



KENNET VALLEY HASH HOUSE HARRIERS

Mag No 038 - Sunday 18th July 1999 - The Plough at Shalbourne

My word it was hot. Your trail layer Navy Mike out to set the trail at 0900 today was awash with sweat and by 1100 when huge numbers of hashers had gathered on the village green outside the pub it was like mid-summer. And what a turnout! The last run at the Plough only two people turned up - Margaret and Jeremy - but this morning there were sixteen walkers and nine runners. This is a World, European and British All-Comers record for the Kennet Valley Hash House Harriers and all those who were there will have been a part of history.

There was a bit of a delay as we waited for Keith M and Son and Knackered and Mrs Nigel (I have had a word with them about their timekeeping) but we were soon off down the main street of the village running hard towards the rolling hills of Wiltshire. There was a loop round the watercress beds and then across a huge field to the road where the shorts turned right and the longs turned left. Bit of a boring flog up a road at this point and so we had a regroup at the crossroads where there was a wonderful view. Jeremy as usual was way out in front and we chatted amicably for a while until Keith M caught up and then it was straight on again. There's no rest for those at the back. Off to the right through corn and thistles (with the trail marked by thistles doused in flour) - up a grassy track and on to the village of Ham. This is one of those pretty chocolate box villages which looked idyllic in the morning sunshine but no time to stop and stare as it was on past the church across a meadow and back along lanes and fields to the pub. The runners and the walkers arrived back at the same time - one minute to opening time - which was nice. What a great run.

We sat outside looking out over the village green in hot sunshine drinking the most excellent beer that they sell at the Plough and Ray presented the Hash Horn to your scribe for reasons which were not clear. One normally expects the presenter of the horn to make a long witty speech reducing the assembled company to helpless laughter but Ray would have none of that nonsense.

We also had an election of the Grand Old Master of KVVH3. Sylvia kindly proposed your scribe and this seemed to meet with general approval and so you now have a Grand Old Master - usually shortened to GOM. We still need a volunteer for the office of Trail Master however and so if you would like to hold this post of considerable responsibility and importance please would you let me know.

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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	GOM
042	26th September 99	The Wheatsheaf at Chilton Foliat	Richard

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 (which is on the A346 Marlborough to Burbage road at the junction with the minor road turning right to Wootton Rivers - not the first picnic area which is just outside Marlborough).

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 still run from the picnic area but go down to the Roebuck pub in Marlborough afterwards.

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. Plan is to go down to the Waggon & Horses in Wroughton after the run.

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)