



**KENNET VALLEY HASH HOUSE HARRIERS**

**Mag No 133- Sunday 9<sup>th</sup> March 2003 - The Wagon & Horses Beckhampton**

Lovely atmosphere as we met in the lay-by opposite the Wagon & Horses on the A4 – everyone still fired with enthusiasm for hashing after the bonhomie and the dazzling display of talent at our fifth birthday dinner last week – and Ray had set a splendid trail assisted by Big Keith (who had to leave early for London to watch the rugby and so we did not actually see him). About 20 runners and walkers set off in rather gloomy and cold conditions but very soon the sun came out and we were running in spring-like sunshine for the best part of the run.

There was a bit of initial milling about by the pub as nobody could find the trail but eventually Ray pointed out a small blob of flour behind a post about 300 yards up one of seven possible routes and we were off rejoicing across the open fields to Avebury. Through the village and then down that long avenue of stones that have been there since the beginning of time to the A4. Over the fields again towards Ray's house and then right along a bridleway along the valley towards the West Kennet Long Barrow. The runners had kept well together up to this point thanks to some crafty false trails but your speed-walking scribe found himself dropping further and further behind as the keen fit and agile front runners sped along the valley floor. Ray very kindly suggested that I took a slightly shorter route to catch up a bit and so as the runners turned left up the hill to the Long Barrow I turned right towards Silbury Hill and arrived back at the pub at exactly the same moment as the front runners. What a good run.

The walkers took a bit longer than anticipated and one or two got lost and went on a frolic of their own but we were all back in the pub by 1300. The landlord had reserved two enormous tables for us and the apres was warm and pleasant. GOMargaret was off on a jolly somewhere and so Jeremy thanked the hares for a splendid trail and the Hash Horn was presented to his young lady Katheryn for being so encouraging towards all the really slow runners at the back. Another excellent hash – thank you Ray and Keith.

**ON ONs**

134	23 Mar	The Swan Southrop	GOMargaret & Dave
135	6 Apr	The Mallard Lynham	Paul
136	20 Apr	The White Lion Cricklade	Steve
137	4 May	Buggers Arms	Keith 2
138	18 May	Sally Pusseys Wootton Bassett	Ian
139	1 Jun	The Check Inn Wroughton	Navy Mike
140	15 Jun	The Red Lion Lacock (meet in car park)	Jeremy
141	22 Jun	Ridgeway Relay (Apres in Marlborough)	Jeremy

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