

## KENNET VALLEY HASH HOUSE HARRIERS

Wanborough

## Mag No 055 - Sunday 26th March 2000 - The Shepherds Rest at Burbage

April showers came early this year and we were bathed in spring sunshine one moment and drizzled upon the next as we crowded into the car park at the side of the Shepherds Rest. A very good turnout of runners and walkers swelled by about twenty of Jeremy's family who were made very welcome.

Richard was telling everyone about the trail just before the off when the pub a person interrupted and said that she did not want us to park on the grass. The start of the run was thus disrupted as half of us messed about retrieving keys and moving cars and the other half set off on the trail to avoid getting cold. It apparently did not occur to said person that by waiting until the very last moment in this way she was causing the greatest possible disruption to the run. Your scribe expressed some concern at this lack of consideration but was accused of being a Victor Meldrew and accordingly will forbear from further comment (even though said person then went on to ban children from the pub so that Jeremy's family had to leave - thereby spoiling the apres as well as the run).

Luckily Richard had laid a super trail - up the steep climb from the pub to the Ridgeway - legs aching and lungs bursting right from the start - then left down into a valley when everyone started running hard and feeling full of the joys of Spring. The trail then led up the longest and most knackering bridle path ever. It was one of those that you never actually get to the top and so my memory of the rest of the trail is rather blurred as we staggered ever upwards eyes glazed over with fatigue. I do remember climbing a hill with a trig point on it and the views from there were stunning. We met up with the walkers just after that and from then on it was all downhill back to the pub.

Despite said person the apres was pleasant and relaxed and Greg's son Matt presented the Hash Horn to Ian for splashing everyone with muddy water at the bottom of the valley referred to above - and very well deserved too if I may say so. Thank you very much Richard for another excellent trail.

## Ridgeway Run

Jeremy has a lot more detail about the changeover points and the lengths of each leg for the relay on 18th June and he will be producing some briefing sheets shortly. If you would like to help with the support team please let him know.

## ON ONs

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
060	4th June	(Cannot remember the name of the pub)	Ian
061	18th June	The Ridgeway Run Relay	Jeremy

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)