



KENNET VALLEY HASH HOUSE HARRIERS

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Another first this week - the first combined run with another hash - and I suspect a bit of an eye-opener for most of the new Kennet Valley Hashers. We ran with the North Wilts Hash who have a reputation for being true exponents of hashing in the raw and they lived up to their reputation. They are for example incredibly rude to each other. "Sod off you poncy git" - this to a nice young man who was trying to be helpful, and to other people as well - "F....k off you pompous old c..t" this to some chap on a horse who said "I don't think the farmer would appreciate you climbing over his fences" in an A L Wisty sort of voice. They are also rather boisterous in hashing ceremonies such as the 'Down-Down'. Some unfortunate woman who was on her first hash was given a Down-Down for being a virgin. The aim is of course to drink a pint of beer down in about ten seconds while the assembled mob sing a rousing hash song. She, poor woman had probably never drunk a pint of beer in her life let alone down in one - and so after a couple of lady-like sips the Religious Adviser poured the whole lot over her head. I noticed a couple of Kennet Valley Hashers looking on with wide eyes muttering 'Christ !' to themselves.

Anyway, on with the run itself which was excellent. The North Wilts system of marking a trail takes a bit of getting used to even if you understand it but we got round alright. It was however a tad muddy. Even Margaret was heard to say to me "I'll never complain about one of your trails again" as she waded tknee deep through an expanse of glutinous sludge near a farm. Then it was on up into the hills - glorious running on top of the world in clear bright sunshine - wonderful. Many thanks to Ian for a great run and for an amazing experience.

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I only made two major mistakes in the on-ons in the last mag - wrong pub on the 14th February and wrong hare on the 28th - this is now corrected below.

025	31st January 99	Crown and Anchor at Ramsbury	Jeremy
026	14th February 99	Patriots Arms at Chiseldon (Valentines Day run)	Richard
027	28th February 99	The Bear at Marlborough (First Anniversary run - see note over)	Ray
028	14th March 99	The Old Crown at Ogbourne St George	Navy Mike

First Anniversary Run

Kennet Valley Hash House Harriers will have been in existence for a whole year and to celebrate this wonderful occasion there will be an extra-specially enjoyable trail from the Bear followed by a party at Margarets house (4 Barn Street - about 50 yards from the pub). There will be food (lasagne and shepherds pie and soup and sandwiches) and drink (champagne provided but otherwise bring your own booze) plus much fun, laughter, dancing and celebration.