KENNET VALLEY HASH HOUSE HARRJERS

Mag No. 068 - Sunday 24th September 2000 The Plough at Wanborough Your Mag today was written by Richard

It had to happen some time but, we had heavy rain for the brief and the initial stages of our run and it appeared to reduce the attendance significantly.

We had our brief from Jeremy under the "Gazebo" so kindly left by the publican in the car park. We also had a new concept in that there were no false trails - so how come I kept running off in the wrong direction!

We had a new runner John who was so impressed by the brief that he refused to leave the "Gazebo". The shortest hash career on record.

Margaret, Paul, Dave and your scribe Richard proved themselves to be the daftest then, by actually running. The hardy core of walkers are also to be congratulated for turning up and I'm sure enjoyed a bracing stroll in the countryside.

Our route toured Wanborough and then headed towards Swindon, we crossed the A419 and onward around Liden. A particularly cruel route ensured we actually ran round a pub without stopping for a pint. Around the Liden Lagoon, back across the A419 and the fields completed an interesting route which, must have created a record for the number of stiles we had to climb over.

Paul managed to fall over a couple of times. On the second one I gave him 8.4 for "grace", on his bum first descent into the stinging

nettles and 9.7 for vocabulary on his way up. I learnt many new "hashing" expressions but, the majority of it is physically impossible.

Young Max and David were showing an ongoing turn of speed as they decided to sprint around the course much to the embarrassment of some of the mature runners who struggled to keep up with them.

Our G.O.M. seemed to have got it right being at the pub for the presentation and claiming injury to prevent his running.

Mike rightly thanked Jeremy for laying the trail having taken over at very short notice. Many thanks Jeremy, we appreciated it.

Paul presented the horn to me for no other reason that I was admiring the view and besides someone has got to be last.

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069 8.10.00. The Catherine Wheel at Bibury Margaret & Dave

070 22.10.00. The Freke Arms Hannington Richard

071 5.11.00. Somewhere in Hungerford Keith M

N.B. The Freke Arms is not actually in Hannington. From the south turn right on the 4019 (Cold Harbour Pub) just past the Jurnpike roundabout. The road is signposted Highworth and the pub is remote on the left hand side.

If you would like to lay a trail (or find out where the hash is) please give Grand Old Master (GOM) a call on 01672 871374 (Home) or 01793 481220 (Office) or email at mif@mfisher.co.uk.