



## KENNET VALLEY HASH HOUSE HARRIERS

### Mag No 060 - Sunday 4<sup>th</sup> June 2000 - The White Horse at Compton Bassett

The honour of laying the trail for our 60th run fell to Ian. We knew we were in for something different when the walkers went off first and the runners had to stay behind to attend a lecture on the Eastern Mongolian system of trail marking. Nobody understood a word but we rushed off up the hill anyway hoping that all would be clear when we saw it.

It was an exceptionally good trail with challenging and varied terrain, magnificent views and all bathed in warm sunshine. We came to one particularly challenging bit in the middle of a wood where one had to scale a huge bank with the aid of a rope. The rope wasn't actually much help as it was hanging from a tree at the wrong angle and there was a great deal of laughter and skylarking.

The first of the Mongolian check backs came at about the 9 mile mark. It was quite simple really it just means that you get to a part of the trail which has dead ends in all directions and everyone has to mill about hoping that they will find some clue to the way ahead. We sorted that one out eventually and had no trouble with the second although we began to wonder a bit as we struggled through impenetrable undergrowth up to our knees in slimy oozing mud for the next hour. On out into the sunshine finally and on to the last 7 miles back to the pub - which were easy running fortunately as there were one or two of us beginning to feel the edges of tiredness at this point.

Very pleasant pub. We all sat in the garden in the sunshine for the apres and swapped stories of the adventures we had had and gossiped happily. And so to bed.

Ian took 5 hours to lay the trail and what a superb trail it was. You really get value for money with one of Ian's trails - especially if you are training for the marathon. Only joking Ian - thank you for another great trail.

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061	18th June	The Ridgeway Run Relay *	Jeremy
062	2 <sup>nd</sup> July	The White Hart at Oare	GOM
063	16 <sup>th</sup> July	The Oddfellows at Manton	Greg
064	30 <sup>th</sup> July	The Bankside at Studland Bay	Margaret
065	13 <sup>th</sup> August	Black Horse at Cherhill	Richard

SEE OVER FOR MORE INFORMATION ABOUT THE STUDLAND BAY RUN

## Studland Bay

This is going to be a memorable hash run combined with a wonderful day out at the seaside. Plan is to run from the only pub in Studland - The Bankside - starting at the normal time of 1100. Margaret will lay a trail (with lots of flour) along the beach and surrounding countryside for runners and walkers and we will repair to the pub afterwards for a pint. Then in the afternoon we all go down to the beach for a picnic and silly games and a swim. If everyone comes independently then you can leave when you like.

If you would like to lay a trail (or find out where the hash is) please give me - Grand Old Master (GOM) - a call on 01672 871374 (Home) or 01793 481220 (Office) or Email at [mjf@mfisher.co.uk](mailto:mjf@mfisher.co.uk)