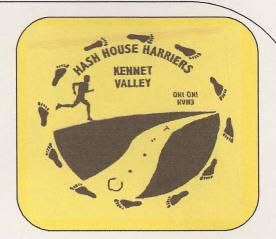
## KENNET VALLEY HASH HOUSE HARRIERS MAG No 124

## The Vale of the White Horse- Minety

## Sunday 3rd Nov 2002



Only the hardy turned out for this Sundays hash, the weather was not promising to start with and got wetter as we went on, nobody warned me that you needed to be able to swim to take part in this hashing lark

This Hash turned out to be a game of two halves, initially it was a devil of a job to spot flour anywhere, but later on we where tripping over the dam stuff. I assumed that Paul had in the end, got fed up carrying those heavy bags and began dumping willy nilly, But was later informed that Keith layed the later stages. (obviously Paul was trained by GOM in the art of flour preservation)

The start being delayed due to the traffic problems, Paul finally got us together and away (most of us that is). 4 runners and a band of dedicated walkers braving the elements, starting off through the village and into the wetlands and bandit country beyond. Crossing numerous fields each of which felt to be ankle deep in water, traversing railway tracks and dealing with the deepest muddy tracks in Goms 60 years experience

Somewhere in the outback we came across a field of cattle one of which did not look to happy, with horns but no udder, Mike with his years of experience left the rest of us to it and took a 3 mile detour around this obstacle leaving us to tiptoe past. Onwards through more fields into an overgrown drive and up to our knees in mud and cow shit we lost Paul. The cunning bugger knowing the conditions he had decided to bypass this sticky bit and take a sort cut, we had the last laugh however because the local landlord roared up on a quad bike and gave him a real roasting for being off track.

Turning finally for home it did not get any dryer, each ditch by now swollen into mini steams (at least it got the mud off ones footwear) How the walkers managed to negotiate some of the water features is uncertain but I did hear talk of piggy backs.

Looking back from the warmth of the pub with a few pints inside it all seemed very sensible, Margaret thanked everybody for their support and Steve presented Jeremy with the horn for nearly making the hash,

Our thanks to both Paul and Keith for organising such a challenging route

Weather :- wet and damp Time taken :- 1,1/4 hrs Horn :- Jeremy

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