



## KENNET VALLEY HASH HOUSE HARRIERS

### Mag No 0014 – Sunday 16 August 1998 – The Wheatsheaf at Chilton Foliat

#### Your scribe this week – Jeremy

It was all change this week – with runners walking and walkers cycling, not to mention runners turning up by cycle. In fact arriving by bike was probably the best idea as the pub car park was padlocked. The majority of us parked on the street, although Martin and Pete felt a certain amount of gate rattling was required before accepting this compromise. Luckily they had left their sabres at home so a major inter-parish incident was avoided.

As was warranted, there was a great excitement at the prospect of this week's course. KVVH3 fame continues to spread far and wide and new faces from the Berkshire hash fraternity were welcomed. It was some 15 who set off this time and it was great to see the numbers from the previous hash being maintained.

Martin this time opted for walking the shorter course, having still to recover from tying his shoelaces two weeks previously. Due to the seriousness of this injury, Pete and Julia among others accompanied him in case it became necessary to fly him out for emergency care – happily this was not the case. Health matters did however seem to distract the walkers as it was only due to the vigilance of the children that they managed to negotiate the technical aspects of the trail and arrive safely at the finish. (Hint - white marks on the ground that look like arrows are indeed arrows).

Lesley, having arrived by bike, indirectly from Blunsdon, attacked the course with vigour, but despite early promise failed to complete it until hours after all others had finished. Despite talk of cream teas and of the antique shops in Hungerford, other rumours were circulating. Your correspondent is continuing to investigate.

The courses, both long and short, took participants along winding paths and over spectacular ancient wooden bridges, so enabling us to view the Kennet in all its beauty and glory. I know many stopped to reflect on the river, the emblem of our great and illustrious KVVH3 and the heart blood of our society. Few could fail to have been moved. Thus spiritually lifted we were able to enjoy the longer sections and stride out across the landscape.



The runners, well at least one or two, completed their course with enthusiasm and great prowess, both up hill and down dale. There was some scandalous talk of Down – Downs being preferable to Up – Ups but as your correspondent promised Margaret not to reveal to you the source of this rebellious chit-chat, so these fingers are censored.

Finally and unfortunately it is necessary to report that two types of serious mis-conduct were noted on the field:

- Firstly, as you all know, Rule 32.1, subsection 12a, expressly requires all runners to complete the course themselves. Displays of blatant piggy-backing cannot be tolerated whatever the age of the participants. The young lady in question has been admonished, and is now understood to be suffering from nightmares and bed-wetting. This underlines the appropriateness of this rule and the dangers from which it protects us all.
- Secondly there has been an outbreak of malignant silence – this is a pervasive disease, which unless checked immediately will undoubtedly lead to breakdown of team cohesion and eventually to that of our beloved KVH3.

There is only one remedy which we must all take and I therefore urge you all to put full voice to our cries of ON and ON – ON!

#### ON – ONs

015	13 September	The Horseshoe Inn at Mildenhall	Navy Mike
	27 September	No hash run as Marlborough 10K Meet at The Swan in Marlborough afterwards	n/a
016	11 October	Who'd A Thought It Inn at Lockeridge	Jeremy