

Hash 221 - The White Horse, Winterbourne Bassett - 11th June 2006

Having just knackered meself running up that bluddy hill to hand over a chicken to Brian the Bold, I've entirely forgotten every last thing about the previous Hash. Now come on you barmy old chuff, you're not completely senile yet - concentrate. Winterbourne - lots of those, source of the River Kennet (when it rains, in winter; Kennet actually last spotted here in last millennium). So far, so good. Bassett - no, not Wootton, not Rivers, that's next time. OK, OK, deep draw on the fag, slug of red wine. Car park. No, no car park - another of the spreading breed of Basil Fawltys - "You can't park here - this is for customers - well you're not customers yet - having lunch later? - well park later then. Honestly, the riff-raff we have to put up with". Andrew very put out, remember that much.

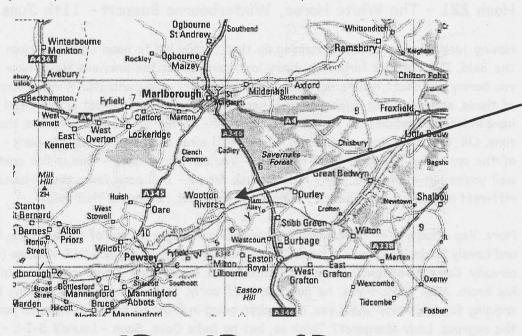
Hare. Yep - had one of them. Consult previous Hash Mag. Had two of them - Brian the Bold and Lovely Linda. How could I forget? Erm...Runners. Well there was K&I. Andrew (said him already. Come on Mitchell, THINK!) Iain & Laura. Good, good. Kevin? No, had a blister on his brain. MBA Mike - yes, he gubbered off early. Phil - yes, wearing walking boots in training for the Relay. MMF yes, remember being in front of him until he sped past me at the regroup. Lady Margaret? Think so, but no Duke Dave. Sean - Laura's S-I-L - puffing and struggling same as me. At his age. Think that was all - apart from GOM, obviously.

The briefing. Yerss – usual Brian stuff, no idea as to distance. Trail. Now, let me see. Had spotted T when parking car in next county, so took correct choice at first circle. Next? Next? – (just busk this bit). Ahem. We took off into delightful flat/hilly/undulating outskirts/open fields/woods, crossed several stiles/streams/railway bridges, through fields of barley/sheep/paddy, enjoying the sunshine/breeze/snow. (Do you think anyone has noticed? No, no, you're doing fine, they never read this rubbish anyway). After a while, the pack began to spread out, and The Late Keith was in his rightful last place (no, not yet you fool, Katrina and Laura were gasbagging at the back) in front of several others, including Iain who as usual followed an entirely different and wholly imaginary trail. At the first lay-by, Brian the Bold leant suavely against his Aston Martin whilst Lovely Linda wearing only a... (Stop. Now. This is no place for your fantasies) ...lot of clothes as protection against the chill, served martinis/hot soup/fizzy water to the tired Runners. There was a long/short divide (was there? Well there must have been; there always is) which led the Hash through a great many crops/crops/crops to the regroup where BtB&LL served cool, fizzy, lemonade/coke/water to all but not sundry.

Where was I? Oh yes - there was a road. I remember that - there was a signpost pointing to Clyffe Pypard $\frac{1}{4}$ - that's where we ran last time; Katrina's Hash. How did we get on Katrina's Hash? Must be the heat. Everybody ran away and left me. Even Katrina. It's all coming back to me. Laura was behind me, as we practised coming last on our respective legs of the Relay.

The pub. There was definitely a pub - always is, curious eh? No cars in the car park. Lots outside though. As a point of principle, nobody had lunch. GOM made a speech, someone was awarded the Horn, and someone else got the green chicken and the rubber knickers. Definitely.

As always, many thanks to... er.... The Hares! (can I stop now?)



Second Coming Hash Runs

223 - 25th June - The Woodman, Fernham, MBA Mike & Phil

224 - 9th July - The Royal Oak, Wootton Rivers, Iain

225 - 23rd July - Bankes Arms, Studland, Lady Margaret & Duke Dave

226 - 6th August - The Millstream, Marden - Laura

227 - 20th August - Crown & Anchor, Ramsbury - GOM

228 - 3rd Sept - The Buggers Arms - Phil

229 - 17th Sept - The Buggers Arms - The Late Keith

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