

The Long Mynd Run – 17th April 2023

In July 2022 I thought about making an early start for next year's run. So how to plan the route for a change? I got the atlas out and knowing where I wanted to go started to draw straight lines. From Tony's to Church Stretton then to a lunch stop at Wattlesborough Heath. Then a line back to Tony's and try to keep as near the lines as possible. Come the New Year it still wasn't done so head down and get on with it.



On the day of the run I woke up to a damp and misty Sunday morning but turned up at Tony's to find riders having breakfasts. Bikes started to arrive even though it was drizzling. Panic set in as I had only printed 25 route sheets. Eventually 27 riders signed on so some riders doubled up. It was good to see people from other sections, including the Burton section and Ironmasters, with bikes ranging from 1929 to 2001 and a good selection of makes. It was also good to see some joining as day members to give us a try.

Come 10.30 we were on the move, breaking them in gently, with a run up the bypass, down the Ludlow road and across to Morville.



We then travelled towards the Corvedale turning off at Weston. Towards Easthope and Lushcott the roads turned more rough but further on there was a little improvement. Coming through Wall under Heywood I spotted a speed camera van (hope no one got caught).



We then had a nice run into Church Stretton and then up the Burway with its spectacular views. This is Dave's 1929 Sloper with Stretton down below. Following the run down the

other side to Bridges it was a long run up to the Stiperstones.

Just past Stiperstone village we came across Brian and Pat who had unfortunately had a flat on the rear tyre of their Velocette. They had made it 2.3 miles further than a previous run where they had a flat on the Triumph Speed Twin at the Bridges Pub a few years ago. This area seems to be something of a Bermuda Triangle for the Empsalls! At least they had several supervisors while Brian did the hard work fixing the puncture!



After leaving there it was onward to the lunch stop where most had finished and were chatting. After lunch we left along lanes and B road making our way towards Much Wenlock and Bridgnorth. Unfortunately along the way one or two riders got off the route onto trickier lanes and had minor mishaps but nothing too serious.

I hope everybody had a good day out and arrived home safely and hope to see you all again next year.