



KENNET VALLEY HASH HOUSE HARRIERS

Mag No. 056 Sunday 9th April The Kings Arms at All Cannings

Your G.O.M nominated Napoleon as Scribe this week, not for my literal skills but as therapeutic hand excise. Having just checked out of a 5 star private clinic in Cheltenham, furnished with a route map from the R.A.C. Requiring no right hand turns. I arrived in good time.

Being meet by the friendly landlord when we were told to park on the grass, a small field to the side of the pub, this in turn would leave our G.O.M alias Victor Meldrew partly speechless.

The run starts for once sharp on 11 o'clock. With our car park almost full and with our hare Keith still laying a trail somewhere, G.O.M. Started the run giving no clues or tips only that the walkers go left and runners go right, with a blast from the hash horn carrier Ian thankfully using the horn we left the pub going in opposite direction.

Looking in the direction of the runners and Horton Downs I smiled, turned and joined the walkers. We left the village behind us and struck out across the flat valley floor, the walkers settled into their respective positions Ann's boy running up and down the line with polo mints.

To our left Clifford hill rose some 200 meters above us and what looked like a dismembered white house on the lea side of the hill turned out to be snow filled ridges. If you looked very carefully you could see a Scotsman throwing snowballs at some breathless hasher's and some late runners just starting the ascent, up the hill.

Our walking pathfinders missed the gate turning at Mill farm and were called back with a leadership change we turned towards Stanton St. Bernard. We had a lovely view of Milk hill and the Arabian White House of Alton Barnes and hashers now high up above the snow line. We turned again at Stanton Bridge and along the canal path. Keith our hare making it hard for the walkers too, against a stiff current and strong head wind all the way to All Canning bridge. We roped together for safety to climb the almost vertical embankment, how lucky were the runners, running across the flat hilltops. Then the wicked sprint finish back into the village with Peter claming a marvelous third place (well done Peter) that said, "walking was not competitive!"

The apres, pleasant landlords in a very nice pub. The walkers back first were joined later by the runners. Keith's trail, for the walkers was just right and for the runners they say he has set a new standard in high altitude hash ascensions (or ha ha) consigning Richards Shepherd Rest run into history.

The snow man Ian presented Val with the hash horn quoting rule 17a "Pains in the leg is no reason for not running" but Val passed it onto Napoleon, rule 17b "bad arm being less of a reason than 17a!"

Many thanks to Keith M for yet another great trail, did you know that Keith M stand for "keep everyone in trim hashing mountains" or does M stand for "Mountainman?"

Ridgeway Run

Jeremy has most legs covered but he still requires more runners and support runners and helpers in the support team too.

On Ons

058	7 th May	The Blue Lion at Collingbourne Ducis	Ray
059	21 st May	The Red Lion at Baydon	Val & Jane
060	4 th June	White Horse at Compton Bassett	Ian
061	18 th June	The Ridgeway run replay	Jeramy

If you would like to lay a trail (or find out where the next hash is) please give the grand old master (GOM) a call on (01672) 871374 (home) or (01793) 481220 (Office).