



### Hash 307 - The Who'd a Thought It, Lockeridge - 16 August 2009

Last Sunday's trail was laid by Ann and Kevin starting from the 'Who'd a Thought It' at Lockeridge. A traffic hold up in Marlborough, inspired some of us to make detours through Rockley, Avebury, Lands End, John O'Groats, etc, which rather delayed the start

Mike (the one with the lovely legs, slightly damaged this week) eventually called us to order with a piercing toot from his new acquisition, an antique post horn (did I hear you say a "Post Horn"?!)

The Hares then explained that they had laid three trails: 3 miles for the walkers, 5 and a 6.4 mile for the runners to choose from, and sent us all off to begin the trail in the lovely sunshine.

All the runners, in a spurt of enthusiasm, followed the homecoming flour dots on the left side of the road thinking they were on the correct trail. We ran for about a mile before realising that we'd not actually seen any more flour for quite a while. This either meant that Kevin was being very sparing with the flour, or we were on the wrong route! Several strong runners were someway up the hill by then, until Jeremy nobly volunteered to catch them up to bring things under control. At that stage we decided to turn around and retrace back to the start, where we finally found half an arrow just yards from the pub, telling us we should have turned left immediately we'd left the carpark! The mistake was easily made as a car had nearly scuffed out Kevin's arrow on the side of the road leading us into West Woods.

Keith had the last laugh though, he arrived after we'd set off, did not miss Kevin's arrow, and led the runners all the way round. He said he'd enjoyed the novelty of kicking out all the flour circles by himself. This solved the mystery of who it was that was so far ahead of us on the route.

The runners were suitably admonished for their mistake at the end of the run by our founding Grand Old Master. He emphasised the importance of (for both the hares and the runners), placing flour marks on the right hand side of the trail to avoid any confusion between outgoing and incoming trails!

The trail took us up into West Woods along shaded byways, through West Overton's delightful churchyard and back into Lockeridge. One of the regroup points was carefully arranged so that we had time to enjoy the view of Silbury Hill in the distance. Some of us found the runners' trail fairly arduous, which we attributed to the warm weather, however Kevin finally admitted on our return that the runners' trail might have been nearer 7 miles. Before we'd started the Hash, Kevin and Anne had circulated a quiz sheet of riddles for the walkers to solve on the way round, generously offering as an incentive, a prize for the winner. This turned out to be a super bottle of Prosecco, which was won by Jo, who achieved an impressively high total of 88% correct answers.

Mike gave us a further demonstration of his horn-blowing technique at the end of the



Hash, this time achieving an additional second note! The plan is to award the horn to a particular runner/walker for some reason or other at each Hash, and this week the lucky winner was..... Margaret. The main reason Mike gave the horn to her was that he was sure she would 'bring it back'. Margaret looked suitably impressed..... but we weren't too sure. Mike says he is available on alternate Tuesdays to provide lessons on blowing the horn (weather permitting)

Jeremy also made an award of the penultimate wooden spoon to Keith, for his part in the Ridgeway Relay, which we're sure he will cherish. The size of the spoon he received was small but no way matches the magnitude of effort he put into his leg of the Relay!!! It was really quite small. Perhaps the smallest spoon ever seen. Quite pale and anaemic looking..... ahem, where were we.

The Hash was well supported by an equal numbers of walkers and runners (and a few betweeners). Also it was good to see the support from the Chiseldon contingency, with the hope that they found the Hash enjoyable and will join us on future occasions.

All in all it was a super trail, well laid and thoughtfully enjoyed by everyone. The delights of the sunny weather and a beer under the shady cherry tree in the pub garden, made a fitting end to a great Hash.

Many thanks to Anne and Kevin.

### Up Becoming Hash Runs

308	30 August	New Inn, Winterbourne Monkton	Pauline & Clive
309	13 September	Horseshoe, Mildenhall	Mike
310	27 September	Swan, Winthrop	Keith P
311	11 October		Jackie & Ray
312	25 October		John & Viv
313	08 November		Jeremy
314	22 November	Calley Arms	Maurice & Tim

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