



KENNET VALLEY HASH HOUSE HARRIERS

Mag No 053 - Sunday 27th February 2000 - The White Hart at Burbage

Today's run marked our second anniversary and it was encouraging to see so many enthusiastic runners and walkers (there were 26) filling the car park of the pub all eagerly looking forward to the hash. The days when only two people (usually Margaret and Jeremy) would turn up are a distant memory and the Kennet Valley Hash is now so firmly established that your scribe has started planning the celebrations for our 1,000th run.

Jeremy was the hare for this our 53rd run (only 947 runs to go to the 1,000th) and after a careful brief a cheerful mob of humanity galloped off down the main road. At this point - some 10 minutes after the appointed hash start time - we noted one Keith M climbing out of his car and commencing a slow and careful search for his running shoes. And this despite your GOM's recent reminder about the importance of punctuality! There were several circles and false trails at the start however and so he was able to catch up - so that was alright.

GOM was in front for a mile or so showing how it should be done but the trail was fast and flat and Steve was soon back in the lead and racing away. We had to call a couple of impromptu regroupings to let the pack catch up but most people were glad of the rest. A long loop over paths and fields and then down to the canal. Here the pack really began to string out with those at the back running slowly to enjoy the scenery - which was lovely - and those at the front running hard to get back to the pub. A short steep climb up from the canal bank by the tunnel and on up the road where we met the walkers and stopped for a sociable chat - then a diversion off to the left and through the suburbs of Burbage which was all very interesting - and finally we all burst out of the bushes straight into the pub car park.

We filled the bar of the White Hart (which is quite a large pub) afterwards and there was the usual relaxed and sociable atmosphere. GOM was nearly struck down by a ceiling fan when he stood on a chair to thank Jeremy for an excellent and enjoyable trail and so Brian stood safely on the ground to present the Hash Horn to a very deserving person. Another successful hash.

The Hash Mag

You must be getting bored with the same old style hashmag written by GOM and so to add a bit of variety and interest why not volunteer to write the mag yourself. Jeremy and Napoleon have written them with great success - so why not you. Do it in your own style and if it will help I will type and/or photocopy your masterpiece. Talk to me.

The Ridgeway Path Relay Run - June 18th 2000

We have been invited by the Marlborough Running Club to enter a team in their annual Ridgeway Relay Run which is on Sunday 18th June. A team consists of ten runners (two of whom have to be ladies). The run is along the whole of the Ridgeway Path from Ivinghoe Beacon in Buckinghamshire to Marlborough a distance of 89.1 miles. It is a team relay with ten legs varying in length from 5.1 miles to 11.9 miles. At least ten of us have said they'd like to run this challenging event and so I have paid the entrance fee of £30 and entered a Kennet Valley Hash team. Our own run number 61 falls on the 18th June and so we can make the Ridgeway run the hash for that week if you agree. We have to provide our own support and each runner has to check out his own particular leg carefully beforehand so quite a lot of organising and planning will be required. All our regular runners will be needed to run and if our regular walkers would be prepared to provide the support team we could involve all of our hash in what looks like a real challenge. More details later.

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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

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)