

CHURN VALLEY HASH HOUSE HARRIERS

Run No 1567: The Hunters Hall, Kingscote
Hares: Leonie Lockwood & John Dunne
Y/Scribe: Claude

Following a freezing night, around 35 to 40 hashers gathered in the hotel car park, under a clear sky.

A short brief from John was enough to see the runners gathering by the first narrow gate for a southward run.

Half a mile into the run, both the front hashers & three ladies on horseback entered a large field full of sheep.

Due to the large number of noisy hashers entering the field, the riders had difficulties in keeping control of their mounts.

John went forward to have a word with the peeved riders, stating that all runners will be away in a short time.

Thus, onwards we went through a calm flock of sheep; the front hashers searching for the trail by the Manor House.

Unexpectedly, the land owner in a 4X4 caught up with Claude wearing the sheep hat, requesting that we kept the sound level down, as his wife was still in bed.

Satisfied, but I guess a bit irritated, the land owner reversed uphill, colliding with a wood post showing the direction of the footpaths & bridleways, stopped (forgetting to make use of the hand break) with the intention to relocate the wood post & its concrete base, but after a few seconds realised that the 4x4 was on its way down the road, run at full speed and successfully climbed in the driving seat.

All this, in full view and astonishment of the numerous hashers short cutting from the top of field.

Half a mile from the Manor House, the short trail branched off towards Lasborough, taking the walkers through Newington farm and Hay Bottom & back to the Hunters Hall.

From there, the trail took us through a copious amount of mud, standing water and several brooks.

Just before the Ozleworth Bottom and the large lake, the medium turned North, making use of Scrubbett's lane and the ascending trail.

Emerging from the path along the lake, the long lost view of the trail for a short time and started the three & a half km steep climb to the Hunters Hall, first along Marless Brook, then skirting around Bagpath and across fields & woodland.

All back by 12:30

Forthcoming Runs:

1569 - 28th October 2012; by Musthashless
Stroud Brewery, Unit 11, Phoenix Works, Brimscombe, Stroud, GL5 2BU

1570 - 4th November 2012, by Neil Moorhouse
Queens Head, Stow on the Wold

1571 - 11th November 2012, by Ormonde
Venue to be confirmed

Hash Christmas lunch - 16th December 2012
The Vaults, Cirencester, GL7 1BN

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