



KENNET VALLEY HASH HOUSE HARRIERS

Mag No 0110 – Sunday 1 April 2002 – The Ship at Upavon

Another beautiful day with Keith our hare up early to lay the trail and initiate varying degrees of distress to the community at large – both for those living around Upavon and those pursuing the flour.

The walkers, unusually, had a straightforward enjoyable chat, with Keith only adding one or two changes to confuse Katrina who had walked it with him when he was checking it out.

The runners had a little bit more fun, and this goes down as the first trail in the life of Kennet Valley hashing that no runner actually managed to complete the trail as laid.

We set off having been given clear instructions on the meaning of symbols, only to find very quickly that our hare had adopted the North Wilts tradition of being economical with the truth. After 10 minutes we overcame this blatant piece of mis-information and continued back into Upavon, first apologising to land owners for being led across their land, and then explaining that dog owners had nothing to fear from the mysterious white powder around their village – a strange concern in these pagan regions. Although we had no serious hills to overcome – thank you Keith – we did have long long gentle climbs to overcome and the warmth of the weather soon started to slow us up. We continued on, again requiring guidance from Keith to force us down a road marked as private, and then on back towards Upavon. At this point we all missed Keith's markings and found ourselves in a desolate region devoid of flour (this apparently was the walker's route). Anarchy then took over with everyone bailing out and independently taking various cross-country routes to arrive back at our hostel.

Confusion then continued with hashers celebrating at 2 different pubs. Eventually we convened inside The Ship for Margaret to thank Keith for all his efforts – in the best tradition of hashing he laid us a trail that took us around beautiful countryside, gave us plenty to talk about and in this case created a great feeling of camaraderie as we overcame his eccentricities of flour application – we all look forward to his next trail and of course his next hash mag. Finally we raised our glasses and sang to celebrate Margaret's 63 birthday.

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All starting at 11am

111	6 May	The Blue Boar, Aldbourne	Laura / Mark
112	19 May	Dumb Post Inn, Bremhill	Iain
113	2 June	??	Ray
114	16 June	Ogmore by Sea, Near Bridgend, Wales	Dave / Margaret
115	30 June	??	Paul

Future Trails

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