



KENNET VALLEY HASH HOUSE HARRIERS

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Steve, as part of a reciprocal agreement with Jeremy, was the stand in hare for this first hash run under the auspices of Grand Old Margaret. A few other new interpretations of GOM have been circulating – no doubt more will become apparent in the future. We had a bit of too-ing and fro-ing with the car parking and a valiant attempt by the cook to get a word in while Steve was explaining the finer details of his course. There was the usual tension at the start of any run laid by Steve – would it break the 3 hour barrier, how many walkers would be lost, would there be freezing floods to wade?

All started quietly with a gentle run out of the village and up towards Chilton lodge. The runners were soon spread out checking Steve's long false trails. Ian took off into the lead by Crown Woods and eventually got himself lost along another false trail – rumour has it that he had in the end to ask the walkers which way to go – how they must have cursed his in-competence!

It was over then through Leverton and over the Kennet for the first time, before heading off into Hungerford – by this time Laura was well into the lead honking loudly as she led us through the church yard and back down along the canal. Back across the main road, passing statues of Morecambe and Wise and on towards Chilton Foliat – North Wilts runners were by now way off in the lead with the rest of us following and just managing to beat the walkers back to the pub.

The usual gossip at the pub with a few huddling around the fire for warmth and restitution – Margaret officiated for the first time in her new role thanking Steve for being hare and reflecting on the shoes she now had to fill.

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All starting at 11am

102	30 Dec	The Freke Arms, Hannington	Paul
103	13 Jan	Wagon & Horses, Beckhampton	Ray
104	27 Jan	tba	Keith

Future Trails

If you would like to lay a trail or find out where the next hash is please ring GOMargaret on 01793 703744 or email paultracy@hotmail.com