

Hash 122- The Blackbird, Bagnor, Oxon 6th October'02

This was a perfect day for a Hash through a very picturesque area hitherto unknown to me. It was dry, warm & sunny-we do seem to have been very lucky on Hash days in recent months (that's probably put the seal on that then). Lots of walkers & 5 runners —eager to cover the distance (5 miles) in an estimated 1hr .15 mins.

As usual, a cheery, pleasant pub was the starting point, well chosen by Jeremy, our hare (Les Routiers, too).

The run was not too undulating, taking us through lots of woods, past the Castle, and generally on the level, with fine views across the landscape. I enjoyed the views so much, it slowed me down & I thus stuck to being almost at the back.(An added advantage is not having to check out all the false trails-).

Being near the back also usually means having to kick out the check circles-and that takes time too, further slowing progress...

Things progressed well, until I caught up with Steve who had been sent sprawling by a unseen tree root-no great harm done, but this made me more cautious and less inclined to hurry things.

We did pretty much get back in a group (after about 50 mins) & for once were back before the walkers, who declared their route to have been as enjoyable as ours.

Margaret had the horn with her-and this will be passed on next time..

Coming Up;

123-20th Oct The Trout, Lechlade-Dave & Margaret
124-3rd Nov The Vale of the White Horse, Minety-Paul
125-17th Nov The Black horse, Upper Wanborough – Steve
126-1st Dec TBA- Ian
127-15th Dec The Bell, Ramsbury- Keith P
128-29th Dec TBA
129- 12th Jan Oare-Laura
130-26th Jan The White Hart-Castle Coombe-Jeremy

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