

KENNET VALLEY HASH HOUSE HARRIERS

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Your Scribe this week - Navy Mike

Things are looking up - KVH3 had an almost massive turnout today of 16 runners and walkers ranging in age from 5 to 65 and in athleticism from olympic to pedestrian. This was an increase of 100% on the last run and 800% on the run before that. If we go on like this we will be the biggest hash in the world by early next year.

And the weather was surprisingly good too - warm and sunny with clear blue skies etc - almost like summer. Good cheerful atmosphere as the hounds set off up the hill from the pub with Richard and Margaret in the lead. They got well ahead as they didn't call ON ON very loudly but were soon caught up by the pack. Ian took every false trail possible in the first mile thereby creating a KVH3 British All-Comers and European record and even he caught up. Along the lanes above the village and then the Long/Short divide as the longs climbed northwards to the hills and the shorts turned left to the water hazard. Pack still well together. Jeremy with the longest legs soon established a commanding lead however and by the time the longs reached the water he was miles in front with Mike an Nigel leading the main pack (sounds grand doesn't it all this talk about the main pack when there were only 8 people).

I regret to report that there were some runners who failed to run through the river but they will remain nameless to avoid their acute embarrassment. On over the linseed field and up through the woods to the top of the ridge where everyone was chased by huge bullocks. We seasoned hashers however do not worry about things like that and all swept down the hill to the road and back up through the village to the pub. A shortish but incredibly good trail.

The apres was pleasant - gathered in the garden of the pub in the sunshine. Navy Mike formally thanked himself for an excellent trail and asked for volunteers to lay the next one. Jeremy was quick to volunteer and so by the time you read this you will have run his first trail ever.

There are some 'KVH3 Inaugural Run 'T-shirts available (now only £4 - an amazing bargain)

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014 30thAugust 98 The Red Lion at Axford Martin

015 13th September 98 The Horseshoe at Mildenhall Navy Mike

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