

## The Long Mynd Run 22<sup>nd</sup> May

As the section members know, Colin Lloyd passed away earlier this year. I thought as a tribute to him I would dedicate this year's run in his memory as he organised the Long Mynd Run before me. Looking back in my folder at the latest runs I found one of Colin's from 2011, which was also the first Long Mynd that I rode, and decided that this was the one and would just need a few modifications. So off I set to check it out and made a few small changes and then we were ready. The weather for Sunday looked reasonable which is always a bonus.

Arriving at Tony's a few riders turned up and then a few more! Panic set in! Had I printed enough sheets! But thankfully I ended up with just one spare left over. In total 25 people signed on and there were a few more that didn't, so a good attendance. There were 1 or 2 new faces who I hope enjoyed it and will come again.



Some of the machines at Tony's Diner for the start.



Just after 10.30 the riders left for the unknown.

Heading for Bridgnorth and onto the Ludlow road we approached the turn for Oldfield. Two weeks on from testing the route the vegetation had partially blocked the sign and also a few more along the route throughout the day. We headed through the lanes until we encountered Farlow hill with its tight uphill hairpins to catch riders out. Carrying on up over the Clee Hill and down the other side we turned for Bitterley and carried on through the lanes and across the racecourse. The coffee stop was at the Clive Hotel, alongside the A49 and next to Ludlow Food Centre, and soon riders were gathered outside at the picnic tables enjoying the sunshine and coffee. We were made very welcome, especially considering that staff on duty weren't aware of my booking so we were a bit of a surprise. Outside, lined up along the road, there was a fine selection of NBS bikes on show. I hope the photographer managed to snap them. *(I didn't Ron, failed again, I was in such a rush to get ahead and take some action shots that I forgot until I was 5 miles up the road. If anyone did take photos at the coffee stop, I'd be grateful for copies. Dave S.)*

Following a drink and natter a few riders headed for home. A black cloud and a few spots of rain did not discourage the remaining riders from risking side 2 of the sheet. We set off up the road towards Knighton which was fortunate as the A49 was closed on the junction. We turned towards Wetmore/Shelderton & Clungunford along the lanes, somewhere along which some riders came across two cars that had come together on a narrow section. The route continued until we came to the foot of The Long Mynd and then the steep ride up towards the Glider Station where our intrepid photographer was on hand to snap the riders. (thanks David).



Above: Peter Gray (Triumph T100) followed by Jeff Stirrop (Velocette Venom)  
Below: Maurice Hardy (Matchless), Ray Heap (Triumph) and Nick Fitzpatrick (BSA)



We then turned back towards Darnford and down the other side for the lunch stop at the Bottle and Glass Inn at Pulverbatch.

After a catch up the riders started to leave for home following the short route to Wenlock Edge. Following this route I found the sign at instruction 3 that I turned to point the right way 2 weeks earlier had turned the wrong way again. I hope you made it home ok.

Thanks to everyone for taking part and hope you enjoyed it and didn't get too dirty!

Ron Higgins



Clockwise from top left: Bill Harley on his latest Triumph creation, a 1958 500; Bill Orchard, 1927 Sunbeam; Martyn Round showing off one handed on his 1939 Ariel; Run Organiser Ron Higgins on his BSA A10, (he was just too quick to be photographed while moving!)

