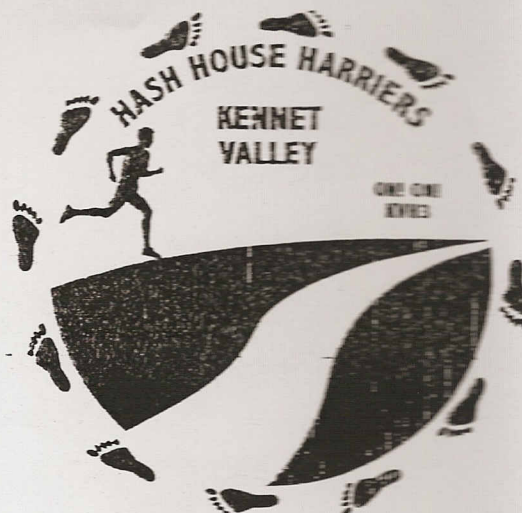


KENNET VALLEY HASH HOUSE HARRIERS

Mag/Run No 0001 - The Bell at Ramsbury

Your Scribe this week - Navy Mike



Well done ! - you have just run the first ever trail of the Kennet Valley Hash and in years to come you will be able to tell your grandchildren " I was there". I hope very much that you enjoyed it.

There are ' KVVH3 Inaugural Run ' T-shirts available (only £6) if you would like one and if there aren't enough to go round I can order you one.

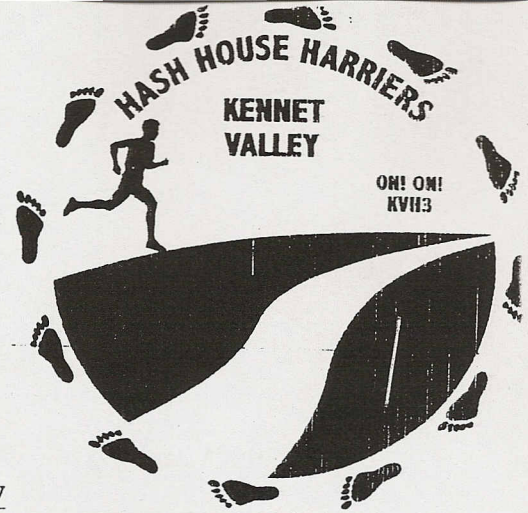
There will be more KVVH3 runs over the next few weeks as in the future trails list below. They will be once every two weeks to start with and if there is enough support they will be run every week.

Thank you for your support. Please come again and bring the children and the dog and tell your friends about it.

ON - ONs

0002	15th March 98	Cross Keys Great Bedwyn	Navy Mike
0003	29th March 98	The Plough Shalbourne	Navy Mike

If you would like to volunteer to lay a trail please let me know



KENNET VALLEY HASH HOUSE HARRIERS

Mag/Run No 0002 - The Inaugural Run at the Bell at Ramsbury

Your Scribe this week - Navy Mike (again)

What a marvellous day for the start of the Kennet Valley Hash. Blue skies, warm sunshine and spring flowers blooming everywhere - wonderful. About 40 runners, some with children and dogs and some with mothers-in-law, arrived at the village square in front of the pub ready for the great adventure. There were runners from Ramsbury who had never hashed before and runners from the Churn Valley and the North Wilts and the Wessex Hashes who came to support and who knew all about it.

Navy Mike gave a brief on what the various hash signs meant and everybody learnt how to shout "On On !" in a loud and clear voice when they see two blobs of flour on the trail - and they were off. Up through the village and then out along the Hungerford road and then right in to the water meadows and along the path besides the river. After half a mile or so the longs split off by climbing up a steep hill and after a long loop through woods and valleys joined up with the mediums and the shorts again. Another climb for everybody then across a ploughed field and along the ridge of the hill - with marvellous views - and then sweeping down through another wood to the river. All runners were supposed to run through the middle of the river (old hashing tradition) but there were one or two I am afraid who piked out and went over the bridge. It was just a matter then of a trot down the main street past the church and back to the pub. What an excellent run.

The press were there as the runners came back to the pub and they took photos and interviewed people. See the photo and write up from the Marlborough Times below.

There was the usual social buzz in the pub afterwards and we had a "down down" by Navy Mike for laying such a great trail and everybody gossiped. Great apres as they say and most felt that it had been a thoroughly enjoyable morning.

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ON - ONs

0002	15th March 98	Cross Keys Great Bedwyn	Navy Mike
0003	29th March 98	The Plough Shalbourne	Navy Mike
004	12th April 98	The Oddfellows Manton (near Marlborough)	Navy Mike

If you would like to volunteer to lay a trail please let me know on 01793 481220 (Work)
or 01672 871374 (Home)

'Hashing' is a great success



● Families take part in the Kennet Valley Hash House Harriers event at Ramsbury

ALTHOUGH a little short on numbers due to the Countryside March the inaugural Kennet Valley Hash House Harriers event at Ramsbury on Sunday was a great success.

'Hashing' is a non-serious event for all the family, including dogs on leads, whereby the competitors follow a trail of flour across a cross-country course.

Starting from the Bell at Ramsbury, runners could choose from two, four or six mile routes all finishing back

at the pub for the customary after run drinks and social.

On Sunday about 30 people took part, including two four-year-olds who made their way around the shorter circuit.

Although not a race, heading home the 'big' boys in the six mile event was Martin Taylor, from Ramsbury.

He said: "It was excellent fun. I'm a local runner but this is the first hash I've done. My son completed the shorter distance and I would certainly recommend the

activity to other families."

Organiser Mike Fisher, from Great Bedwyn, said: "It's all just a bit of fun. Hashing is not a serious sport just the chance for the whole family to get out into the country, keep a bit fit and have a really good time following the trail."

The next hash is at the Cross Keys in Great Bedwyn at 11am on Sunday, March 15.

More details from Mr Fisher on 01672 871374.