



KENNET VALLEY HASH HOUSE HARRIERS

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It is a well known fact that planning a barbeque is the most effective way of ensuring that there will be heavy rain on the day. Nobody therefore was all that surprised when the much looked-forward-to BBQ at Jeremy's was washed out completely.

Still we had a run in the rain to look forward to and our loyal runners (8) and walkers (10) jiggled and tried to keep warm in the rain and wind outside Jeremy's house full of anticipation. A quick brief and we were off up the hill – several circles in quick succession and then in a loop round Ramsbury and down to the river. How nice to have a water feature on the hash. We haven't had one of those for ages and river crossings etc are of course a key feature in hashing generally. Ian who has been on a hash or two around the world provided the traditional splashing of the back markers amidst squeals and laughter, particularly from our ladies Laura and Val, and then we were on again along the valley floor – squelching and dripping wet - to Ramsbury Manor. Here we stopped to admire the view for a few seconds before setting off up the longest hill in Wiltshire. The first mile was up the road and then we veered off to the right to a stony track through a wood which went on up for ever. Luckily the rain had eased to a steady drizzle at this point so we did not get too hot. We did string out however into two main groups with the main pack of Ian and Paul and Dave and Laura and Ray and Gom keeping much together and then Val and Greg a little way back.

The hill finally levelled out and as we came out of the trees we found ourselves 10,000 feet up with exhilarating views across most of Wiltshire. On across the high ground and then a steep descent through woods and across fields to the centre of Ramsbury.

Plan B for the apres – ie no BBQ just 6 pints in the public bar of the Crown & Anchor instead – nice atmosphere as everybody had successfully challenged the elements and we had that sense of the camaraderie of shared achievement . A great run Jeremy. Thank you

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094	9 th Sept	The Crown at Aldbourne	Jockey Dave
095	23 rd Sept	The Royal George at Purton	Steve
096	7 th Oct	The White Horse at Headington (Calne way)	Ian
097	21 st Oct	The Sun at Coate Water	Thunderbird Paul
098	4 th Nov	Golden Swan Wilcot (Pewsey way)	Ray
099	18 th Nov	To be decided	Jeremy
100	2 nd Dec	To be decided	GOM

Centenial Run

Our one hundredth run is on 2nd December. To mark this historic event there will be a special run (laid by GOM with treasure to be found and lots of skylarking and fun) and a huge party afterwards. We still have to decide where to hold it though and so please let me - GOM - know if you have any good ideas. One suggestion was the British Legion in Marlborough, another the Horseshoe at Mildenhall where we had our 50th run, another the Bell at Ramsbury where we had our inaugural run and so on. Tell me what you would like.

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