



KENNET VALLEY HASH HOUSE HARRIERS

Hash Mag No.0012 - Sunday 19th July 1998 - The Old Crown at Ogbourne St George

Your scribe - Another Mike

Having heard dire stories about dwindling attendees at the fledgling Kennet Valley Hash, your scribe thought he had better crawl out of the upper reaches of the Churn to increase turn out by 25% - and I'm glad I did. It was an excellent run over the downs from O-St-G and the hare Martin deserved all the supports we could give him. (He is advised to wash them before wearing).

Five of us tackled the long trail of about 5.5 miles - Jeremy, Richard, Ian, Navy Mike and scribe. Navy was heavily strapped up round his knee (or maybe his support had slipped) but despite this encumbrance managed the distance. Features of the trail that stick in my befuddled mind are Jeremy being enticed into a long false trail, thinking that it was time we re-joined the Ridgeway and moving from way ahead of the pack to way behind; then we met a mystified farmer on his combine harvester collecting winter barley and EU cash, who asked why we indulged in such strenuous activity on a beautiful summer's day (answer 'because it's there'); and Ian from the North Wilts Hash, pounding hard down the last long uneven slope off the escarpment lured by the smell of beer, regardless of the possibility of twisting ankles, colliding with off-road motorcyclists or getting a down-down for ungentlemanly racing.

Martin's family on the short trail were met just before the end of the run - a good piece of planning that. And we all gathered in the kiddy's play garden for some excellent York bitter and a peer down the pub's internal well which looked incredibly deep. Just like the meaning of Hashing.

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| 013 | 16th August 98 | The Wheatsheaf at Chilton Foliat (Between Ramsbury & Hungerford) | Navy Mike (again) |
| 014 | 30th August | The Red Lion at Axford | Martin (again) |

If you would like to lay a trail - and it can be very rewarding and a good way of getting to know the countryside even better - please contact Navy Mike on 01793 481220 (Work), or 01672 871374 (Home)