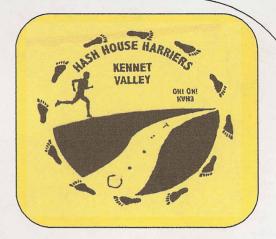
KENNET VALLEY HASH HOUSE HARRIERS MAG No 106 Slug & Lettuce Cirencester Sunday 24th February 2002



Loads of intrepid walkers but only a few hardened runners (not forgetting one frozen Power walker) turned out, braving the weather for this extremely challenging well laid out trail. So cunningly devised was the route that even our more experienced runners where forced to throw in the towel and head for the warmth of the pub early, without even completing the more demanding parts of the trail (wimps)

There was reports of some of the regular runners deciding to remain at home in bed rather than braving the elements, I can not imagine what they got up to, or found more satisfying, than running around Cirencester on a cold damp February morning.

What with Dave confusing all on the markings, and Margaret's well known tightness for depositing flour (it must stem from her welsh upbringing, times was hard when she was young,) we realised life was not going to be easy. Starting off from the middle of the town we where directed past the church and into the abbey meadows, dodging the ducks, the route took us around a large lake and after about 2 miles we found ourselves back in the town only a few yards from where we started. O that is was to be that easy, the trail now took us via alleyways and steams out of the town and into Ciren park, all 3000acres of it. With plenty of opportunities for false trails, the circles where much in evidence designed to slow down the faster front runners (FRBs) had there been any.

Events now became a bit Hazy with the walkers appearing to have no problems but the runners casting around in all directions before vanishing into the mist and outback, after some guidance and rude advise from Dave.

Meanwhile back at the pub with all the walkers counted in , a few pints down our throats and in front of a roaring log fire, GOM started to become concerned at the none attendance of our runners, (not so worried that it prevented her from ordering a Sunday lunch of pork sausage and mash, not bad for a strict vegetarian). Hours later the runners emerged suitably damp and frozen to be followed by Mike also looking the worse for wear

The runners where all terrible impressed with the route and while thawing out, heaped praise and admiration onto Margaret and Dave for laying out such a pleasant trail, even if they did miss most of it.

GOM did her formal bit, and we all looked forward to the next exciting episode at Sapperton chaired by Steve (I wonder if he will loose any walkers)

Weather :- cold and damp Time taken :- 1hr 10mins Horn :- ?? ON -- Ons 11am kick off No 108 24th Mar Crown & Garter Inkpen Common Mike NO 109 7th Apr Railway Inn Hungerford No 110 21st Apr No 111 5th May

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