



KENNET VALLEY HASH HOUSE HARRIES

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After another breakneck drive to the hash having completely underestimated the distance from my home as usual I arrived at the right Wilton, not many people know that there no pub called the Swan in Wilton just outside Salisbury.

So it was on this the most beautiful Sunday morning of the year if not this centenary that 11 runners plus our hare and some 20 walkers meet with two new runners from Dezies having look our meeting up on the internet. Kennet Valley goes global ([www.Navy Mike@run.com](http://www.NavyMike@run.com)) ?....

So after a quick briefing by our GOM we set off out though the village pass thatched cottages and the duck pond, sunlit paths across open fields with Steve a new front runner complete with the Kennet horn finding the trial. He was also clearing any signs of Wiltshire wild life before us. We arrived at the Crofton Beam Engine site on the banks of the Kennet and Avon canal, the pumping station with it two Cornish beam engines built in 1812/1845. Steve quickly found the trial and it was off along the canal path heading for Great Bedwyn, a long fast stretch Steve only being passed by a high speed train on the other bank. The trial then turned sharp right up the hill and into Castle copse, once in the woods we had a regroup mainly to catch our breath before racing off again this time with Jeremy in hot pursuit of Steve. The very wet and muddy path lead us into Bedwyn Brial with lovely squeals and squawks coming from Margaret and Brian's foot work would have put Wayne Sleep to shame. Navy Mike our hare came out of the woods to join us at this point, out across open fields and over a road we ran we then entered Wilton Brial (is a brial a Wiltshire trial for the blind?). It was in this wood the runners meet up with the walkers, the first group the slower nature lovers, checking all things beautiful, 100 yards farther on the 2nd group heads up thinking of food and drink. Out of the woods and across the fields we found a small group of speed walkers, on entering the village Steve and Jeremy made it back to the pub first, Silvia was seem sprinting for third place, beating a professionally trained athlete (no name given), is she in training for the Ridge Way July run?.

Well done Mike another great trial with runners and walkers finishing together.

The small pub turned out to be very pleasant inside with good food, a friendly landlord and a great pint. GOM thanked everyone for coming making it our best turn out to-date. Super fit Steve our horn blower for the hash presented Brian with the Kennet Valley horn for his footwork on the run? .

Many thanks again to our GOM for a well-organized and enjoyable hash.

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054	12 th March	The French Horn at Pewsey Warf	Margaret and Steve
055	26 th March	Spepherds Rest near Liddington	Richard
056	9 th April	The Kings Arms at All Cannings	Keith M
057	23 rd April	The Cross Keys at Great Bedwyn	GOM
058	7 th May	The Blue Lion at Collingbourne Ducis	Ray
059	21 st May	The Red Lion at Baydon	Val and Jane

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