



CRAPAUD H3 REPORT

Run No.:	1714
Date:	20/11/2022
Hare(s):	Droopy Draws, assisted by 28 Degrees

IT was back to the wild, wild west for Droopy's run and, appropriately enough, our starting point at the Watersplash was being splashed by more than a few drops of rain as we gathered for the On-On.

As the circle formed, a surprising number of the generally very hardy pack were well lagged with extra layers and waterproofs. A wet run was anticipated.

Mercifully, the GM kept his opening remarks to a minimum and we were soon off to a less than flying start, punching bravely into a fierce westerly blow.

At first the trail took in a stretch of promenade, but before too long it led over the Five-mile Road and into the meadows adjacent to St Ouen's Pond. Then, predictably, we headed for the high ground above the bay.

However, this was to be no up one track and down the next affair. Once upon the heights we bimbled around various tracks and lanes before making a half descent, another ascent and then a plod along a path which, because of a tree standing all on its own, should be called the Trail of the Lonesome Pine.

The route home was a long one, taking in the ancient patch of strip fields next to Rue de la Campagne and then one of the gentler, if slippery, routes down to Rue de la Val de La Mare.

A group of SCBs thought that it would be a good idea to shortcut back to the Splash via National Trust land, only to receive a ticking off from a birdwatcher who pointed out that the route they had chosen was verboten.

The rest of the pack played it straight and made it back to the On-Downs almost as quickly.

As usual, the Splash provided ample bangers, bread and fries – as well as welcome shelter from the storm. That said, despite the wind and constant threat of rain, those waterproofs mentioned above were largely superfluous during the run itself.

Birthday punishments were awarded to Hooker and Muff Diver (Hooker won the half-pint challenge) and the hare and her assistant also received their just desserts for what was a good run of substantial length.















