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When: 06 Feb 2018
When: The Royal Standard,
Wooburn Common
Hare: Ron, Helles Belles
Scribe: Klingon

Hounds: 30 **Dogs:** 4
Distance: 7.89 miles
Time: 97.25 min
Uphillness: 1095.00 ft

With snow forecast for the evening, perhaps we should not have been surprised to see Ant running in leggings and a hat instead of his usual T-shirt and shorts. It was pretty chilly so tried to keep warm where the smokers have a heated outside area. The cigarette smell was just too overpowering, so back out to hear the end of the hares briefing with light snow falling.

The hares for the evening Ron and Helles Belles told us the shorts would be about 3.5 miles and longs 6.1 miles plus, quite flat, not much shiggy. The main point was that we must keep quiet towards Hicknaham farm as the owner was not happy with us running across his land in the dark.

Off we went down Green Common Lane, left through Odds Farm and the mobile home park, and across a field to find our hare Helles Belles reminding us that this was where we should tip toe quietly. As we did not see any animals and we were on footpaths this was a bit over the top by the farmer; perhaps he was just grumpy.

By this time I was hobbling along at the back acting as the turn point for the on-backs, must have added some distance for the FRB's! Over the road into Boveney Wood and down Abbey Park Lane to the Long / Short split with Helles Belles the hare for the shorts and Ron the longs. The longs ran off all the way through Burnham Beeches to Farnham Common and back.

Helles Belles guided the shorts back past the Blackwood Arms where we inspected the plaque attached to a Telegraph pole for Mike Gilby – one of the original High Wycombe hashers who collapsed and died here. Across Littleworth Common and down the footpath opposite to come out on Wooburn Common Road. By now it was snowing hard. Helles Belles and Moist were setting a very fast unfamiliar pace at the front for the shorts so after a short diversion through the woods on the left we were pleased to be back at the pub.

It was good to be back in the Royal Standard which was warm and cosy, with a vast variety of beer and an amazing choice of proper cider. Good chips and birthday boys additions to the eats including iced lollies! Iced lollies on the snowiest hash so far this year – ah well, could only happen on a Hash.

Roger compared pairs of hashers to see who was most deserving of the Tosca award. How he chose to compare Zorro who was brave enough to set the hash along a footpath I had been trying to find a way to use for over ten years, and myself for the mistaken route on my hash when the longs cut off a mile and a half or so and Roger had the map I'll never understand.

Anyway it was a very convivial evening in the bar and thanks to Ron and Helles Belles for a great hash.



Chip Advisor

The Royal Standard
Wooburn Common

90 %

SodLime index: £1.40

Beer



Beerhalla!! No less than 9 ales on offer from a nationwide range of breweries. Highlights, the superb Hopback Summer Lightening and Oakham Green Devil and Citra. Something for everyone from "weedies" to a dangerously quaffable 6%er. Wonderful!

Not beer



L & S at a reasonable £1.40 a pint and, at £2.50 a jar, the cola was about as near as you are going to get to a reasonable price for the brown fizz. More smiles than frowns from the "softies" after some of the recent occurrences of highway robbery. Hot choc with cream & biccy - there's posh!

Food



Balti bowls put to the more harmonious use of transporting piles of piping hot chippings rather than ruby murray. Proper sized chunky chips, tasty and with plenty of condiments, albeit the dreaded sachets which are near impossible to open came into play.

Hashmosphere



Beams, a new carpet, a log burner, a newly gravel filled car park and one end of the pub on two levels all to ourselves, it was a convivial setting for a good chinwag and plenty of swill. Bouts of "we look down/up on/to them" could have set in but surprisingly didn't. A great night.

Commentary

In the relative backwater of Wooburn Common, with only Odds Farm and the adjacent static home park for company, lies in wait the superb emporium of great ale, real cider and cracking pub grub at non wallet busting prices - The Royal Standard. Recipient of several CAMRA awards for both hop and apple methods of getting legless, this is the real deal and continues to flourish without piped musac, tellies or other distractions from business in hand. When are we going again?

Next Hash

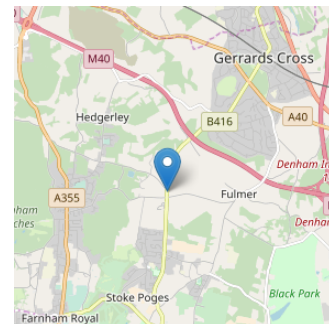
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Steady & Crazy

The Fox and Pheasant

Stoke Poges

SL2 4EZ



Runs list

27 Feb	The Fox and Pheasant Stoke Poges SL2 4EZ	Steady & Crazy
06 Mar	Dunno yet	Kamikaze
13 Mar	Dunno yet	Hawkeye
20 Mar	Dunno yet	Truly Scrumptious
27 Mar	Dunno yet	BigFoot
03 Apr	The Blue Ball Asheridge HP5 2UX	Spy Please do not fill up the car park as it discourages other punters. Pack your cars in neatly and use the road too.

Dates for your dairy

11 to 13 May 2018

Bike Bash Away Weekend

Ken has now booked the bunkhouse for next year's MTB away weekend, dates as above Friday-Sunday. Slindon National Trust bunkhouse near Arundel, West Sussex. Hoping these dates will suit everybody, if not you need to re-arrange your diary as there are some fabulous trails here, you will be sorry if you miss this, (there are also some good local pubs).

Friday 18th - Sunday 20th May 2018

UK Nash Bash 2018

Nash Bash 2018 is now open for registration. Brighstone Holiday Centre IOW. I've no idea what it is, but the email I got said "Looks like a great event / location! Get your entries in early!"

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]