



## KENNET VALLEY HASH HOUSE HARRIERS

### Mag No 0007 - Sunday 10th May 1998 - The Bell at Ramsbury

Your Scribe this week - Hornblower Keith

All was very quiet in Ramsbury as the town clock struck 1045 am. In the Bell car park a lonely virgin hasher and his wife muttered " Is this the right day" - but all was well - in true hashing style cars and runners appeared with one minute to go. And so it was that Navy Mike called 14 runners/walkers plus loads of children (all Martin's) to order and began the proceedings by appointing Keith as the first ever ' Hash Horn Blower '. The trail was set by Martin - another first - and he told us that he had used 4 kilo bags of stoneground flour on the trail. We expected the on-ons to be two feet high with that amount of flour but they were only about 1 foot.

The sun was up and we went up and up and out of the village sticking close to Martin's son. He came in very handy for advising on which direction to take but alas his legs gave out at the 25,000 feet mark. We arrived at the highest landmark possible just before noon. The sun was as large as I have ever seen it. Eight hardy runners (25% of whom were women) turned their backs on the short trail at this point and we went for glory instead. On and On we went through the bluebell woods across open fields checking out false trails with no end and suffering the flies (so many and so big). Martin checked us regularly from his 4 x 4 - very sensible with the children running. Having nearly lost Richard (another hasher on his first run) in the last bluebell wood we all made it back to the pub safe and sound if several pounds - or should it be kilos - lighter

In the garden afterwards Navy Mike awarded Hare Martin a down-down (more singing practice required) and Keith Hornblower awarded the Horn to Hilary for not spotting the difference between stones and stoneground flour. A great first trail. Thank you Martin.

There are still some ' KVVH3 Inaugural Run ' T-shirts available (only £6 )

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008	7th June 98	The Who'd a Thought it Lockeridge	Martin
009	21st June 98	The Crown Aldbourne	Navy Mike

If you would like to volunteer to lay a trail please let me know on 01793 481220 (Work)  
or 01672 871374 (Home)

The following letter has been received from Dr Oliver Wintergreen who is the owner of the house invaded by hashers following an arrow laid by the Hash Saboteurs Chairman at Mildenhall a couple of runs ago:

Dear Mr Fisher

Following lengthy enquiries on my part and finally a sight of a full and unequivocal confession in that excellent journal the KVH3 Newsletter, I find it is yourself that is responsible for not only causing a considerable and inexcusable distraction to the noble pursuit of Hashing, but also desecrating the driveway to my house. To add further to this inane action you have the perfunctory nerve to blame your partner Katie who I understand was not 'whisked away' after the event, but left in total disgust of your actions.

As a doctor I have only support for any activity which gives people the opportunity to benefit from a modicum of healthy outdoor exercise combined with a social atmosphere in which relaxation may be readily found. Even my scant knowledge of Hashing leaves me in no doubt this is one way forward to the healthy and happy lifestyle we all seek (most of us anyway). I therefore find your complete disdain for this activity incomprehensible and consider myself fortunate not to be your practitioner. I would suggest that if you do not already have private medical insurance you should take out a policy immediately.

I do not intend to take any further action in the hope that you will realise the error of your ways and seek salvation in Hashing before it is too late for you.

Yours in hope

Dr Oliver Wintergreen MRCP MRCPG

PS Would you please tell me what "Additive" you put in to the flour so that I may obtain a solvent to remove the offending arrow from my driveway. I, and my family are getting tired of every passer-by calling for directions.