



KENNET VALLEY HASH HOUSE HARRIERS

Hash 318 - Cross Keys @ Great Bedwyn - 17 Jan 2010

Lies, damned lies, and hash mags. Never trust a hash mag and our last one was no exception. In fact, so much so that our previous hares took all this exception upon themselves due to our last scribe commenting on a lack of flour. "Lack of flour!" they cried, "obviously the man was blind!"; and they then discussed at great length possible causes for his blindness; all of them entirely implausible to anyone with a lack of imagination.

Now of course for this hash, there could be no possible concern since it was laid by our esteemed founder; but bugger me, what had he done, but gone and camouflaged the flour with dog poison. How on earth were we supposed to find our way with the dogs dead and no visible trail markings. "Oh", he said, "I was expecting snow". Well that's no reason for dog poison in my book. And as for imagining snow, the man had obviously been out celebrating the full moon a few times too often.

Despite these calamities, this was our seventh visit to the pub and our thirteenth to Great Bedwyn, so the weather and trail were brilliant. Also if you were a recent newcomer to KVH3 then it was also a new run.

If we ignore Unfortunate John who had also been poisoned, then we had at least a 200% success rate for this hash - this being achieved by 100% of the runners running and 100% of the walkers walking. Sometimes some of the ladies can't decide whether they are walkers or runners, but luckily we had none of that dithering this time. In reality the overall satisfaction rate was probably substantially higher than 200% - we could also add those who had a drink (100%), those who had a meal (0%) and any other percentages we can conjure up - wonderful stuff statistics.

The hash horn was unavailable for presentation since Kathy was laid up in bed with a cold; undoubtedly the result of wet underwear sustained some months ago on our Autumn Rain Hash at Purton. However, she was consoling herself by polishing the horn, and the rest of us by being able to get a word in edgeways.

So, thanks Mike, it was thoroughly enjoyed by all - except, of course, by Unfortunate John and the dogs.

Future hashes are shown overleaf - special attention please for Hash 325 when attendance will be mandatory for those intending to come. Thanks also to Margaret and Val who are making preparations for both a Summer Seaside Hash and a Forest Hash. Finally, commiserations to Keith for the abuse received for the previous hash mag.