

KENNET VALLEY HASH HOUSE HARRIERS – KVH³

Hash 0251 – Sunday 8 July 2007 – The Barley Corn Inn, Collingbourne Kingston

After the sodden celebrations of a fortnight previously, it was a thrill to be able to glimpse blue sky and ponder the delights of a dry hash. Surprisingly however, the lure elsewhere of Silverstone, Wimbledon, the Tour d'Angleterre and various stag parties seems to have kept many a fine hasher otherwise occupied. Even Mabel rang in late with a sick note to say she had a sore head, whilst MMF seems to have disappeared of the face on the earth. Luckily Rew had driven down from Wolverhampton as official replacement. Also it was good to see Jackie back, albeit without Pauline, who was having yet more holiday, but she did bring Roy along which was jolly good of her. So all in all it was another small, select but committed group of walkers and runners who gathered in the farmyard at CK.

Phil, being the hare and a commanding sort of chap, called us all to attention, and, after warning us about the local pony club, sent us on our way. Now normally one expects things to be fairly easy at the start, but this hash was straight off up the North Face of the Eiger. A right turn at the summit and then into the undulating Wiltshire countryside with no further sighting of man for the rest of the day. With the hare's usual efficiency, the trail had been mostly prepared the night before, but unfortunately, Al Qaeda rabbit insurgents had demolished much of it, so careful attention was needed. However, this previous night's work allowed Phil to follow us around, whilst Totty Jacqui chaperoned the walkers. Eventually, after having rollercoasted ourselves up and down many a hillside it was somewhat of a relief to eventually ski back down the Eiger and collapse in a heap at Collingbourne K.

We all retired, together with Katrina as the bringer of good hash mags, to the Barley Corn's beer garden. No green nicks, nor Bernadette nor Mathew, but the hash horn was awarded to Roy for services to horizontal hashing.

Roy, for whom this was his first hash, the event was life changing - a Road to Damascus experience, and it has been decided that henceforth he shall be known as St Ray or to his friends as RoyRay.

Very many thanks Phil and Jacqui for a splendid trail.

Postscript – late dispatch from Our Very Late Keith

I did actually turn up today - late even by my standards - 1.30 to be precise. Just in time to meet the Hare & a few others before they left the pub. I did have an excuse - I'd just driven down from Toby's stag weekend in Nottingham. And I did run the trail, although the last flour I found was on those hay bales after the climb over hedge into a wheatfield. After that, I had to busk it until I found the road back to the stables. The Brigadier makes Lady Margaret look positively profligate with the flour... (Ed: yes – it was those damned rabbits – and the Brigadier gets a mentioned in dispatches)

Post-Post Script – Hash 252, The Plough @ Kelmscott

Unfortunately, this hash was cancelled at short notice due to the floods that engulfed the village. We hope to re-organise the run their as soon as they are back and operational.

ON – ONs

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254 19 Aug
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256 16 Sep
257 30 Sep

All start promptly sometime after 11am

The Lamb, Great Rissington
The Sun Inn, Lydiard Millicent
The Malt Shovel, Upper Lambourne
tbd
The Cross Keys, Upper Chute

The Mitchells
The Studland Girls
MMF
tbd
GOM

Future Trails

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