short while ago so flour should be fresh! One route, 4+ miles. Short cut at your peril. Usual checks, regroupings and on backs. Mostly on the right, sometimes on the left. Important – leave the traffic cone on the footpath. It is covering a BIG HOLE! Do not remove." Dave recalls Rocky Road's very carefully written instructions.

We're off! For a meander around every nook and cranny of the Rose Avenue estate. With a jaunt down Manor Road, a spell in Common Wood and lashings of rain. Other than Moose nearly coming a cropper on a toppled over road sign and Alan progressively getting slower and slower as his toning sports jeans soaked up the atmosphere. There's not much to say other than it was a well laid, well planned, well wet hash.

A welcomed pit stop at Chez Burrows for fabulous mulled beverages and of course the infamous Rocky Road. Those short cutters missed it, they were warned! Us walkers were very glad of the opportunity to dry off and warm up before the gaggle arrived. Thanks Dave for being a fabulous host and Rose for assisting him in the preparations!

Back at the pub the GM starts his speech: "It was hardly raining, there could have been real mud, there could have been a tsunami or an ark could have come floating by and waved at us and said no we have got enough. Anyway, we could have done a lot worse! I enjoyed it! Having seen the state of my leggings. And my dog (had to be taken away). Fairweather (didn't bring the fair weather). David is not taking any credit for this because it is too muddy and wet. Maggie, you are getting a reputation I think, aren't you? You and rain go hand in hand. People will start to think it's a Maggie run I'll start to miss it. Anyway, thanks for the run, thanks for the chips and thanks for the ON INN at your house."

Oh Oh... Zach and Charlotte stood up to show off Zach's Christmas present to Charlotte... a sparkly engagement ring. Roger does check that it is not a prosthetic hand. Zach is quick to reply NO. The GM asks whether there was an answer to the question. A heckle came back from the back... "Well she's wearing it Roger so that's a good sign." Roger replies "Well I would wear it as well if I was given a lovely ring". Jokes banded about the pub about having 14 days to take it back.

It happened to be the first Tuesday of the month, so, this meant Tosca night. This also meant Andy needed another beer. The Tosca has got another new item of clothing. Not just a red Gillet but now a white skirt too thanks to the Marlow gang. Ade's contribution, rather than clothing, is to give the Tosca a black eye!

Nominations:

From the Cope's run from Lethern Bottle. Nomination for Nicky for essentially seducing Matt with beer to do her write up.... **Didn't understand** the rest. Next, for GM for not apologising to Kevin for suggestion his hash name to Foie Gras. Again, **no one understood**.

From John's run from the Dumb Bell. Nominations for the hare for his attempt to cultivate cornflake bushes and lentil trees in the Chalfont area when Crazy knows that only Frosties can be grown there in winter. Ade replies "What about an iceberg lettuce?" "snow peas" from Rose. **Does anyone understand this nomination?**

From Scribbler's run at the Brewery shop, a nomination for Mark for eagerly agreeing to do the write up and then forgetting to send one in/write one [ed: It did arrive that evening and is up online now]. **I understood this nomination!**

Finally, on the shopping run from Tesco last week a nomination for Des finally getting around to washing his Mexican hat. Unfortunately, the wash cycle was too hot and his hat became a Chullo. A woolly hat? A musical instrument? **Do you understand?** A nomination for the scribe for not including any of Crazy's jokes amongst the funny ones. A nomination for Gerry who seems to be the only hasher running alongside Sandra.

None of these gets to hold the prize. The winner is a woman that can light up a man or turn him off with one finger. The award goes to Mrs Cope... **Blank faces... no one understands...** Hells Bells asks who's Mrs Cope is? It is pointed out there is no Mrs Cope. Tash is Mrs Staines and Louise is Ms Brown. Oh dear Roger! In summary... Louise gets the award for controlling the Christmas light on Paul's head with her mobile phone. I must point out that Roger seemed rather surprised and perplexed that Louise hasn't taken Simon's name, and continued to dig his way into a hole. Until Helen pointed out even your own wife uses her maiden name.

Anyway, a lovely run, great refreshments at Chez Burrows and fabulous chips! I'll see you at your next run Rocky Road (with snow boots, full waterproof clothing, a life vest, a snorkel...)

Chip Advisor

The Mayflower
Hazlemere

72.5 %

SodLime index: £0.50

Beer



Two and a half ales on offer. Pride, 6X and Rebellion IPA which in my book only counts as a half proper ale! The combined judging team of Whipping Boy, Scribbler, Barney and yours truly found both the Pride and 6X bland and lacking in flavour which was disappointing.

Not beer



The L & S, as previously, was a most reasonable 50p for a half/pint. That's the good news. The cola, straight out of the fizz pump, was a pretty steamy £2.85, that's the bad news. Makes one wonder whether a relative of the Kray Twins is running the powdered cola plant! Nice hot choc machine, don't know what it was like but also £2.85.

Food



A decision to take up station in front of the tellie to watch the denouement of the footie resulted in our tables getting only the benefit of one medium bowl of chunky but luke warm chips. Upon discovering that a surfeit of grub had been chomped by the rest of the team, it felt like when your next door neighbours have won the lottery whilst you have found a mucky 50p. Marking by Mr.Chips

Hashmosphere



Decent service in the clean & modern "open barn" style interior with plenty of seating and fair parking available both on and adjacent to the venue. A good settling point given the large turnout though this is a pub probably more geared towards the sports & alcopop brigade.

Commentary

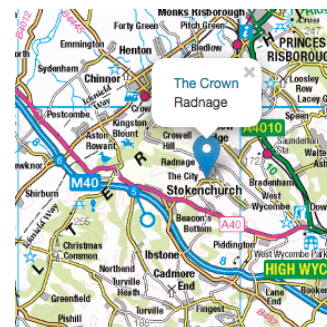
Along Wycombe's somewhat shorter but similarly straight answer to Watling Street, the only feature of interest apart from the rocky road manufacturing facility is The Mayflower. A so called "family pub" with an inviting kerbside presence and expensive looking toilets, it is lacking in character or real identity however. It remains a stop over for a quickie (beer that is!) rather than somewhere to set the pulses racing at the prospect of visiting.

Next Hash

29 May 2018

Cockers
The Crown
Radnage
HP14 4DW

Dog friendly



Pub TBC

Runs list

29 May	The Crown Radnage HP14 4DW	Cockers Pub TBC
05 Jun	The Plough Hyde Heath HP6 5RW	General Menace
12 Jun	Dunno yet	Whipping Boy & Louise
19 Jun	The Pink & Lily Parslow's Hillock HP27 0RJ	Klingon
26 Jun	The Oaks Maple Cross WD3 9XP	Mexican Des
03 Jul	Dunno yet	Rocky Road & Dave

Dates for your dairy

Sunday 8 July 2018

Hooray Henley Hash

The Berks Hash are setting their annual Hooray Henley Hash and picnic on the 8th July. Meet at Henley train station 11am. Details in this handy flyer .

21 to 23 September

Hash Away Weekend

We're off to Cirencester for the away weekend this year. Details appearing slowly. [more details on website]

12 to 15 October 2018

Isle of Wight CAMRA hash

The CAMRA Hash has been touring southern England and is now venturing overseas to the IOW. There's a 'Beer and Buses' event on the island on Saturday and Sunday which is about 50 pubs running their own 'mini festival' with guest ales and vintage buses running a series of route between the pubs. We will join with the IOW Hash for a run on Sunday 15 Oct and enjoy the transport between pubs the rest of the weekend. Details on the Winchester H3 website