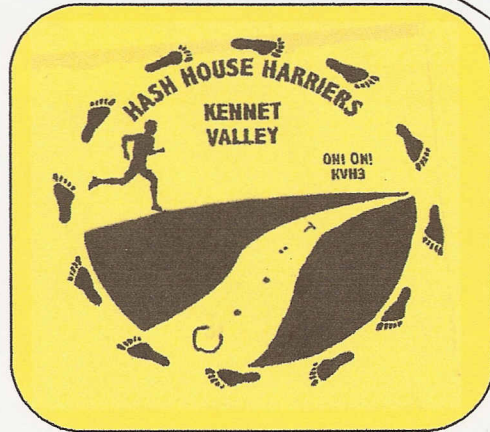


# KENNET VALLEY HASH HOUSE HARRIERS

## MAG No 152

### The Tawny Owl Swindon

## Sunday 16th Nov 2003



Not many Runners (3 dedicated souls) but loads of walkers turned up at GOMs local for the off. Milling around at 11:00 we looked in vain for our hosts, Brian And Margaret finally arrived hot and sweaty at 11:15 making some lame excuse about delaying the start due to the rugby. We all knew that we had stuffed the Frogies by 10,55 so I am not sure what they where up to.

Brian rounded us all up and explained the rules, talking about this stuff called flour that he and Gorn had spread liberally all over the Wiltshire countryside, I was most impressed as I know how frugal GOM is normally with her droppings.

Off we set, at this stage only 2 runners with a whole band of walkers, under the road and into countryside we where confronted by a lake, should be easy we thought only 2 options surly, left or right? 1/2 hour later after being overtaken by the walkers and joined by Laura we FINALLY found some flour and where off ,spirits high into the bandit country of north Swindon

Down a lane and onto a road we came across Brian and Gorn who must of wondered why the heck it had taken us over 1/2 hr to cover the first mile. I think we may of told them in a few short words (if we had known what was in store further on we may not have been so polite) Still we where now on flour so "ON ON ". In front I was really pleased with myself loads of flour not a care in the world. I was striding out and reflecting on the stuffing we had just given France / the sun was coming out - great

About a mile further on I was overtaken by a cyclist who had been dispatched to inform me that I was on the wrong track and could I please return, It would not be polite to repeat my answer, upon retracing tracks at a somewhat slower pace, I was informed by GOM that there had been a "T" marked on the road but as she thought it to obvious. So had covered it with leaves (f ???)

On in to the village of Purton where the longs and shorts split, I can only hope the walkers had better luck than us, we must of checked every back ally and byway in the village, to the amusement of the locals, but where unable to locate the elusive flour. Somehow we made contact with Brian and Gorn who where cruising around attempting to locate their lost flock, We must presented a bedraggled bunch of Hashers and touched their hearts , so they pointed us in the direction of home

Thanks to both Brian and Gorn for an interesting if frustrating trail, sorry us thick runners where unable to rise to the challenge and missed the best bits, Brian presented the horn to Dave but upon a vote, this was reallocated to GOM in recognition by her country, for the saving of scarce flour resources

Weather :-overcast

Time taken :- lost track

Horn :- GOM

ON -- Ons

11am kick off



No 154	14th Dec	Royal Oak Wootan Rivers (village hall car park 100 yards past pub)	Keith 1
No 155	28th Dec	White Horse Woolstone ( bookings reqd for meals)	Gom & Dave
No 156	11th Jan	Prince Of Wales Wooton Bassett	Steve
No 157	25th Jan	5 Mile House Duntisbourne Abbots	Keith 2
No 158	1st Feb	tba	

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

For more information on future events, suggestions on hash locations, or offers to lay trails conta

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