

KENNET VALLEY HASH HOUSE HARRIERS

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Your scribe this week - Jeremy

A fabulous day, an excellent course, a good turnout with some 9 runners and 4 walkers, and 2 new faces (Brian and Don) for our pre-Christmas run.

After a group photo session to capture the ambience of the occasion and the glitter of Margaret, we set off from the Shepherd's Rest up onto the Ridgeway. Richard as hare, had spiked the route with various goodies and the first check at the top revealed a variety of silver foil packages that turned out to offer sustenance for the route ahead. The runners found the ON-ON at the first check but failing to mark the way on the circle left the walkers to fend for themselves. A long glorious run down across the gallops was matched by a growing realisation that what goes down must go up and after being side lined by a variety of superfluous check points, it was indeed the long slow haul back up to the Ridgeway.

Whilst clear, dry and sunny, there was a slight chill creeping in, so hands were soon seen to be disappearing up shirt sleeves to retain if possible an ability to undo shoe laces at the end of the course.

The leaders, steadfastly ignoring the set route, headed on to the finish, on the way meeting up with the walkers who were still checking out the first way point. The remaining runners met up with the hare for mince pairs and some strong refreshment until all retired to the pub for post-hash recovery activities. All supported Navy Mike in his thanks to the hare for the course.

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024 03 January The Roebuck, Marlborough Navy Mike Special New Year Run – with goodies In Savernake forest

025 17 January The Kings Arms, All Cannings Ian Combined hash with N Wilts H3

Events to look forward to:

xx 28 February The Bell, Ramsbury tbd First birthday celebration