

Hash	Pub	Village	Date	Hare/s	Scribe
337	White Horse	Compton Bassett	10 Oct 2010	Des & Paul	John

On starting to write this review, I couldn't decide what title to give this Hash as I was divided between 'digital eight' and 'de ja vu'. On arrival at the White Horse, Des gave the usual briefing of the flour markings he had used for the course, which to confound us included a star and a double square in a figure of eight. It turned out that the star was a marker to view Robbie Williams' mini mansion property in the distance and the double square in a figure of eight was actually a 'digital eight'.

I know we are getting a bit technical here, but stay with us because all will become clear. Walkers and runners both do the first part of the figure of eight, then the walkers continue to complete a circuit of around four miles, but the runners then divert onto the second part of the figure of eight but rerun the middle link of .2 miles of the original circuit to complete a distance of 6.8 miles. Hence the de ja vu. That's strange I seem to remember this part of the course!!!!

Nevertheless all worked out remarkably well, despite the fact that some of the carefully laid trail appeared to have been kicked out by someone determined to spoil others' enjoyment. The route was otherwise well-marked however, and we later learnt that a total of five bags of flour had been used on this Hash! We followed a super route through delightful countryside, with distant misty views of the Cherhill obelisk on the horizon. Part of the 'digital eight' link was a run down a deep wooded combe, so if you didn't appreciate it the first time, you had a second chance to take in the super view.

After enjoying the view of the Cherhill obelisk, there was a spontaneous regroup, where considerate Colin helped two riders lift their cycles over the wire fence, thereby hatching a cunning plan where bicycles from unsuspecting cyclists could be hijacked to enable tired runners to complete the course on two wheels.

On reaching the White Horse the sun came out, and after relocating the garden furniture we settled down to sample the local beer and the refreshments from this super pub. Maurice gave the customary thanks to the Hares for a splendidly well organized Hash and then welcomed a new walker, Hilary and a

new runner, Aoife, who completed the full run distance. Mike presented the hunting horn to Maurice to assuage his frustration at not being able to run these past few weeks.

Many thanks again to Des and Paul for a delightful Hash in splendid countryside..