

KENNET VALLEY HASH HOUSE HARRIERS

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Our normal erudite and witty scribe missed today's hash because he was off enjoying himself in some foreign place and so I am afraid you will have to put up with some old rubbish from me this week.

We had a very good selection of walkers and runners for Pauline and Clive's hash and the weather was perfect - bright spring sunshine and a gentle breeze. One thing about hashing is that you get plenty of variety. Just two weeks ago we were wading up to our waists in freezing floods under lowering skies - it'll probably be snowing next week. We had a very brief brief from Pauline and then we were off up the road out of the village and over a stile into a very muddy field. Here we came across a double arrow which caused some milling about and head scratching by some of the newer hashers who had only come across the circle and the single arrow before. I explained and led the way over an even muddier field and then in a loop back to the road through Wanborough. Up out of the village again and left into a footpath that climbed right to the summit. All together at this point thanks to some crafty false trails on the way up. A short run along the top road with wonderful views and then down through a farmyard through some woods and out into open fields again - beginning to spread out again by now. Then we got the trail completely wrong and started going clockwise around an anti-clockwise loop. Kevin was leading the way on the correct trail when Jeremy shouted 'on on' from the opposite - wrong - direction which led over a muddy stream. Kevin in his determination to get to the front again fell into the stream going one way and then fell back into it again as he tried to get out. Jolly good of Kevin to provide us all with so much amusement. After going backwards for a bit we came to an arrow facing back the way we had come and so being quick witted we realised what had happened and retraced our footsteps to the stream and were soon on the last section of the trail - a narrow road leading back to the pub. We all managed to gather in one corner of the pub for the après with the sunlight streaming through the window which was nice. Jeremy thanked Pauline and Clive for an excellent trail and I presented the horn to Kevin for his acrobatic display crossing the stream - and the chicken (Matilda ?) to Jackie for keeping me company when I got too far behind. Thank you Pauline and Clive for another very good trail.

ON ONs

271	13 th Apr 08	The Suffolk Arms at Brinkworth	Kevin and Ann
272	27 th Apr 08	The Bell at Purton Stoke	Margaret
273	11 th May 08	The White Hart at Woolstone	Jackie and Ray
274	25 th May 08	TBA	Mike
275	8 th Jun 08	TBA	Brian
276	15 th Jun	Ridgeway Relay	GOM

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