



KENNET VALLEY HASH HOUSE HARRIERS

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The Hash today was one of the best runs we have ever had – a truly great run. Those that were abed that day shall think themselves accursed they were not there.

The day dawned wet and gloomy but the real hashers among us are not affected by such trifles and 7 runners and 12 walkers set off for Studland ready for anything. And the rain stopped as we all gathered in the car park near the beach ready for the briefing from Margaret and Dave. And what a run ! We started in a loop around the village of Studland and down to the beach - where everyone turned left towards the nudist section only to be called back by an 'On On ' by Dave in the opposite direction. Over the rocks and wading waist deep through the sea and then along another beach to the start of the cliffs. We passed the walkers at this point with much ribald comment and started a long steady climb up a grassy cliff path with the sea crashing away beneath us – and at this point the sun came out. Hooray ! On On up sweat beginning to pour and legs beginning to feel like jelly and then swinging away to the right along a ridge on the top of the world with stunning views in all directions. Runners spread out now with Jeremy and Steve and Andrew miles in front and your scribe and Dave's son miles behind – luckily there was a regroup at the bottom of the next valley where Margaret and Dave plied us with cool water and sympathy as the back markers caught up. Then on up a huge climb up through woods and out onto the great open sandy downland that runs along the back of Studland. Lots of circles and false trails now and so we kept together and gossiped and admired the rock formations and the views – and finally down a bridleway to the village and along back lanes to the car park. It took us 2 hours to run but it was worth every moment (and if you drive all the way to the seaside for a hash you need your money's worth) The sun was by now hot and mid-summer-like and we all went down together to the beach for a picnic and a swim and then Margaret organised the silly games. And my word were they silly. Huge fun with lots of laughter and children and adults all joining in together. It was the stuff of happy memories.

Margaret and Dave deserve a very special thank you for a great trail and a wonderful day out . Thank you both. I for one will never forget this day.

ON ONs

091	29 th July	Savernake Forest - Picnic	Steve/Jane
092	12 th August	Jeremy's house Ramsbury - BBQ	Jeremy
093	26 th August	The Kingsdown Kingsdown Swindon	GOM
094	9 th Sept	The Crown at Aldbourne	Jockey Dave
095	23 rd Sept	The Royal George at Purton	Steve

See over for Forthcoming events:

Savernake Forest Picnic (Run 091)

Meet at the picnic site in Savernake Forest just off the Marlborough to Burbage Road at the junction of the road to Wootton Rivers. There will be a normal Hash trail in the forest laid by Steve followed by a picnic which is organised by our walkers led by Jane. She says that the walkers do not contribute by laying trails and so they will contribute by laying on a picnic for us. So all the food and the drink will be provided by the walkers and all you have to do is turn up.

BBQ (Run 092)

Meet at Jeremy's house. BBQ in his garden afterwards. Jeremy will provide soft drinks and salads - please bring your own meat and drink.

The Kingsdown (Run 093)

The pub is next to the Arkells Brewery. Big car park opposite. Back to a normal hash.

If you would like to lay a trail (or find out where the hash is) please give me - Grand Old Master (GOM) - a call on 01672 871374 (Home) or 01793 481220 (Office) or Email at mjf@mfisher.co.uk