

# CHURN VALLEY HASH HOUSE HARRIERS

Run no 1556: Monday 30<sup>th</sup> July 2012

The Jolly Brewmaster, hared by Caviar and Mr (Mary) Sheep

Like the last run from here we met in the Bath road car park (well the rest of the pack met last time, but I was late and ended up running a second hand GG trail lol). This time to avoid any similar confusion our hare diligently followed the second hand GOSH trail complete with their old arrows at his replaced checks. I should have realised it was a girly trail as it carefully avoided any grassy areas that could dirty your shoes as it weaved into the town centre.

Here we had the first regroup adjacent to the little fountain where the continuous tinkling of the water did nothing to relieve MustHang who also wanting to be tinkling. She even tried Starbucks, but refused my suggestion to just sit in or on the fountain where no one would notice. This was probably lucky because somehow I slipped and accidentally splashed a few hashes. Well it took a couple of slips before I could rouse them into retaliation and this was still a very minor affair with an attempt on the sheep's hat by Yob and a better one by Dr Do to put me in the fountain that I saw out the corner of my eye and just avoided.

We continued northwards to our second regroup near the Pittville Park lake and the promised long / medium split. I hung back here to see how Frank would cope with the 5' 6" low tunnel joining the other side of the park, but he was one of the first lightweights who sensible went off on the medium. By now we knew our fears were correct about where the promised extra 2 mile unmarked loop was and it was no surprise to reach the racecourse. Hmmmm the guide says '*Oval, 1m 5f, undulating with stiff fences and an uphill finish. Stamina is essential*' and I would concur with all of that. Stupidly I tightened the silk straps on the sheep's hat and set off, partly because I was attracted by the grass we hadn't seen much of so far and also because I was egged on by Grizzle (I can resist everything except for temptation). By now we were down to the elite runners (plus me) with Groper and Grizzle obviously out in front, but somehow Dylon was missing. I was keeping them in sight waiting to make my move in the final furlong when a cry of agony from MustHash resulted in a show of camaraderie typical of the recent Tour de France where I sacrificed all hope of personal triumph to help remove a tiny midge from his eye. OK so I stopped for a rest really, but with MustHash's sight restored he was able to closely focus on our blonde filly's fetlocks around the rest of the course and I stayed alongside him in case of a relapse).

We couldn't find the trail at the end of the loop, but I eventually picked it up at the Prince of Wales Stadium and we followed the old Honeybourne Railway Line back home where we received a very smug look from that lightweight Dylon. Groper & Grizzle out in front got so lost they only just caught up again near the end while Spud, Pickle & Musthash just shortcut the three miles back :-)

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Down Downs awarded to:

Barry & Barry (KY & Dr Do) for their joint 110<sup>th</sup> birthday

MustHash (nominated by his beloved) for their 40<sup>th</sup> anniversary - love is blind

Mr Sheep for lazy laying of the 2 mile loop (and the rest) of unmarked trail

Sheep's hat awarded to Mr Sheep for re-laying second-hand GOSH trail.

The hat was also for being lazy, but the unmarked loop was the best bit IMHO.

Future Events:			
1558	13 <sup>th</sup> August	Stratford Place Stud, Coln Rogers, GL54 3LA	- Dogger & Carloss BBQ
1559	20 <sup>h</sup> August	TBC,	- Dick the Zip
1560	27 <sup>h</sup> August	TBC,	- Carloss
1561	3 <sup>rd</sup> September	The Weighbridge Inn Nailsworth, GL6 9AL	- Bell End
1562	9 <sup>th</sup> September	The Daneway Sapperton	- Fish & Kips First Sunday Run
1563	16 <sup>th</sup> September	TBC	- Hung Lo
1564	23 <sup>rd</sup> September	The Vale Hotel 32 High Street, Cricklade, SN6 6AY	- Groper & Caviar
1565	30 <sup>th</sup> September	TBC	- Gripper
1566	7 <sup>th</sup> October	The Keepers Arms Church Road, Quenington, GL7 5BL	- Anorak & Pole Pussy
1567	14 <sup>th</sup> October	TBC	- Donkey & Boo'd Off
1568	21 <sup>st</sup> October	Soup Kitchen Bowling Green	- Fish & Kips