



## KENNET VALLEY HASH HOUSE HARRIERS

### Mag No 037 - Sunday 4th July 1999 - The Calley Arms at Hodson

Your trail on this extremely hot July day was laid by Napoleon Keith (arm now happily out of plaster) assisted by Ian and by Di (who has not run with us since the first hash and so it was nice to see her again). This was a short trail of approximately 9.82 miles and one which left your scribe completely knackered at the finish - more training (or a shorter trail) required.

But on with the story. Lots of walkers and about 6 runners gathered at the Hodson pub - an interesting place as it lies in wildish countryside and yet is only a mile or two from Swindon. Quick briefing from Napoleon and then off down the hill into a wooded valley, through somebodys garden and then across the boggiest fields in Western Europe. Poor Andrew - visiting from Wolverhampton and looking forward to a nice clean run - went up to his waist in cow droppings on three occasions in the first ten minutes (and he wondered why nobody sat next to him back at the pub afterwards). On up the other side of the valley through seven foot high stinging nettles (even bigger than on the last run) and down the other side to the motorway. We crossed the motorway on the spirally bridge - interesting new hash sign like a coil spring with an arrow head as we approached - and on into Coate Water. It was at this point that the heat began to get to everybody and we galloped round the lake all hoping that one of us would give up first so that we could have a rest. Fortunately wee met up with the walkers just then and so we all stopped for a chat and a cool down. Then it was on up the road to the pub. Another excellent run.

We sat in the garden in warm sunshine afterwards and put the world to rights in an amicable and relaxed way and drank the odd pint of ale - wonderful stuff. Thank you Keith for a highly enjoyable hash.

There were one or two ideas that I wrote about in the last hashmag and so in case you missed them here they are again. All hashes have traditional posts/titles. For example there is always a Grand Master or Grand Old Master who is a sort of wise figurehead or chief. Then there is the Religious Adviser who is responsible for protocol and ceremonial matters and usually a Trail Master who is responsible for the programme and ensuring there the trails are properly organised and promulgated. Do you think we should have some or all of these in our hash. I should be interested in your views.



### ON ONs

037	18th July 99	The Plough at Shalbourne	Navy Mike
038	1st August 99	Ray's Place at East Kennet (BBQ - see below)	Ray
039	15th August 99	Savernake Forest (Picnic - see below)	Margaret
040	29th August 99	The Science Museum Wroughton (see below)	Ian
041	12th September 99	The White Horse Winterbourne Bassett	Navy Mike

### Rays Place BBQ

The run on Sunday 1st August is from Ray's house in East Kennet (it is only a small village and there will be signs up showing you the way to the house) and after the run there will be a BBQ in his back garden. Ray will provide the fire some salad bits and soft drinks - please bring your own things to cook and your own booze. If it rains we will all go down to the village pub which is about 40 yards away.

### Savernake Forest Picnic

Two treats in a row. The run on Sunday 15th August will be from the Savernake Forest picnic area. Meet at the normal time at the car park next to the picnic area (as indicated on the map below) and after the run there will be a picnic and lots of fun and games of rounders organised by Margaret. Please bring your own picnic (the rounders bat and ball will be provided). If it rains we will all go down to the Roebuck pub in Marlborough.

### Science Museum Wroughton

This is Ian's idea of a different and interesting hash run. Meet at the car park next to the museum at the normal time and Ian will explain everything.

If you would like to lay a trail (or find out where the next hash is) please give me - Navy Mike - a call on 01672 871374 (Home) or 01793 481220 (Office)