



**KENNET VALLEY HASH HOUSE HARRIERS**

**Mag No 123- Sunday 20<sup>th</sup> October - The Trout at Lechlade**

Back to winter hashing today. No more running in warm sunshine and sitting in the pub garden afterwards for a while – just cold and wet and mud with occasional hail or snow to look forward to. It was not actually raining all that heavily however as we gathered in a field behind the Trout but it was cooler than we have been used to. We got a little worried as the hares Margaret and Dave got changed into smart going out for dinner clothes before we set off but it was all apparently all part of the plan. A quick brief by Dave and then 4 runners - Jeremy, Steve, Mike and Andrew - and about 12 walkers set off towards the river and Buscot - and the rain came down in a steady drizzle. We ran about 3 miles along a path next to the river with an electric fence immediately on our left which seemed a bit hairy in the wet but then it was over a lock and into the village of Buscot. We noticed the hares sitting in a warm dry car as we approached the village and your scribe, being a hasher of many years experience, decided to lurk a bit in the vicinity to see what was afoot. Good thing too because the village was a dead end and as all the fast runners came galloping back your scribe leapt into the lead – only not for long.

On through woods and open fields until we came back within 20 yards of the pub - but no rest for the weary as the longs were sent off along the river again for about seven miles down one bank and eight miles back on the other. The runners were still back before the walkers though who had a fair amount of excitement on the way round. First they were entertained by Val and the other Mike who made everybody laugh when they slipped climbing over a style straight into a back reverse flip with pike ending up on the back of the neck in the mud. And then they were awed by the wonder of nature as they watched a calf being born on one of the farms. It just goes to show that you cannot beat hashing for interest and adventure whether you run or walk.

The pub was warm and comfortable and we all sat in a group and gossiped and Steve told us all about his new role as a street warden in Swindon (he was in the paper too !) but we did not have a speech thanking the hares or a formal presentation of the hash horn which was a pity as it was a splendid trail full of interest and through such a beautiful part of England that the cold and the wet did not matter – and I can think of at least 3 people who richly deserved the hash horn – so we thank them here. Thank you GOMargaret and Dave for a smashing run.

**ON ONs**

124	3 Nov	The Vale of White Horse Minety	Paul
125	17 Nov	The Black Horse Upper Wanborough	Margaret and Dave
126	1 Dec	<i>TBA The Bolingbroke Arms</i>	Ian
127	15 Dec	The Bell Ramsbury	Keith P
128	29 Dec	TBA	Mike
129	12 Jan 03	Pub at Oare	Laura
130	26 Jan	The White Hart Castle Combe	Jeremy

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