



KENNET VALLEY HASH HOUSE HARRIERS

Mag No 113 - Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup> June - The Soho near Calne

A glorious June morning, sun shining, birds singing and the Wiltshire countryside looking at its verdant best - but what's this - only 2 runners, your scribe and 3 walkers on such a day ! The fact that England were playing their first match of the World Cup that morning may have had something to do with it of course but is hard to believe that anybody would prefer to sit indoors watching the television rather than hashing in the fresh air and sunshine. But there you are - there's nowt so queer as folk - but it was a great pity that there weren't more to enjoy today's really splendid trail set by your very own Ray.

Runners Margaret and Laura plus a sort of runner - a runker ? (your scribe) and walkers Betty Caroline and Graham met in the car park of the Soho, a large pub on the main A4, and peered anxiously at every passing car to see if there were any more hashers arriving but they were all watching the footy and so we decided to press on without them. A quick brief from Ray to remind us of the mongolian system of trail laying and then we were off across a huge field with grass up to your knees and into the wild hinterland of rural Wiltshire. Ray had set the trail with very long check-backs in order to slow runners like Ian and Jeremy down and so we three had to work hard to find the trails. Your scribe was fully involved in this and often at the front which was wonderful. Luckily Ray came round with us and we had the odd nudge and a wink from him which helped enormously. We ran down old railway lines and through woods and across open fields and over bridges and looped back on ourselves and finally back up the main road for a short stretch to the pub. We were back in just under an hour and the walkers arrived back at the same time and the whole thing was hugely enjoyable.

We all sat gossiping in the garden of the pub in warm sunshine afterwards and enjoyed the apres too. GOMargaret made a very informal speech thanking Ray for a great run and promised faithfully that she would remember to bring the Hash Horn for the next run.

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114	16 <sup>th</sup> Jun	Pelican in her Piety Ogmore by Sea	GOMargaret
115	30 <sup>th</sup> Jun	Calley Arms at Hodson	Jeremy
116	14 <sup>th</sup> Jul	The Windmill at Wilton <i>Swan</i>	Laura
117	28 <sup>th</sup> Jul	The Plough at Eastbury	Ian
118	11 <sup>th</sup> Aug	BBQ at Ray's place in East Kennet	Ray
119	25 <sup>th</sup> Aug	The Plough at Shalbourne	Mike
120	8 <sup>th</sup> Sep	Pub at Coate near Devizes	Keith

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