



KENNET VALLEY HASH HOUSE HARRIERS – KVH3

Hash 0217 – Sunday 16 April 2006 – The Five Ails, Filkins

Easter Sunday is often a quiet time from the hash perspective and this was no different. Mad Mike Fisher had gallantly volunteered to lay this trail and had chosen a delightful Cotswold location – albeit without any hills, which was much to Brian's dismay since he normally relies on these as an excuse for a bit of a walk.

We started with four runners and around 10 walkers, including some we hadn't seen for a while, and Dave who had demoted himself into one as well. Baldrick declared he was going to be lagging along behind for the whole run, but then proceeded to lead us off from the pub. GOM swept into the lead for the next mile or so, but only by taking what seemed the least likely route at the next 4 checks. However, the law of averages eventually stepped in and sorted that out with Andrew then moving ahead and with Brian and Baldrick taking up their planned positions at the rear. Andrew's eyesight, or possibly his inability to track flour, later led him astray and the rest of us followed like a pack of lemmings. Turning back we headed in the direction of Tory Boy Mike (aka MBA Mike) who had been slowly gaining on us after a delayed start, and after re-grouping we set off in the proper direction. Apart from Baldrick being laid low by a suicidal fly, the trail led us around some delightful villages and countryside until we ended up back in Filkins, with somewhat more sun than we had earlier.

The walkers joined us shortly afterwards and Mike expressed great satisfaction that the runners were all back in around the hour, with the walkers taking only a little longer. We all thanked him for laying a scenic and most enjoyable trail. The pub was quieter than I remember from many years ago – but the landlord was friendly, which is more than can be said with some places we have visited. The only shadow was Andrew ordering an Orange Juice and Diet Coke (aka a Muddy Puddle) for Tory Boy, which nearly caused said landlord apoplexy.

On a sombre note we were all sad to note that Sandra had passed away some days previously. We had seen her recently back at the hash following her treatment for a brain tumour last year and this news was quite unexpected for most of us. Annie is making a collection which is in aid of Brain Tumour Research. All donations will be welcomed. Our thoughts were for her friends and family.

<u>ON – ONs</u>		<u>All start promptly sometime after 11am</u>	
219	14 May	The Fox and Hounds, Wroughton	Kathrina
220	28 May	The Goddard Arms, Clyffe Pypard	Keith the 2 nd
221	11 June	The White Horse, Winterbourne Bassett	Brian and Linda
222	18 June	<i>The Ridgeway Relay</i>	
223	25 June	Honeymoon Hash, probably near Shrivenham	Mike and Phil
224	09 July	No idea yet	GOM
225	23 July	Summer Hash, Studland	Mgt and Dave

Future Trails

If you would like to lay a trail or find out where the next hash is please ring GOM on 01672 521064 / email him at jer@xyz.port995.com, contact The Late Keith Mitchell on 01672 511530 / email keith@griffins.co.uk or check out our website at <http://kvhash.mysite.wanadoo-members.co.uk/>