



## KENNET VALLEY HASH HOUSE HARRIERS

### Mag No 051 - Sunday 30th January 2000 - The Bruce Arms at Milton Lilbourne

Heavy rain and gales were forecast for the weekend which was a bit worrying as your trail layer Keith M does not run if it is raining. Fortunately on Sunday morning it turned out windy but dry and so he did and we had a well planned and enjoyable trail after all.

The Bruce Arms is another first for KVVH3 - it is amazing how many excellent country pubs there are in our territory. A good turnout of 9 runners 12 walkers and 2 children were there on time - but there was no sign of the hare. Perhaps he does not run if it is windy as well as if it is raining we thought - but no - here came Keith staggering out of the bushes looking completely knackered and complaining loudly about barbed wire fences and ditches in the wrong place. For this relief much thanks.

Keith explained that the last bit of the trail was a bit of a disaster so we wouldn't be running that bit and we had a nice flat short trail in front of us - and then we were off down some muddy lane. The first few circles held the runners up considerably as the on-ons were so far down the line and your scribe on several occasions found himself running hard to catch the walkers up. Luckily we had Steve with us who was on his first hash. He was rushing along at great speed and checking all the false trails with enormous enthusiasm - surprising he hasn't been before with energy like that. Things settled down and the runners were able to keep together in a group except for Val and another new runner - her friend called Jane - who occupied Keith's usual position at the back. The front runners today were Richard and Ray with Brian moving steadily up the field. Brian has clearly caught the hashing bug as he ran with the North Wilts Hash the previous Sunday and thoroughly enjoyed it (including the "down-down"). On on through woods and across fields in new and attractive countryside and back to the pub. Now here it became apparent what a well crafted trail this was as runners and walkers arrived back together and all in an hour.

Small pub with a big log fire and friendly landlord - which we took over completely and there was an exceedingly relaxed and pleasant atmosphere as GOM thanked Keith for a very good trail indeed and awarded the Hash Horn to Steve for being such an enthusiastic newcomer. (It should have been Greg presenting the Horn but he had a bone in his leg and had to walk). Another well organised and very enjoyable hash.

You will see that we have trails organised right up to the 21st May (see over for the On-Ons). Thank you all those volunteers.



# ON ONs

052	13th February	The Swan at Wilton	GOM
053	27th February	The White Hart at Burbage	Jeremy
054	12th March	The French Horn at Pewsey Wharf	Margaret and Steve
055	26th March	Shepherds Rest near Liddington	Richard
056	9th April	The Kings Arms at All Cannings	Keith M
057	23rd April (Easter)	The Cross Keys at Great Bedwyn	GOM
058	7th May	The Blue Lion at Collingbourne Ducis	Ray
059	21st May	The Red Lion at Baydon	Val and Jane

The run by Jeremy on the 27th February at Burbage will mark our second birthday. As we have just celebrated our 50th run however there is no special party planned and GOM will simply propose a birthday toast to us during the apres which no doubt will be a little more lively and sociable than usual

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)