



KENNET VALLEY HASH HOUSE HARRIERS

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Summer came to Southern England this weekend and the Swan at Wilton was bathed in bright hot sunshine as the hash hounds gathered for Laura's maiden trail. Ian very kindly offered advice and assistance in the laying of the trail and your scribe became a little worried to learn that they had been out since 0800 setting it. That and Ian's attachment to long runs indicated we were in for an 11 miler. We waited in the sunshine for quite a while after 1100 hoping Big Keith would turn up but only three runners (well - two and a half) started - Dave, Medium-Sized Keith and your scribe (who is writing the mag again this week as he forgot to write it last week - Aaargh !). There were seven walkers though which made it alright.

It was a good trail and not quite as long as feared. We set off through the village past the duckpond and up to the right over the fields to the canal. The trail then led up through the Crofton Beam Engine site and we galloped past groups of bemused tourists sucking ice creams and on down the road towards Bedwyn - still quite well together. The next bit was up a huge long roman road which went on for miles through woods and bogs and stinging nettles and then we emerged by the canal again - scribe by this time well behind. The trail then led away from the pub and as we had been out for an hour at this point your scribe took a short cut to catch up and managed to get back to the pub just before a very hot and bothered Dave and Medium-Sized Keith did.

We all sat in the garden enjoying the sunshine and Scribe thanked Laura for an excellent first trail (GOMargaret not being there as she was cooking for half the population in Wales staying with her for the Marlborough Jazz Festival) and then Big Keith staggered past in a state of advanced exhaustion. He finally caught up with us and once again the apres was exceedingly pleasant.

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117	28 <sup>th</sup> Jul	The Plough at Eastbury (Lambourne way)	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

\* Ray will set the trail from his house at East Kennet. It is only a small village and his place will be marked with flags and things. There will be a BBQ in his garden afterwards. Please bring your own meat and booze Ray will provide salad stuff and plates etc.

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