

ON..... ON..... ON..... with the WHHH

This report is of a new event, a possible first for the Wychwoods, which took place in a chilly Fox Holes Wood late last year.

At least 60 villagers, many of them children, were to be found, some up to their ankles in mud, wildly following a trail of flour round the reserve, yet eventually recovered to reach the IN....IN....feast on a banquet fit for a king and find room for more beer than they could drink. To add to the merriment, whilst the food was in preparation, two of our number found time to organise a multitude of kids in a 'spur-of-the-moment-there-are-no-rules' hockey match. I'm sure the laughter could be heard in Chippy!

The event was the inaugural meeting of the "Wychwood Hash".. The what?

Over a few pints in the pub a few of us came up with the idea of having a local version of an event which was originally held by British expatriates in the Far East. After their chase they retired to the local Hash House restaurant and hence the name the Hash House Harriers or HHH as above.

The 'hare' lays down a few trails (including false routes) using flour, for the harriers, now 'Hashers' to follow. There's no race and no competition; you can walk or run.

After the run/jog/walk, some younger members were even carried, our Hashers repaired to the village hall for what is traditionally called a DOWN..... DOWN, named after the brewers' intended direction of movement of beer.

As the food was prepared, our organisers followed other Hashers' traditions in providing a 'tongue-in-cheek' critical review of the Hashers, their garb, their style, their sense of direction and anything else which could be a target of their sharp wit.

The GREAT NEWS is that we are going to do it AGAIN only better!! Meet at the Beaconsfield Hall at 1.30 p.m. on SUNDAY 4th MARCH. Don't forget the wellies, boots or running shoes and bring a main course and dessert for the pot-luck after. For more information contact Ray Muddle on 831030 or Valerie Clark on 832881.

Many thanks to our two sponsors of this event – F.W.P. Matthews for the flour and Guinness (sorry I can't spell their company name) for the DOWN.....DOWN.

If you're new to the village or have never got beyond the shop, all the better because this beats a ten ton polar bear in breaking the ice, but we hope the weather will be better by then.