

### KENNET VALLEY HASH HOUSE HARRIERS – KVH3

#### Hash 0226 – Sunday 6 August 2006 – The Millstream Marden Devizes

I was very much looking forward to this hash. Not only had I never been to The Millstream at Marden, I had never even been to Marden (or actually ever heard of it). After consulting the O/S Map and discussing the various route possibilities (as well as the getting lost possibilities) we set off with almost an hour to get there from Swindon.

As we approached over the Vale of Pewsey through Alton Barnes, Honey Street and Woodborough the sun was shining and the countryside was looking glorious.

We arrived at The Millstream (before 11.00 due to Linda's excellent navigation) which turned out to be a large smart red bricked building set alone with a good sized car park and a large garden.

My daughter Amy came along for the first time. She was a little apprehensive about the thought of running 5 miles. I introduced her to the runners and walkers as they arrived. Laura (the hare), Iain (the hare's gruff helper), Jeremy (GOM), Katrina, Jackie, MBA Mike and Johnnie (holder of the horn).

To give everyone a chance to arrive (seems we all got there from various directions) Laura waited till 11.15 before calling us to order. Then away we went. I had promised to stick with Amy so she won't get left behind which suited me as trotted at the back of the bunch. Our trotting took us eastwards towards Wilsford but due some well laid false trails we did not fall far behind. Johnnie seemed to have the knack of following the false trails.

We turned to run back to Marden and once there proceeded to run westwards. It was quite warm for a while so it was a relief to run through a cool shaded wooded area for a while. By this time we were trailing quite far behind so we were quite surprised to hear the horn parping incessantly behind us. (The word 'parp' seems not to exist but I'm sure the horn on Noddy's car went parp parp). Seems we were the only ones not to get lost. So we were overtaken only minutes before the split of short and long run. Took the short and therefore arrived back before the others.

The staff at the Millstream were very nice unlike some recent experiences. We all, runners and walkers, sat on the same table in the garden and enjoyed a drink or two.

Jeremy did a rendition of the 1958 hit by The Royal Teens 'Who wears short shorts' and we all thanked Laura for a delightful run

#### ON – ONs

228 03 Sep  
229 17 Sep  
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#### All start promptly sometime after 11am

The Crown and Anchor, Ham  
tbd  
tbd  
The Charlton Cat, Charlton  
tbd  
tbd

Phillip  
Iain  
Brian  
The Late Keith  
MBA Mike  
Kathrina

#### 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), or contact The Late Keith Mitchell on 01672 511530 / email [keith@griffins.co.uk](mailto:keith@griffins.co.uk) or check out our website at <http://kvhash.mysite.wanadoo-members.co.uk/>