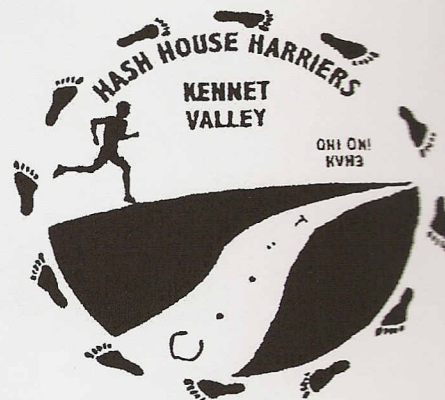


KENNET VALLEY HASH HOUSE HARRIERS – KVH3

Hash 0144 – Sunday 27 July 2003 – The Square & Compass, Worth Matravers



This was the fourth annual seaside hash trip arranged by Margaret and Dave and well up to the standards we expect of them – although there was no dancing organised this year we definitely had time for frolicking afterwards.

Attendance was, I guess we should say, adequate, so we look forward to improvement in the future. Steve, by offering Graham and Brian a lift on the basis that he knew where he was going – which he didn't, had attempted to ensure even fewer turned up. Anyway, after a long delay for group photo's, and then more photo's we eventually moved off.

On the jogging side we had Dick Tracy, Mad Mike, Numbers Brian, Swinger Steve and your scribe. Going off-route on the ambling side we had Chrissie and John, Mrs Tracy, Graham, Catherine and Ann, with Ann's mum and Auntie Joan coming along for the picnic and Chris and Faith joining us later.

The start was slow since it obviously had taken the hares some time to realise that the application of flour to ground was helpful – Dick Tracy attempted to sleuth the truth, but it was Mad Mike who eventually led us off, commenting that this would probably be the only time he took the lead, on our way down to the prehistoric rock formations, known locally as Ye Olde Quarry. Check backs and the only "T" on the whole hash eventually enabled the joggers to suss out the correct route – the walkers unfortunately surrendered immediately at this point, opting instead for a meander into the flourless wilderness of Purbeck.

The joggers slogged their way up, along and up the costal path, eventually arriving exhausted at the lookout point – Belgian chocolates and soft drinks revived us and we set off again only to hit the most stupendous downhill / uphill section ever seen in the history of KVH3. We were literally terrified at the descent and it was, without doubt, good fortune for the walkers that they had gone elsewhere. Nightmare over, we then forged ahead through picturesque scenery arriving eventually back at the Square and Compass to meet the walkers, totally exhausted but well satisfied.

We watched the local tourists pretending they were the Flintstones, drank the local beverage and made our own choices for feeding, before re-group at the local park. First was a game of football, weedy hash girls against big strong hash boys – unfortunately Mad Mike was referee and he arranged for girls to win 20 – 7; no wonder he's no longer allowed to be GOM. Auntie Joan was boule champion, and Graham and John proved they were best at playing with their small ball – they got 21!!!! Eventually we all got very tired, so we let GOM thank herself and Dave for organising a wonderful day out – then we went home early to sleep – all except Chrissie and John who were so tired they could get no further than Corfe Castle.

Suggestions for next summer trip please to GOM and Dave.

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All starting at 11am

145	10 Aug	The Bruce Arms, Milton Lilbourne	Laura
146**	24 Aug	Ramsbury, 10 Oxford St	Jeremy
147	7 Sep	The Baker's Arms, Somerford Keynes	Steve
148	21 Sep	The Trout Inn, Lechlade	Katrina

**** Note ****

Hash 146 will start from 10 Oxford St, Ramsbury, with BBQ afterwards if fine – please bring own BBQ food and hard drinks – some soft drinks and some salad food will be provided. If wet we'll all go to a pub instead – like what happened 2 years ago! Please contact Jeremy / Catherine (01672 521064) on day before if you want to get an update on plans

Future Trails

If you would like to lay a trail or find out where the next hash is please ring GOMargaret on 01793 703744 or email her PA paulbtracy@hotmail.com