



KENNET VALLEY HASH HOUSE HARRIERS

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Numbers are beginning to build up for the 100th Hash very encouragingly and 14 runners and 12 walkers turned up for Ray's trail at this most delightful looking pub on a bright Sunday morning. Luckily Keith was only 10 minutes late and so we were able to set off reasonably on time but we had to have the brief from Ray beforehand as the trail had been laid using the mongolian system of trail marking. Why can't people use the clear simple and comprehensible British All Comers Standard System of trail laying instead of these foreign imports – that's what I want to know.

As we set off the sun began to break through and after we had been running for about 20 minutes it was perfect for running – clear blue skies gentle breeze – the world a bright golden colour. Strong feeling that I am going to miss all this.

No idea where we went but it was a great trail over hill and dale through woods and fields along muddy lanes and tracks – lots of interest and variety and all in the most delightful countryside. We stuck very well together for most of the run with Ian like a terrier darting about at the front taking every trail he could find and Jeremy in his usual effortless way miles in front or sailing past us lesser runners after a particularly long false trail. I reckon he takes the false trails deliberately just to get a good run. We had no trouble with the mongolian system of trail marking as Ian found most of the trails and he knows about these things - so that was alright. And we all got back in just over the hour. Perhaps I appreciate things more keenly than most at the moment but I thought that was a beautifully crafted and hugely enjoyable hash. Thank you Ray.

The apres was quiet at first as the walkers got lost at the first junction and went off on a frolic of their own and did not get back to the pub until an hour after the runners. It did not seem to worry them however and they all said they enjoyed themselves – so that was alright. GOM thanked the hare for a super run and reminded everyone not to get too excited about the 100th celebrations and then we all settled down to a few excellent pints and a good gossip. Yes – I am definitely going to miss all this.

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100	2 nd Dec	The Cross Keys at Great Bedwyn	GOM
101	16 th Dec	The Wheatsheaf Chilton Foliat	Jeremy
102	30 th Dec	A pub in Blunsdon	Thunderbird Paul

Centennial Run

Not long now. You all have to come as there will be a presentation of awards as well as all the other exciting things that are planned. Bring your family and friends and the dog and stand by for a wonderful and historic hash

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