

## Hash 304 – The Patriots Arms, Chisledon – 05 July 2009

What a sight to behold, flour, and lots of it! There'd been none on the Ridgeway Relay and not a lot when we went to Liddington, but this time we were done proud, so knew where we were going, or at least which way to go. So, many thanks to Jackie and Ray for their trail. We'd been here a few times before, but they managed to take us on a new route that left us wondering exactly where we were. We had a few locals joining us, and even they were being taken over unfamiliar paths – that is always one of the unexpected pleasures of hashing, when some outsider shows you more of your own backyard.

We'd been warned of cows to be found in the vicinity of cowpats, but in the event none were seen (cows that is, as there were plenty of cowpats). Stinging nettles were also a supposed major hazard, but in the event were not too deadly, although they did prevent overtaking by the speed merchants.

At the re-group, we did that for just a moment and then zoomed off before Mike arrived. He'd been blocked in by the walkers and the aforementioned nettles and so was ploughing a lone furrow across the fields. But he did later have his own race against a local girl who he challenged to race to the top of the hill. Luckily for her, she gave up very quickly, and Mike was able to claim victory without having to resort to devious tactics such as pretending to collapse.

Back at the ranch / pub, the troops were gathering, first the runners and then the walkers. Hash mags were distributed and comments were raised as to the lack of the wooden spoon that we had supposedly won at the relay. Luckily, GOM had been able to collect 10 from the Marlborough Running Club Wooden Spoon Inventory and after he'd thanked everyone for turning up and making it an enjoyable day, the hares for a splendid trail, and Fiona for putting some bounce back in Maurice's legs, he arranged a lucky spoon dip for the runners from the relay

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