



KENNET VALLEY HASH HOUSE HARRIERS

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First Anniversary Run

Your scribe this week – Jeremy

An excellent day to celebrate the first anniversary of the Kennet Valley Hash House Harriers, the inaugural meeting having been at The Bell, Ramsbury on March 1, 1998.

We congregated outside Marlborough's Public Toilets which was convenient for a few of us, then after the usual briefing from the chief hare, we set off in warm sunshine up the course -up being the appropriate phrase since Kingsbury Street was the initial obstacle. Interestingly a couple of runners had feigned illness (Ian with a bad leg, Brian with a bad chest), and so were able to tackle this first hurdle at a leisurely pace. Your scribe had visions of the Marlborough 10K course at this time, but after a variety of doglegs around Marlborough Common it was then back down into the town and onto the old railway line.

Margaret at this time was way in the lead as the runners overtook the first of the speed walkers (Ian and xxx) . Rumour has it that this feat of athletic prowess was partially assisted by an intuitive insight into the route. The hare tried his best to confuse us, by hiding checkpoints under piles of leaves and having ferocious dogs at strategic points around the course, but we were having none of it and battled on under all onslaughts.

It was then out of the forest, back into town and as we headed towards the Bear our thirsts arising, we were horrified to see the course split yet again with the runners being directed back out into the wilderness. Along more forest trails and across commons we eventually emerged to run through The College and then along the High Street. Richard here made the first of two mistakes by not following the course down Figgins Lane. His second was to announce loudly later that the horn had not been presented. The result of both errors was for him to become its proud recipient. The alternate recipient was Keith for only appearing once a year, but as it is unlikely he will be seen for another, it seemed inappropriate to allow him the privilege of being Mr Horn.

With all safely returned, including Julia who is again understood to have chosen her own unique route, and after a few bebies at the Bear we all retired to Margaret's to celebrate in style with some excellent grub.

The event slowly drew to a close mid-afternoon, with dancing taken over as the next theme. Brian danced with Teri, Dee decided to go to Great Bedwyn (and did), Mike decided to go (but didn't).

Sympathies to Ian who seems to have exasperated his leg – hopefully he will have recovered sufficiently by the time we meet again.

Finally, congratulations to Margaret and Julia for a memorable meal, to Teri for assisting, to Julia, Jackie, Dee, Brian, Ian, and Keith for walking, to Richard, Margaret, Ian, Keith (and myself!) for running, to Brian Mott for joining in with the celebrations and to Navy Mike for setting an excellent and varied course.

We all look forward to the second anniversary event.

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| 029 | 28 March 1999 | The Coopers Arms in Pewsey | Ray |
| 030 | 11 April 1999 | The Red Lion at Avebury | Navy Mike |

Future Trails

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