

Churn Valley Hash House Harriers
Run No 1553
The Kilkenny Inn, Andoversford
9th July, 2012

A lovely evening with a reasonable turnout for this trail laid by Avriiil with late assistance from Claude, wearer of the Sheeps hat. Responsibility for writing the mag was therefore passed on lest he be accused of favouritism!

Following the briefing covering the usual livestock warnings and a cryptic message about short cutting over a wall with an arrow and markings and something or other, we set off across the main road heading for Foxcote. A couple of falsies later and a right turn led to the first regroup (of many) followed by a long straight climb up through the Vestey estate. We also came across the first (or last?) of the On-Home markings.

The second regroup was on the top with glorious views and yet more On-Home markings, and then two and a half miles into the run we came to the last (or first?) of the On-Home marks promising a clear run home if nothing else.

Onto the third regroup, ignored by Dylan, and we were starting to turn for home. Into the mud, through the woods on a sweeping downhill section and then across the gallops and a lovely meadow. But wait, no flour! Turns out that the trail went back up the gallops and a round and about before returning to the outbound trail for the two and a half mile run in. Your scribe confesses to ignoring this section feeling that he had seen most of it before, and continuing across the meadow following Carlos, (surely a first?) and in company with DC forging our own way back to Foxcote and then to the pub.

The walkers had already returned and were well into their beer with the rest of the pack just coming into view in the far distance at the top of the hill. Tim arrived first happy to be home at last with everyone else falling in behind.

Great to see the Kilkenny back up and going, beer not bad, and comfortable surroundings. Not sure who got the bags or the hat, but Dylan was mentioned in dispatches for not indicating his intentions before he even got into the car park so it may have been him.

Grizzle

Future runs:

23 rd July	Old Centralians RFC, Gloucester, GL4 4QX	Fireraiser
30 th July	Jolly Brewmaster, Cheltenham, GL50 2EZ	Mr. Sheep