



KENNET VALLEY HASH HOUSE HARRIERS

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One of the many things I like about hashing is its variety. Every run is different. At Wilton I set the trail in warm sunshine but Kevin, our hare today, had to set his in gloom and cold drizzle with occasional outbreaks of heavy rain - and then only three runners and six walkers turned up. That must have been a bit discouraging but it was such a great trail and we all enjoyed it hugely and so he felt it was all worth it in the end. It took a little longer than usual as there were only three people checking the false trails and there was a great deal of milling around at the start with runners and walkers working together to find the trail. The rain had washed away the flour so that the arrows and on-ons looked as if they had been there for weeks and we thought it was an old North Wilts trail. Kevin's Annie saved the day by ringing him up on her mobile to ask for directions and from then on we were fine - running out of the village and up a long climb to the Ridgeway. It was just Jacky, Ray and me and we worked as a closely knit team to check all the false trails - Jacky would rush off in one direction, Ray in another and I would stand guard over the circle in case anybody moved it. It worked really well I thought. Then along the Ridgeway with false trails and siren voices luring us away down hill which we resisted until we came to an arrow (which, as we all know, never lies) taking us down the hill into the churchyard at Ashbury. Bit more trouble finding the trail here and we did some more milling about and holding planning meetings before deciding to head back towards Bishopston along the road. After a mile or so on the road we picked up the trail again and met Kevin reading the Sunday papers where we should have emerged from the fields. We stopped for a convivial chat and then went on across muddy fields and forests of stinging nettles back to the pub.

We few, we happy few, we band of brothers (and sisters) gathered round a small table in the pub and chatted about this and that over a very nice drop of beer. Lovely atmosphere. In the absence of our leader I stood up and thanked Kevin for an excellent and challenging trail and the rest of us for braving the weather to run/walk it. As we seem to have run out of things to present (Brian admitted that he held the green bags but wanted to polish them before presenting them) and we have not seen the horn for weeks - I sat down again. Thank you Kevin for an excellent hash.

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283	14 th Sep 08	The Old Crown at Ogbourne St George	Laura and Iain
284	28 th Sep 08	The Golden Swan at Wilcot	Jacky and Ray*
285	12 th Oct 08	The Wheatsheaf Chilton Foliat	GOM
286	26 th Oct 08	Ramsbury Brewery - near Ramsbury	GOM **
287	9 th Nov 08	The Crown at Aldbourne	Brian

* Note change of venue and hare

** Combined hash with North Wilts and Churn Valley Hashes from the brewery (directions to follow) Big après with a hog roast and excellent beer. Grand Old Master (GOM Jeremy) - 01672 521064 or email jer@xyz.port995.com. The Late Keith Mitchell 01264 850841 - email keith@griffins.co.uk HashWeb site - kvhash.bravehost.com