

Hash	Pub	Village	Date	Hare/s	Scribe
335	Queen's Arms	East Garston	12/09/10	Paul	Jeremy

East Garston were having their summer fete the day we arrived, and what with their Annual Round the Village Race starting at 11:30am we had to look our best and ensure we were off and out of the way in good time.

Paul, our hare, had been expecting some assistance for laying the trail, but events conspired against him and it instead became a solo affair, but none the worse for that. GOM had told us all that Paul knew the area well, having lived near there before, but this turned out to be marketing hype. Instead Paul went out the day before to confirm the route, and ended up making some last minute changes after a friendly farmer suggested that his gamekeeper might get upset if we startled his birds – so in the end we saw neither birds nor gamekeeper.

After a brief briefing we were off - a few runners and a good selection of walkers which included a leisurely GOM - into the village and then immediately out across the fields. Jeremy, having not hashed for ages and having forgotten how it works, immediately chose a false trail, and was soon way back behind everyone.

Turning towards the downs, the lengthy uphill workout soon rewarded us all with magnificent views of the countryside, blue skies and cumulus clouds. Colin, far ahead of the rest of the field, negotiated the tricky section across the gallops to meet up with Paul who was acting as a beacon on the horizon. It had been decided there would be a regroup for the runners here, so the two of them then hid in the long grass, so as to not give Jeremy, Mike or Margaret any unwarranted guidance. With no walkers in sight, it was then back down into East Garston, where we all slowly accumulated in the pub garden.

GOM stood around for ages trying to make his speech, but kept having to delay as one hasher after another kept disappearing back to the bar for more beer, but at last he had his moment. Being Irish he was concerned about being thought a GoMshite, but there was no idle banter in his speech. He kept to the point, thanking Paul for his excellent trail, Mike for the hash mag and giving details of the next hash. However, unlike the villagers who had taken part in the Annual Round the Village Race, none of us got medals which was a disappointment, and the lack of the hash horn and hash trousers to hand on raised obligations for the current recipients to do better in future.

We all thoroughly enjoyed the day, and a few even drifted over to the fete afterwards.

### **ON ONs**

337	10 Oct	White Horse @ Compton Bassett	Des
338	24 Oct	The Bugger's Arms	Tim
339	07 Nov	Rose & Crown @ Highworth	Mike
340	21 Nov	Oldboathouse @ South Cerney	Keith
341	05 Dec	The Bugger's Arms	Jeremy

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