

The Beyond Clun Run – 9th September 2023

Some years the Clun Run follows a route that takes in nadgery hill top roads and even some unmade ones, but this year Brian planned something along 'better' roads, though still mostly unclassified, B or smaller A roads. It was probably a fortunate choice as we were having a late season heat wave, with this being possibly the hottest day of the year, and it was good to have some breeze. The better tarmac didn't mean that we were deprived of some fantastic countryside and views though, it was just as scenic as ever.



Above: Ted Foreman's 750 Honda, Graham Ash's Triumph and Dave Chapman's BSA B31.

19 Riders were signed on by Stuart at Tony's Diner, Quatford near Bridgnorth and we then followed the B4368 along Corvedale to Craven Arms and continued along towards Clun but stopped after a couple of miles at The Wayside Camping Cafe at Aston on Clun for an early coffee stop. Organiser Brian joined us there, together with three others so we now had a total of 23.



After coffee, we headed continued to Clun, went over the bridge and then along the A488 over the hills to Knighton. There we turned right and soon right again towards Beguildy, following the B4355 for 17 miles along the Teme valley, through Felindre, rising up and over some hills before dropping down to turn right onto A 483 at Dolfor.

We again soon turned right again along an unclassified road that climbed up, offering superb views back towards Knighton in one direction and down onto Newtown on our left. A photo stop was required (left)

In due course we turned right and joined the A489 passing through Kerry and continuing to our lunch stop at the very smart Mellington Hall near Church Stoke (below). As I and a few others were arriving we passed Colin Durnal going the other way on his Red Panther (right), tapping his watch, clearly wondering what had kept us. I suspect that Colin had not stopped for coffee or a photo opportunity. Still, we had done better than Mike Cutler who had got lost and missed Mellington Hall (again!), taking Graham Ash with him. We had a very pleasant lunch, some braving the very strong sun outside while others skulked in the shade indoors. I compromised with a bit of both.



After lunch we had a relatively straight forward return journey along the A489 and the A49 into Craven Arms and then back along Corvedale to Morville, Bridgnorth and home. Another excellent day out Brian, thank you, and well done arranging such good weather.



**David
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