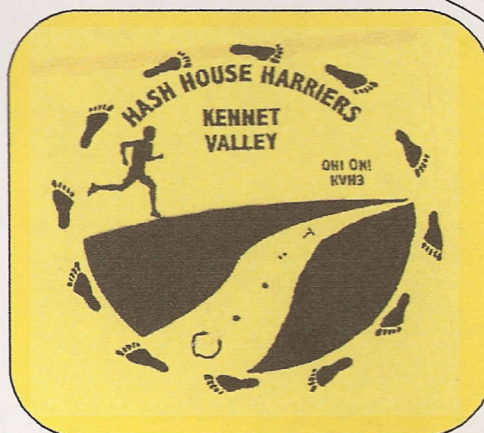


KENNET VALLEY HASH HOUSE HARRIERS

MAG No 096

THE VINE AT HEDDINGTON

Sunday 6th October 2001



A good turnout today despite the inclement weather, with 15 runners and 1/2 dozen walkers raring for the off. Ian's trails are always a challenge and one only had to look at the surrounding hills to realise we were in for some fun.

In my innocence I thought that there was a British Standard flour marking convention governing hash routings, this nonsense was soon dispelled by Ian however, who proceeded to confuse all, with his own interpretation. Milling around the pub in all directions until the correct trail was finally located, off we set and surprise / surprise where soon heading vertically up the nearest hillside.

Onward and ever upwards we proceeded (slowly) finally levelling off at approx 800 ft with a slight respite before a steep decent into the adjacent valley. After a brief stretch on the level we were soon directed up through dense woodland, emerging onto a well trodden path along a wooded ridge with glorious views over the valley and surrounding countryside.

Scrambling up and down the ramparts of an old hill fort we finally turned for home, passing the walkers going in the opposite direction (never to be seen again) By this time the pack was well spread out and with the rain just threatening we headed downhill via various false trails, emerging onto a lane leading back to the village and pub.

During the post hash get together Ian became concerned by the absence of our gallant band of walkers, as by now it was pissing down with the mist descending onto the hillsides. His worry was soon dispelled by a phone call, apparently they were all safe and sheltering in a public phone box in the next village. This good news was somewhat tempered when it was discovered that the next village was only yards away as the crow flies but miles away (via Bristol someone said) by road. Ian was last seen mumbling swear words into his pint whilst organising a rescue mission. Hopefully he located them in time for the next hash. NB the last time we lost any hash members was at Cherney Wick during the floods so not a bad average.

Many thanks to Ian and "toy boy" for a demanding and pleasant trail

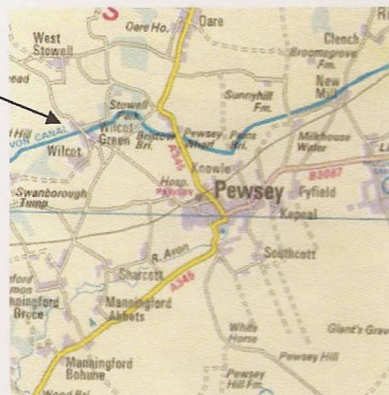
Weather :- overcast-- rain later

Time taken :- 1hr 45mins (av)
(walkers 2 days)

Horn :- Jeremy, (from run 95)

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No 98	4th Nov	Golden Swan	Wilcot (Pewsey)	Ray
No 99	18th Nov	The Royal George	Purton	Steve (we hope)
No 100	2nd Dec	Cross Keys	Gt Bedwyn	Mike (GOM)
		Centennial Hash, Not to be missed, exciting trails for both runners and walkers, treasure to find (obsolete tee shirts?), balloons and bubbly en route. Followed by a get together and party with loads of food and drink, entertainment by Mike singing old hashing ditties.		
No 101	16th Dec	The Wheatsheath	Chilton Foliat	Jeremy
No 102	30th Dec	Tba	Blunsdon ?	Paul



For more information on future events, suggestions on hash locations, or indeed just to bug Mike contact him as follows :-

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