



Hash 243 - The Rose and Crown, Lea - 1st April 2007

Used as we are to executive travel - reference the well reported Skoda limousine which normally wafts us around the Kennet Valley countryside - this week we decided to forego that privilege to instead walk the 30 or so miles along the Saints Way from Padstow in Cornwall to Fowey, which, given this is also in Cornwall, makes it the shortest long distance path there - or possibly the longest short distance path. Anyway, the route was up to the best of hash standards, with excellent beer, and scenery ranging from forest filled valleys to remote upland hills. The inspirations gained were such that now neither myself nor my good companion, none other than Mr Mike Fisher, can remember which way we walked the route, but each time we got lost it was but a reminder of the hashing pleasures we were missing in Wiltshire - albeit without flour

I can see you thinking - well surely someone else will be writing the hash mag - but no, this is a responsibility that I take most seriously; and so, despite having not a clue as to what happened, I can with utmost confidence submit the following report.

Given it was an Palm Sunday then some of the group may have been tempted to wave palm-fonds in the air. Whilst I am glad this did not happen (our hare apparently looked much more appropriate in his green nicks), it does seem to have instigated the locals to do as much, with them walking from Charlton Church to St Giles in Lea with at least 2 palm tree's worth of branches between them - one can only imagine the negative impact to forestation and global climate change should this become a national habit.

The Rose and Crown pub and hash course laid by Brian our hare, with the help and encouragement of Ablest Assistant Linda (roles being reversed today), were up to the best of hash standard, both having been carefully selected to nurture the pleasures of the runners and walkers. Knowing their previous experiences of route and flour management, this will have ensured that the trails will have been marked to perfection, and will have lasted to very close to the now MMF proscribed one hour's duration - execution and timing are the hallmarks of true genius, so congratulations Brian and Linda.

As everyone lazed in the pub garden soaking up the spring weather GOM re-iterated these thanks and had Lady Madge provide a progress report on bookings for the 250th hash bash - 18 so far - with places restricted to a maximum of 40. £10 reserves your seat so please rush to cough up the dough by end of April with final payment (another £9.95) and menu selections needed by end of May.

The only sour note of the day was the admission by the current fixtures secretary (aka

GOM) that, due to mal-administration somewhere along the line, it would now be necessary to re-state the previous fixtures list in line with the 2002 Sarbanes-Oxley act. Whilst this has zero effect on the fiscal position of KVH3 it does however mean that the 250th hash bash will in fact be the 248th, leap years having not been accurately accounted for previously. Rather than re-schedule the bash, it was agreed by a majority of members present that we should continue with the current proposal - the one dissenter was Cathy, on the grounds that this was a foolish proposal.

Second Coming Hash Runs

243 - 1st April - The Rose & Crown, Lea, Malmesbury - Brian the Bold

244 - 15th Apr - The Bell, Market Place Faringdon - Katrina

245 - 29th April - The French Horn, Pewsey - Lady Margaret & Steve

246 - 13th May - The Buggers Arms - Mad Mike Fisher

If you want to have a bash at a Hash, or find out where The Bugger's Arms is please ring GOM Jeremy on 01672 521064; email jer@xyz.port995.com or the late Keith Mitchell on 01672 511530 email keith@griffins.co.uk - website kvh3.mysite.orange.co.uk