

KENNET VALLEY HASH HOUSE HARRIERS

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THE TALLY HO, HUNGERFORD NEWTOWN

The day started so very well, the pub was dead easy to find. The weather was kind, a bright sunny day but chilly - 2.5oC when Ray started to lay the trail at some ungodly hour.

Initially Ray had asked us to park in the lane opposite but, then we were confronted with the first of numerous horseboxes that could not get past. So all change to the lane alongside the pub. All this excitement and we hadn't even started.

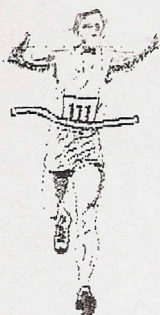
Because of the ice and frozen ground, Ray had laid the trail in a "gentle pink", I think it was to match his hat and very fetching it was too.

Our intellectual abilities were to be stretched to the limit as we needed to count upto three blobs of flour to ensure we were on the correct trail. Otherwise the rules seemed to be pretty standard.

A good turnout of walkers and runners started off in two separate directions. These were foreign parts to most of us as the grand tour of Berkshire commenced.

We passed around one of the biggest muddiest over populated pig farms ever. They were even muddier than we were. After that your scribe experienced his usual "Red Mist" and so further details are a little vague.

Ray must have set the record for the longest ever false trails - remember we were still trying to count upto 3. Fortunately Jeremy & Ian went on most of them and left the rest of us to loiter around the occasional circle and do some strategic "kicking out".



However we did notice Ian & Jeremy cutting a gigantic slice of the route by going across a field. Even our GOM was seen in the far distance having missed the most enormous arrow as he went on & on & on into the distance. It was amazing he got back to the pub by closing time.

Despite our trials and tribulations we all managed to get back to the pub just before the walkers.

The trail went through some magnificent countryside and it was an excellent route. Many thanks Ray.

The food and beers were particularly good & very well earned I thought. A good time was had by all. G.O.M. did his usual thing and thanked Ray for his efforts. Steve then managed to spoil it all by presenting me with the Hash Horn - lets face it someone has got to be at the back.

RICHARD.

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78	11.2.01.	Roebuck, Marlborough	Margaret & Dave
79	25.2.01.	George, Purton	Steve
80	11.3.01.	Swan, Wilton	G.O.M.
81	25.3.01.	To be decided	Margaret
82	8.4.01.	Hare & Hounds Lambourne Woodlands	Ian
83	22.4.01.	To be decided	Jeremy
84	6.5.01.	Coopers Arms, Pewsey	Keith

If you would like to lay a trail (or find out where the hash is) please give the Grand Old Master (G.O.M.) a call on 01672 871374 (home) or 01793 481220 (office) or email mjf@mfisher.co.uk.