

Hash 112 - The Dumb Post, Bremhill, 19th May 2002

Mike Fisher would have had kittens. He'd have been spitting nails. 11.25 on a Sunday morning, and still the Hash hadn't started. Even Mitchell had turned up 10 minutes ago. Still, the ex-GOM had not turned up, and neither had many others for that matter. Which was a shame. And which also explained why we had not set off - just in case further stragglers (the pub was hard to find) managed to locate the Dumb Post.

Five runners and not many more walkers eventually set off, in the general direction of Bremhill. The trail having been set by Ian, we knew it would be (a) very pretty, (b) very long, and (c) full of those quaint North Wilts checkbacks - and we were right on every count. We chugged through the village, then saw the walkers for the last time for two hours as we forded a stream and headed south-east. At the next checkback, the peace of the countryside was rent for several minutes by the sound of scratching heads and expletives, as the Famous 5 searched for that elusive grain of flour leading to the correct path. Interestingly, Laura revealed (much later) that she had already run the course with Ian, but when put on the spot was as much use as an earwig's *&%@. But we forgave her eventually, after the second time she merrily led us the wrong way.

It was the most sociable run I have been on - the 5 of us (Paul, Dave, Steve, Laura & I) kept more or less together all the way round, taking it in turns to be front runner. When we reached the aptly-named folly, thinking we were almost home, Ian appeared like a will-o-the-wisp to spirit us off on yet another detour, and it was some 2 hours 10 minutes after we set off, that we fought through a flock of Scottish Blackfaces (sheep) and up the hill to the pub. Mike Fisher would have been having kittens, spitting blood &c &c. But we 5 had a lovely time.

Fifthcoming Hash Runs

113 - 2nd June - The Bugger's Arms - Ray

114 - 16th June - Pelican in her Piety - Ogmoor by Sea, South Wales - Margaret (the traditional summer outing)

115 - 30th June - The Bugger's Arms - Jeremy

116 - 14th July - The Bugger's Arms - Some Bugger

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