



KENNET VALLEY HASH HOUSE HARRIERS

Mag No 166- Sunday 30th May - Oddfellows Arms at Manton

It was Bank Holiday weekend and the sun was shining and the countryside was looking beautiful. How lucky we are to be able to go hashing instead of having to sit in a traffic jam on the M5. Revelling our good fortune we gathered in the car park of the Oddfellows Arms on a peaceful drowsy warm summer morning. There were five runners and nine walkers (seven regulars and Mel and Elaine who were walking with us for the first time) and Keith, who laid the trail, ran round with us like a tall sheepdog. It was like old times.

We set off along a long flat leafy lane towards Marlborough College playing fields and then up a long steepish track to the top of the hill with Margaret showing us the way. It was when we got to the top that the 'T' marks began. You have never seen so many 'T's on one trail. The flour alone must have weighed about a ton. Up to a circle - 5 different trails to choose from - we each take one - all trails have 'T's - Bleed! Back to the circle. Decide we must have missed a check back and hack around in the bushes for a bit. Find a trail - Hooray - rush down it - another 'T' - Bleed! Luckily our hare was on hand to give us advice and encouragement and so we were off over fields and through little woods with the occasional fabulous views with no more trouble. It was hot though. All of us were soaked in sweat and red of face - except for our fragrant lady GOM of course who just glowed a bit. That is what I like about hashing, just a week or so ago we were soaked in continuous freezing rain (see the report on Hash No 163 at Bagnor) and today we were soaked in hot sweat in the sunshine - now what else is there that gives you such a variety of pleasures.

Back to the pub after an hour and ten minutes where we sat in the garden talking of hashing matters and drinking the odd pint. GOMargaret thanked Keith (assisted by Katrina) for a well-crafted and enjoyable trail and Mike gave the Hash Horn to Brian to make sure he got enough training in before the Ridgeway Relay. What a good hash.

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167	13 Jun	Green/Red Dragon at Potterne	Laura
168	20 Jun	Ridgeway Relay	Jeremy
169	27 Jun	Summer Hash at Merthyr Mawr	GOM and Dave
170	11 July	Savernake Forest Picnic ???	Katrina

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