



<b>Run</b>	<b>3</b>
<b>Date</b>	<b>Sunday 21 March 2009</b>
<b>Location</b>	<b>Gumbet – Myndos Gate</b>
<b>Hares</b>	<b>Second Hand Dishwasher &amp; Wild Rover</b>
<b>Scribe</b>	<b>Muta (with editing by Semen)</b>

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### **The “St Patrick’s Day“ Run**

The weather was against us early in the morning, but it cleared to have another good run through Gumbet for the Bodrum H3's third run in honour of St Patrick's Day. 17 people turned up at the Myndos Gate car park of which 11 were new (virgin) hashers.

This was my first introduction to hashing and I brought a few friends who found it very enjoyable. It started with a circle where the stand in GM, Semen, explained about what was expected and handed out shamrocks and safety pins for everyone to wear with their green outfit as this was in honour of the patron saint of Ireland, St Patrick. It was rather fitting that the GM of the Bodrum H3, Culture Vulture was in Ireland to celebrate first hand.

The trail headed out towards the coastline and because of the rain earlier in the day the marks of flour and lentils were sometimes hard to find, but everyone followed to the calls of "On On". We headed down to Stoney Bay and then up the hill to the windmills and everyone arrived safely at the Piss Stop. Thanks to Aaron from Backpackers in Bodrum, two cases of Guinness were provided to celebrate the day. This was honoured in the circle at the end of the run. With the view of Bodrum Harbour and Bodrum Castle in the background Father Abraham was performed. This is a song together with actions which is such fun as well as being good exercise.

We then headed down the hill through the picturesque backstreets of Gumbet towards the Myndos Gate car park. The trail found its way to the back of Myndos Gate and many hashers took the short cut through to the car park. This was again honoured in the final circle.

This is where the real fun starts. First the RA gives some Religious Advice then the hares are honoured with a down down. It turned out that Wild Rover had had too much to drink the night before in celebrating St Patrick which meant he left 2nd Hand Dishwasher to put the final touches to the run by herself. This was again honoured with a down down.

This was quickly followed by all the new runners, the short cutters, everyone not wearing green, those with their hands in their pockets and many other misdemeanours also being honoured. I lost count of all the other honours but it was Louise's birthday and she was brought into the circle several times for drinking too early etc., etc.!

It also gave me a chance to tell a few jokes and everyone got into the mood and were having a good time. The ON ON ON was at Sue's Place (A Hash Bar) in Gumbet where most people had a Sunday Lunch and carried on drinking socially.

For anyone who has not heard of the Hash House Harriers I can thoroughly recommend joining it for having great fun and meeting like minded people. My friends and I are looking forward to the next run which will be in Yalikavak on 5 April and we are looking forward to meeting new people on future runs.