

CHURN VALLEY H3

Run No: 1631, 8th December 2013
Venue : White Hart, Ashton Keynes
Hares : Clipboard, Knackered and Martin

A good sized pack assembled, to be briefed by Knackered. It was to be "a classic of its type"! When have I heard that before? He went on to say that Ashton Keynes was flat and had lakes!

We set off up Godsditch, up past the forlorn site of the deserted Horse and Jockey and then back down the Thames into the village again, down Back Street past the another former pub, the Plough. The residents of AK clearly need to get out more. As soon as we were out into the gravel beds there was a split, longs and shorts one way, mediums the other. Perversely the mediums route was longer, three sides of Kent End quarry rather than one, and took in the dubious delights of the Spine Road car park, we hurried on, our reputations intact. Your scribe, in the company of Special K, Sheena and Hare Martin, saw little of the rest of the pack until nearly home. We made our way down to the track that leads to Waterhay, it was here the longs must have done a loop around the Cleveland Lakes and Waterhay bird hide. They came back on to the main track back to join the mediums and shorts, turn right between the lakes and on through the stubble fields.

It was crossing these fields that we encountered Jeff. He cut a lonely figure, gamely trudging his weary way, resplendent in the bags, but severely hampered following his encounter with a rabbit hole a week earlier. He had been left behind by the walkers, but shown great dedication to the spirit of Hashing.

Arrived back into the village, messed about in a housing estate and home to the pub.

I understand the shorts had a good walk, they included in their number, Clipboards friend Yvonne, persuaded to join her first Hash, and she seemed non the worse for the experience.

A good trail from the hares, so thanks very much.

The White Hart had good beer and a fire, the locals were not too put out, Nigel being one of their number, so a good après.

Dogger managed to attract both the bags and the sheeps hat, not really sure why for either. Mind you within a couple of minutes he had divested himself of both, "not here next week", so who eventually wears them will be a nice surprise for the Christmas Party run.

The above should have been brought to you by Singeing, somehow I got the honour following a run I didn't attend, such are the ways of the Hash. A Happy Christmas to one and all.

Future Events

Run 1633, 22nd December 2013, Carpenter's Arms, Westrip. GL6 6EY

Gerald and Martin (mince pies etc from Sheena, Marion and Zandra

Run 1634, 26th December 2013, The Daneway Sapperton, Fishfingers n K'niks