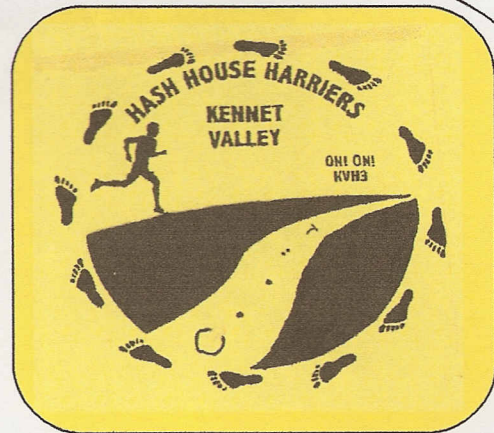


KENNET VALLEY HASH HOUSE HARRIERS

MAG No 145

Bruce Arms Milton Lilbourne

Sunday 10th Aug 2003



What a glorious Sunday morning for the hash, bright sunshine with nary a cloud in sight, but where where the crowds ? . Only 3 intrepid runners where up for the off, supported as always by our dedicated band of walkers.

Starting off in the obvious direction this soon proved to be a false trail and we found ourselves back at the pub hot and sweating before even getting underway, I was all for downing a swift half but we where ordered on our way by Laura & Ian who appeared not to have the slightest sympathy for our plight.

Across field and meadows we flew, heading west towards Pewsey pursued by Ian who scowled at our every effort to slow the pace or relax at check points. Over some water meadows / ankle deep in mud we crossed the railway line and came to our favourite water hazard The Kennet And Avon ditch(with lc types on route, all of who thought us totally mad to be running about in circles-- on one of the hottest days of the year-- pursued by a mad Scots man -- while they potted along enjoying their G & Ts

Turning off the towpath approx 16 miles later we entered the hamlet of Cuckoos Knob and felt to be heading home at long last, only to be informed we had just reached the half way stage, Ian ferreted around in the undergrowth and located a large bottle of mineral water, don't know how he managed this (clever these foreigners) but it was very welcome

Now I had thought we where covering the ground really well up to this point but all my illusions where shattered when Mike accompanied by his young grandson who where "walking" the route caught us up, looking remarkable fit and untroubled

Redoubling our efforts we set off for home via Easton Royal, chased now by both Ian and Laura we must have been looking a bit knackered because in a moment of weakness (or where they just thirsty) they guided us onto a shortcut back to the pub. Ray smelt the ale about now and led us straight back home ignoring any attempt to divert us with false trails

Needless to say the walkers where all back at the pub with Fee & Mike even 1/2 way through a game of pool, perhaps the walkers should start doing the longs with the shorts being reserved for the "runners". GOM did her thing & the beer was great

Our thanks to both Laura and Ian for organising such a challenging route

Weather :- very hot Time taken :- 1,1/2 hrs +

ON -- Ons 11am kick off

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No 146	24th Aug	Ramsbury (Jeremys Pad)		Jeremy
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No 149	5th Oct	The Rose & Crown Highworth		Mike
No 150	19th Oct	Bakers Arms Chisledon		Ian

Whos Got The HORN ??

You will not believe it but GOM has allready planned next years summer Hash for Merthyr Mawr, no prizes for guessing where that is then,

For more information on future events, suggestions on hash locations, or offers to lay trails contact Margaret as follows :-

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