

## Girder Fork Run - 8<sup>th</sup> May 2016.

Seven Girder Fork machines in a field of sixteen is not a bad average for this event – which is what assembled on the car park of The Old Wagon and Horses. Sunbeam Boys Trevor (model 50 and Mark (Lion) should win the G-F Team prize, whilst amongst the non-girder machines the Beeza boys of Jonathan, Alan and John were matched by the Triumphs of Bill, Julian and Peter.



Mark Homer's Grandson, Leighton, displaying true talent and a competitive edge. He has to get this year's Polishers Trophy. Sorry Dave, you weren't there to defend it.

With the prospect of a day with fine weather I was keen to get away reasonably close to 10.30, mindful that Stourport would get busy with day trippers. We were soon off – but a pulled decompressor nipple on Stuart's ES2 caused a little delay – as did a self-inflicted bout of 8-stroking – or was that 16? Stuart was followed by "the Jonathans" (M20 & B33) and finally last man in John Jones astride a lovely Road Rocket – one to rival that of Mr Bromwich – and yours truly departed as back markers.

Our route was much as last years though the road over Heightington was replaced with a short blast up the main road to Dunley. The second modification was to peel-off right after Pensax and pass through Rock to the main Kiddy road where the Colliers Arms had been transformed into the Colliers Café and so Coffee and Cake for every-one!

Well, almost. We, yes I do mean 'we' – Jonathan, John and myself shared a piece of Coffee gateau – it was very..... nice. *(I bet that was a fiercely fought Fork Race! Ed.)*

The stop provided an opportunity for some to make their way independently homeward whilst the rest of us – in dribs n drabs followed the route sheet back to the Wagon. Back at the pub Bill's "Dratsab" had transformed itself into a rather nice NH-350 and gave many of us our first sight of his splendid restoration. Also waiting to greet us was Dave Spruce astride his Flat Tank Sunbeam – a Ken Norton restoration.

For those who like to keep track of these thing – the chips were reported as "good" and my Chicken baguette with green stuff was pretty good too!

Thanks for riding, thanks for your company.

Martyn Round



Alan's B31 was there to compliment the Girder Fork field which boasted examples of BSA, Ariel, Sunbeam, Royal Enfield, Velocette and Francis-Barnett.