

Kennet Valley HHH

Hash 317: The White Hart, Wroughton, 3rd Jan 2010

This was our first Hash of 2010 & a mere 8 days since we ran at Quenington on Boxing Day on a freezing, gloriously sunny Winters Day. Today was identical, the Sun shining throughout but not strong enough to melt the frozen ground (other than here & there) so it was again slippery & treacherous.

But we are learning to cope with the conditions better than before. At least I didn't slip & hit the ground like a sack of spuds this time, and neither did anyone else, as far as I know.

Margaret told us we would have no problem seeing flour against the snow, & later I realised this was true, as there wasn't any flour! (or very little anyway, as we struggled to find it) Understandable , really, as we all need to be more frugal with flour, since flour prices went "through the roof"...

We set off around Wroughton Village, the Hash Horn having been blown by Des, & we explored the many winding lanes of this pleasant village before finally heading uphill & then off towards Clouts Wood. From up there, the countryside looked wonderful, in the frost & sunshine. The numbing cold had quickly worn off once we were underway, at least for the runners.

After running through Clouts Wood, we rose to meet the A361 Devizes Road & to be offered a drink of wine (red or white) & some home made cake. I couldn't eat cake whilst running on the Hash but I can always manage a drink, & thus we enjoyed a few minutes respite by the roadside.

Then it was on towards Elcombe and down the lane before making our way back towards Wroughton across the fields & finally along Wharf Road to the Pub.

The White Hart was warm & welcoming with a lively throng of drinkers. Jeremy expressed thanks to Val & Margaret for another lovely trail & the hash horns were duly presented.