

A selection of eastern dishes and soft drinks (Cola Rs. 5/-, I.K. Rs. 4/-) were ordered. Careful scouting by Jaycees had determined that alcoholic beverages were not available. This was overcome by a "carry in" courtesy of Jehu and The Vito Spark to which no official objection was raised.

During the customary wait for the cold actuals Honey, suffering from the effects of a day's culture bashing, fell asleep and the conversation turned to Ed's predilection for a certain vice. Client said he personally could never give it up because he wouldn't know what to do with his hands to which Titian suggested a pair of trousers with large pockets might provide the solution. Princess admitted that she had secretly been doing it twice a day since she came of age and Jehu that he had given it up when he became pregnant. This profound discourse left everybody with healthy appetites.

The food, when it came, was unremarkable but, at Rs. 24/- per head (excluding dessert) extremely reasonably priced bearing in mind the upmarket surroundings. All in all, a place warranting high marks for atmosphere and value for money, but only average marks for quality of food.

Small Print announced himself well pleased with the total cost of the evening at Rs. 90/- per head which was well inwith his budget.

VICTORIA MASH HOUSE HARRIERS

Run No. 56

Saturday 16th February, 1985

Rares: Mash Almanack, Tricky & Spiral Casing
In the Country.

"An Exhibition at the National Nursery", our correspondent writes:-

What can be nicer on a sunny Saturday afternoon in mid February than to take a stroll in the countryside to observe the varied flora and fauna that abounds in our area, especially the visitors from less temperant climes drawn here to catch the winter sun? Let's go down to the area between the river and the nursery and take a look at the wild-life.

Among the most colourful bloomers, to the fore, are a full grown and vigorous pair, clad in many shades of blue. Like others we will see, these are mainly nocturnal and very dependent on high fluid transpiration. Fossil remains indicate a previous advanced state of evolution, but sadly they now demonstrate terminal regression. Elsewhere creatures also requiring considerable liquid input can be seen kneeling, not to see kneeling, to reach their objectives.

Our route, tricky in places, but a veritable almanac of unexpected delights, takes in other oddities of the animal world. One such, formerly thought to be related to a stag but now evolved into something closer to a giraffe, sallies forth into the bush with his offspring. Two others, locally resident, can be seen briefly but only at great distance.

Avian migrants catch the eye. The high and very fast flying egret, commonly found on the back of Jumbos, darts in, and then is gone again. Speaking of elephants not very far behind is a burgeoning family of creatures noted for their brightness, not to say bright plumage. Northern visitors can be distinguished by their white colouration, camouflage against the perpetual snow. Owls appear here at daytime, just to completely confuse ever thing!

On the ground, can you be surprised if the pansies are trampled underfoot?

Editor's note: The above is an unsolicited report. We are still writing on an article about Hash No. 56.

Lemonade Run

After a Hashless three weeks we were all chomping at the bit to go. To those of us who remembered Run No. 28 the first few hundred yards were pleasantly familiar. The men remained in sight and indeed because of the low gradients we were able to see them well ahead and short-cut. However, there was some concern that we might miss the Hare (who said he would be at the point where the trails diverged) and end up on the main run. (That would have served you right for short-cutting - Ed.) Guinevere and Minestrone had opted for the mini-run this time and maintained the lead throughout with Bumble and novice Nuclear, being mobile together at ground level for a change, not far behind. A pleasant stroll through picturesque verdant countryside with no mountaineering, mud-wallowing or hand-stepping to tax the strength had some of us even running almost unheard of for lemonaders over the age of 10. At one point we had the distinct feeling of walking backwards - as indeed we were, along part of the Hangover Run out and trail - and then on what passes for a road in this part of the world. Back to the beer wagon, and the bar had only just opened when the men (plus Professor Alley) came thundering in and the real purpose of the Hash commenced.

RECEDING HARE LIST

Run No. 57	3rd March, Sunday	Hares: Wise Owl & Mermaid
58	10th " "	TLH & Electrozoom
59	21th " "	Look Out & No. 3
60	Easter Weekend	Deep Throat

Gentlemen & Lady Hashers.

(Not forgetting Hashers (Minor))

The pleasure of your company is

requested for

"High Sea in N.W.8."

on Sunday 3rd March at 4.30 p.m.

His Owl & Mermaid