



**KENNET VALLEY HASH HOUSE HARRIERS**

**Mag No 257 - Sunday 30<sup>th</sup> September 2007 - The Cross Keys at Upper Chute. Scribe - MMF**

The Cross Keys is such an attractive pub set in the most glorious countryside I expected to see the car park teeming with hashers warming up and chatting happily in anticipation of a trail set by our very own GOM. What I actually saw was Kathrina, Phil, the aforesaid GOM and a dog - all, except the dog, shuffling about and staring gloomily into the drizzle. Bound to be dozens of runners turning up in a minute we thought - but no - and at 1115 a very small band of runners (Kathrina Phil and me) set off into the gloom. Jeremy came with us part of the way but kept disappearing to lay a few more false trails as we ploughed steadily on over fields and bridleways and tracks in the woods. We kept together well despite their being more circles than you could shake a stick at and as the drizzle stopped and the sun came out our spirits lifted. Upper Chute is a very remote part of Wiltshire and we ran for miles without seeing another soul or any sign of human habitation - and the scenery was lovely filled with autumn colours and mellow fruitfulness. One of the great attractions of hashing is its sociability and we chatted and shared the pleasure of wonderful views and felt very much the band of brothers (and sister). The trail was quite long and with only a few of us checking the false trails we began to tire around about the hour and a half mark (note:- must promote the merits of the one hour hash more vigorously) but about then we came to a steep track leading up to the pub and the finish.

The pub is a good one. Recently re-opened with a new and keen landlord there is a cheerful atmosphere and a big open fire and excellent beer. We sat and gossiped. Not enough of us to make speeches and presentations (where is the hash horn by the way) so we all thanked Jeremy personally for an excellent trail in new and delightful surroundings.

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258	14 <sup>th</sup> Oct 07	The Roebuck Marlborough	Kathrina
259	28 <sup>th</sup> Oct 07	The Three Tuns Great Bedwyn	TLK
260	11 <sup>th</sup> Nov 07	The Rose and Crown Highworth	MMF
261	25 <sup>th</sup> Nov 07	The Buggers Arms	?
262	9 <sup>th</sup> Dec 07	The other Buggers Arms	Keith P
263	26 <sup>th</sup> Dec 07	The Keepers Arms Quennington	Margaret

NOTES

No hash on Sunday 23<sup>rd</sup> December . Boxing Day hash instead. Fancy dress theme is 'pyjama party'.

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