



KENNET VALLEY HASH HOUSE HARRIES

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What a beautiful day, having driven some 45 miles south leaving Gloucestershire In early morning dullness to arrive at the Barge in glorious sunshine and what a turnout too, still drowsy from a mid-week operation on the hand again the final count with late arrivals was 10 runners and 8 walkers. Ian joining the walkers this week after sustaining an injury from the now infamous St Andrews run and it creator Jeremy still missing, come back Jeremy we miss your front running trail checking style.

Keith M our trail layer welcomed us all, running through the trail marking and informing us of crops on a footpath to cross and a herd of cows with a bull not to get cross. Then it was off, it would be nice to write “ we left a lovely village behind us “ but no village only a timber yard in the middle of no-where, then with almost cruelty we ran straight to the pub before being called back and away across open fields. The world record for short trail missed and minimum use of flour also missed (still held by our Margaret). So across open fields we went only to met one very obnoxious farmer, Navy Mike with years of diplomatic experience spoke to the farmer, the intercourse was unjustly censored and the whole text removed.....uck off.

Leaving the farmer behind us hoping it was his field of young sweetcorn that we had just crossed only to get ourselves lost. Finally found the trail (well done Ian M) at the end of a waterlogged track (nice one Keith), on entering what turned out to be Woodborough village we lost two runners (Ray and his mate) who had picked up the walkers trail. The main group lead by Ian found the waiting Keith who showed us the way, on entering the next field we met the bull, being a Londoner with a untrained country eye it was not necessary to point out which was the bull, even Navy Mike was impressed who said “he had seen some big guns in his time”.

Waiting safely on the other side Keith again this time to point out a monument to whom or what I am not sure, then it was off again, down to the canal and the straight run for home, missing a small loop because it was passed our “beer time” sorry. Keith went looking for lost walkers, but all made it back safely one smelly dog and our lost runners. Great pub, nice garden with sinking tables, Navy Mike thanked all for coming Keith for the trail, Barney the horn blower for the day awarded Ian M the horn for checking out all the paths right and wrong and showing us the way round.

Well done.

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036	4 th July 99	The Calley Arms at Hodson (Chiseldon)	Keith S
037	19 th July 99	The Plough at Shalbourne	Navy Mike

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