

Hash 230 - The Swan, Southrop - 1st October 2006

Our Scribe today is Keith2:

A glorious morning beckoned as I made my way to Southrop for my first Hash since about July. Well, that's not quite true, as it was actually a very wet morning, with leaden skies & intermittent heavy downpours. Now rain, as you know, never happens on a Sunday Hash morning. It's the law.

Most of the usual suspects appeared and shuffled about suspiciously near the pub, but not our normal scribe (The Late Keith), nor Katrina, nor Mad Mike Fisher, nor Iain [now departed, never to be seen again, alas - Ed] nor our GOM Jeremy! Where were they all? Apparently off sailing mostly [see attached - Ed] but I reckon we saw as much water as they did. Anyway, this is how come I was 'volunteered' to write the Hash Mag, by the Major. I gather that's how it is in the Army.

By the way, I much admire late Keith's hash writing style & humour, but in the last one I read, were the words "enfilade" & "matitutinal". Now I didn't have a bloody clue what he was on about & had to look them up, which I suspect you did too. Or perhaps TLK did it deliberately to see if anyone was actually paying attention [nope, just showing off - Ed]. Well this week there will be no esoteric, recondite or indeed Daedalian language to confound one.

Anyway, back to the Hash. Nine runners I counted (a good number given the absences) & a similar number of diehard walkers (welcome back Kathy), and two squeaky chickens I haven't met before named Bernard & Matthew.

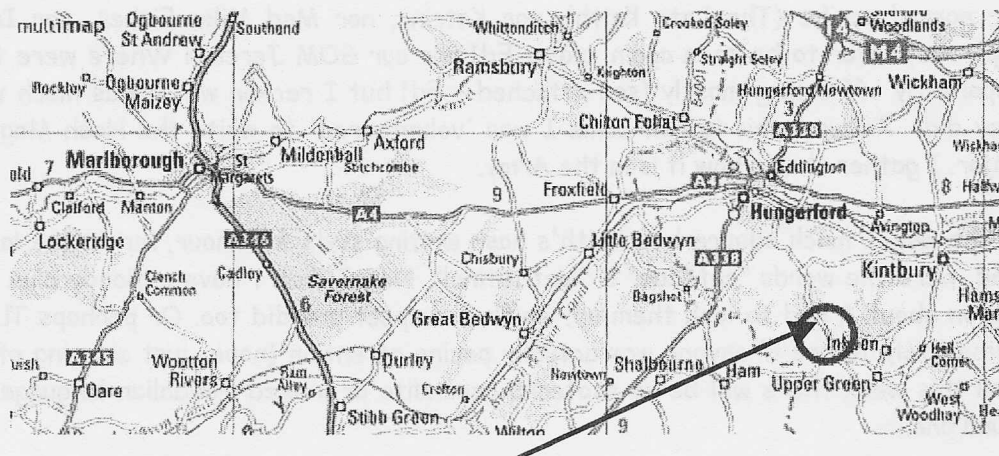
Brian the Bold assembled the masses & after the usual preamble and reassurance about some "friendly cows" in a field, set us off. I must say Brian has now 'nailed' the route planning skill after some earlier experiments. From a Hash where the leaders were almost back before the laggards had got going, to another which made Iain's Hashes look like warm-up jogs. But today's was perfect, an excellent 1 hour 10 minutes or so, through mostly flat-ish terrain.

Now I spend my time on the Hash peering at the ground looking for flour so have little idea of where I am or where I have been. Hence today I found myself almost going around the same loop I had just been round, had it not been for Brian & Linda pointing out that I had already done that bit.

Anyway, the route was a good one. Down the lane & over the muddy bank, heading East-West-East, & then up a long, long muddy lane past the Windmill, before heading West-South-East along the muddy canal bank & across muddy fields & through Jennings Fun Fair, which was a pleasant & unusual diversion. Around the muddy perimeter of the Estate we went, in driving drizzle, before heading back in a generally Northerly-Easterly direction by some woods & muddy through them, before having a group hug (regroup) just as I was about to overtake Andrew & The Major & Tory Boy. I lost heart at that point & let them keep in the muddy lead. The "friendly cows" muddily stampeded when Pauline, Jackie & others tried to get by them, apparently.

Through a river we went, swimming across! And finally soaked through back at the Bus Shelter to read the Sunday papers waiting there (truly) & admire the wall plaque dedicated to someone who knew more about bus timetables than absolutely anyone (honestly). Anyway that's what I recall.

The walkers eventually turned up after Brian had gone off looking for them (Brian's nailed the runners trail anyway). The Major did the honours in The Swan & thanked Brian & Linda fulsomely for a lovely Hash. No green pantaloons this week. But I got the horn for having a white t-shirt. Jackie got Matthew, (or possibly Bernard.) which should look great on her mantelpiece.



Second Coming Hash Runs

231 - 15th Oct - The Charlton Cat, Charlton - The Late Keith

232 - 29th Oct - The Swan, Lower Green, Inkpen - MBA Mike

233 - 12th Nov - The Buggers Arms - Katrina

234 - 26th Nov - The Horseshoe, Mildenhall - GOM

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