



## KENNET VALLEY HASH HOUSE HARRIERS

### Mag No 0027 - Sunday 14th February 1999 - The Patriots at Chiseldon

We all knew it was a Valentines day run when your hare Richard presented all the ladies with a single red rose as we gathered in the car park. The spirit of romance is not dead folks. All the circles on the trail were heartshaped as well which was a nice touch.

The loyal core were there despite the biting cold wind and the scuds of rain and we were immensely cheered - as we stood shivering before the off - to hear Richard say that the floods and the mud on the trail were not as bad as they had been a week ago. And so off across a vast prairie - like field into the teeth of the gale with water-filled ruts and holes so big and varied it was a miracle nobody broke an ankle. But that was mild compared to the Ridgeway path. After two weeks of solid rain and assaults by the 'drive-up-and-down-a-country-lane-in-my four-wheel-drive-for-no-reason' mob it was a challenge to move forward at all let alone run. But we did run - up to Barbary Castle and then along a very long road for about seven miles before turning left across the fields to home. Here we met the floods. It made a nice change to run through freezing water up to your knees after all that running on potholed mud. The field was unfortunately rather spread out. Jeremy went ahead at the beginning and we did not see him again. He was sitting in the pub halfway through his fourth pint before the rest of us staggered back into the carpark. The apres was warm chatty and comfortable as always.

A different, challenging, enjoyable and very romantic run - thank you Richard.

### ON - ON's

027	28th February 99	The Bear at Marlborough	Navy Mike
028	14th March 99	The Old Crown at Ogbourne St George	Ian
029	28th March 99	The Coopers Arms in Pewsey	Ray
030	11th April 99	The Red Lion at Avebury	Navy Mike

### Future Trails

If you would like to lay a trail (or find out where the next hash is) please give me - Navy Mike - a call. Telephone: 01672 871374 (home) and 01793 481220 (office)