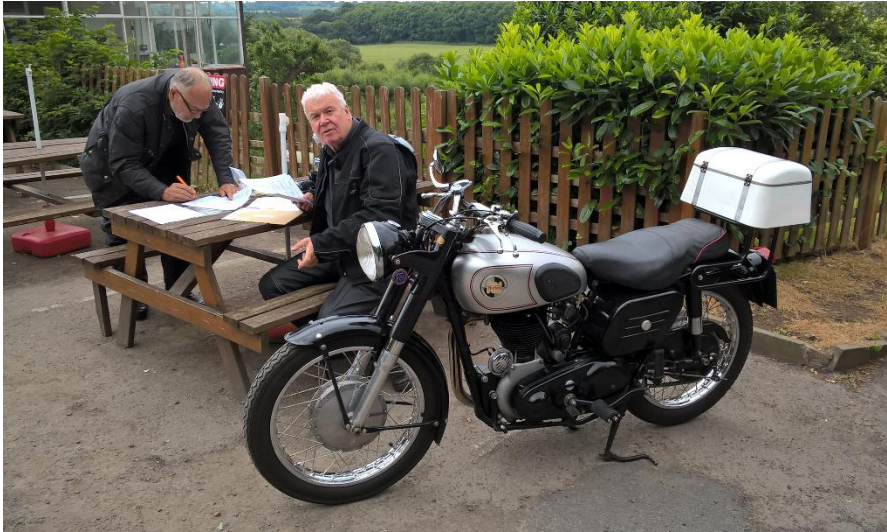


Clun Run – 25th June

Well something of a record for Brian and I, the afternoon was not rained off and 16 out of 17 riders completed the route, (plus a sneak preview to check the route by Julian on Friday afternoon – thanks). Apart from a minor sprinkling of rain on the way out and running before a full downpour on the way back it was indeed a beautiful day.



Above: Stuart signing people on; below: Clunbury in the sunshine. No, really, sunshine!

Following the comments from previous years this time Brian changed the format with fewer nadgery lanes and more open sweeping 'A' and 'B' roads and with a reduction in overall total miles it proved a popular mix. At Hopesay we were again entertained by a piano recital from Rob Todd, however the maestro has vowed to get a little practice in for next year, of course no one noticed or commented on the performance. A great route through to Newcastle and a pub lunch, instructions given to save oneself for the next pub visit later in the day at the Sun Inn in Leintwardine!



The afternoon session was easy to organise, says the one who didn't do the hard work, we simply used the route from last year which only a couple had managed. However it looked totally different in the sunshine with brilliant open views across to the Welsh border. Up on the tops Peter Grays' fluorescent helmet received unwanted attention from the local wild life, at first from Magpies swiftly followed by Buzzards and a Red Kite. Alan Bromwich could tick further birds from his riding ornithological Ladybird Book, those following just had a giggle.

One or two of the lanes were very 'interesting', thank goodness it was dry and so to Leintwardine. It is always a pleasure to hear hardened run riders and planners claim they have certainly explored new lanes and areas so close to known haunts such as Clun, thanks. To show support for the competing Herefordshire Edge Run we were indeed in Herefordshire and to prove it bumped into quite a few riders on the challenge. One enterprising young couple were riding two up on a Bantam with the passenger reading a map taped to the riders back.

We hope everyone enjoyed the day, we certainly did and Brian is already hatching dastardly plans for next year's route.

Stuart Munroe

Clockwise from right: Paul Harris with his new bike, a 1987 Harris Matchless; only caffeine can do this; bike parking at Hopesay; bikes parked at The Sun Inn lunchstop.

