



KENNET VALLEY HASH HOUSE HARRIERS

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The footpaths and by-ways all over Wiltshire have been closed now that we are in the midst of a disastrous outbreak of Foot & Mouth disease and so hashing has been badly affected. Our last run had to be cancelled but hashers are an innovative lot and this week we had a really superb run organised by Jeremy in the town.

Only a small number of hashers mustered at the start but their enormous enthusiasm made up for the lack of numbers. Quick brief from Jeremy and then off through the streets of Old Town with circles and blobs every 5 yards. Your scribe had to walk today and so the runners' adventures will not be recorded for posterity but the walkers' will be for a change. The walkers followed a really attractive trail through green and pleasant places. Through the Town Gardens full of daffodils and snowdrops we went, round the fish pond then a bit on the road but soon back to greenery at Croft woods and playing fields. Another brief stretch along the Marlborough Road and then we were back in woods and open spaces in the Lawns which took us almost all the way back to the pub. Amazing how much open space there was. The trail was clear and precise - and it was a novel experience to find all the circles kicked out in the right direction. No false trails to decoy you away for the walkers! There are some advantages in walking you see. And you get such a nice class of people walking - ranging from Elizabeth (aged 18 months) in her pushchair to Terry (who is a bit older) with his stick all happily chatting away together and enjoying being out in the open.

We all crammed in to one cosy corner of the pub afterwards and enjoyed the usual pleasant and relaxed sociability of the hash. All possible because Jeremy stepped in and organised an interesting and varied run in the town at short notice. Thank you Jeremy.

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081	25 th March	Woodlands Edge at Peatmoor	Paul Tracy
082	8 th April	<u>NEW</u> The Saracans Head Highworth *	GOM
083	22 nd April	<u>NEW</u> The Sun Marlborough	GOM
084	6 th May	Coopers Arms Pewsey ++	Keith
085	20 th May	Red Lion Baydon ++	Val and Jockey Dave

* End of the High Street in Highworth. Park in the square or Brewery car park

++ To be changed if restrictions on access to the countryside continue

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

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