

## KENNET VALLEY HASH HOUSE HARRIERS – KVH3

### Hash 0199 – Sunday 7 August 2005– Seven Stars, Bottlesford

I guess it would have helped to have looked at the useful map on the previous hash mag, but failing to do that and then having problems with MultiMap which refused to believe a place such as Bottlesford existed, it is surprising I ever got there. But I found a nice pub in a small hamlet off of a minor road, which will attract me back again for a weekend stroll and a pub lunch.

We had 2 hares this week and I think Iain was the senior hare since it was on the KVH3 agenda as his hash, but it's sometimes difficult to know. Given the remoteness of the location the hares gave everyone a little longer to arrive – surprising given that the late Keith was known not to be coming this week and we never wait for him normally. GOM called everyone to attention and Iain explained the rules, so off we set in our usual ramshackle way.

The trail was most expertly laid. Lots of checks, some check backs, and all the false trails teed off. So well laid in fact that even the runner's who walked got back at the same time as those that actually ran – well done Steve. The route took us out around beautiful countryside, through the picturesque village of Woodborough, taking in railways, canals and not a single hill. Margaret should have been very pleased. One check had us confused, all trails appeared to be false, until it turned out we had to go through a garden. Dave tried that tactic again later, but it didn't work the second time. And then suddenly ....we had finished cos, there was the pub. But oh no - we'd just arrived at the split – oh the psychological damage. So we thought - ok - a little gentle stroll round the water cress fields, but this turned out to be a long hack across the countryside. However it resulted eventually with everyone arriving back at the pub at nearly the same time – just how hashes ought to be.

Drinks in the garden, and a terse speech from GOM who thanked the hares for what was an impressive text book trail.

#### ON – ONs

#### All starting at 11am

201	High Corner Inn, Linwood, New Forest	Margaret & Dave
202	Royal Oak, Bishopstone	GOM
203	Masons Arms	Meyse Hampton
204	The Buggers Arms	Keith the second
205	The Buggers Arms	Laura

#### Future Trails

If you would like to lay a trail or find out where the next hash is please ring GOM on 01672 521064 / email him at [jer@xyz.port995.com](mailto:jer@xyz.port995.com), contact the even later Keith Mitchell on 01672 511530 / email [keith@pallettfs.co.uk](mailto:keith@pallettfs.co.uk) or check out the website at [kvhash.mysite.wanadoo-members.co.uk](http://kvhash.mysite.wanadoo-members.co.uk)