



KENNET VALLEY HASH HOUSE HARRIERS

Mag No 042 - Sunday 12th September 1999 - White Horse Winterbourne Bassett

Lured by the irresistible combination of warm late summer sunshine, a trail in a delightful part of Wiltshire and one which was to be laid by your very own Grand Old Master - nine runners and fourteen walkers turned up at the Winterbourne Bassett champing at the bit for the off. I will not name everybody who came because I did that in the last mag and failed to mention that Alan was one of the hardy few. I have apologised to Alan for that.

And what a good trail it was. We started with a loop around Winterbourne Bassett past the church and then there was a long straight run across the fields to Broad Hinton. The walkers and the runners split there and while the walkers took a short cut to the South of Broad Hinton the runners went on through the village and across the fields to the top of the escarpment above Clyffe Pypard. There really are magnificent views there and so we stopped and gazed across half of England while Richard caught up he having taken the wrong trail at every circle since the start and so was a little behind. Even Keith M was in front of him. On along the top of the escarpment to the road and then a bit along the road back towards Broad Hinton where we turned right for home along a bridleway (Richard pausing only to take three false trails to maintain his record). Poor old Ian pulled a muscle in his leg again and had to limp home. (I was immensely impressed however by Napoleon Keith because as soon as he got back to the pub he took his car back to pick Ian up. Very considerate chap is Keith). Greg was also suffering with knee pain towards the end and struggling a bit but he was still one of the first home. The runners caught up with the walkers about half a mile from the pub - and we all had a little sociable chat - and so everyone was back in just over the hour.

We all sat in the garden afterwards and it was extremely pleasant. Richard made a long and witty speech to present the Hash Horn to Margaret (for lurking at circles instead of rushing to investigate all the possible trails) and there was much laughter. A good Hash.

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042	26th September 99	The Wheatsheaf at Chilton Foliat	Richard
043	10th October 99	The Bell at West Overton	Jeremy
044	24th October 99	Barbary Castle (Patriots Arms Chiseldon after)	Ian
045	7th November 99	The Pelican at Froxfield	GOM
046	21st November 99	The Crown and Anchor at Ham (near Shalbourne)	Julia

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