

## Long Mynd Run – 13th July

So, early in the year thoughts turn to route planning. Out with OS maps and try to find roads we might not have been up so starts the planning. Then one warm spring day David asks if I fancy a ride. Why not I said. On said ride we went up some roads which I thought I could use. Back to the drawing board to route planned and tried a couple of months earlier.

A week before the run my route testing guru informed me of 2 road closures and a couple of amendments as riders might take a wrong turn. So on the Friday before Saturdays run I rode the route found first possibly closed road to be open. Then the bike decided enough and rear tyre goes down. Quick roadside puncture repair and on way home was informed second road open for weekend. Result.

Saturday morning and bikes start turning up. Panic. Are there enough sheets. Printed 20 sheets and 19 bikes and 1 outfit started varying in age from 1928 to 1990 giving a good span of years. Still had 3 sheets left!



Just after 10.30 they were off. A couple of new riders Netty (right) and Adam joined us on their BSA and Matchless bikes. I asked one of our experienced riders if he would lead them and 'of course' was the reply 'no trouble' in usual NBS style.

With everybody off towards Bridgnorth, over the river and down the road to Highley came Nettys first time crossing a ford down at Little England. On up to Chorley through the lanes until we arrived at Cardington and the second ford? Well about 12 inches wide by 2 inches deep. Then down the lanes onto the



A49 to Church Stretton and up the Burway. A good run up hill. Kevin going well on his B31 after his breakdown on his first run with us. A rebuilt mag doing its thing. By this time I had been following behind and caught them up.

As they set off again we all had to wait for a recovery truck to pass. Then on past the glider station and down the other side. Through Wentnor and the last few miles to the Bridges pub for lunch. But whilst following about six bikes they passed the turning to the pub. When I pulled into the pub there were a few riders sat chatting. A few more turned up telling me the instructions I had adjusted for a left turn after Cardington didn't work and they had turned early.



At the pub our experienced guide told me he took our newcomers for another experience Green laning and also a recovery truck blocked their way on the Long Mynd so an alternative route had to be planned to get to the pub. But a good bit of banter was exchanged as usual. Eventually the six bikes that missed the turning appeared.

As any NBS rider knows if there's food and beer involved we'll sniff it out.

Once fed and watered we set off for the ride back to Tony's or home. Right out of pub and back over Long Mynd just to see the view in the other direction. Down into Church Stretton over the lights to top of bank and turned right at the top of the hill onto another lane with wonderful views over the hills. I believe I owe this lane to Stuart and Brian from a few years ago. Eight miles of lanes and onto the Corvedale and back to Bridgnorth.

I was unable to go back to Tony's as I had to pick up my car from Shrewsbury before the garage shut. I hope you all got home safely and would like to thank you all for coming and also for the positive comments passed on to me by David. (I've not yet mastered this modern Whatsapp stuff!) Does this mean I'll have to do one next year? *(Yes! Ed.)* If so I'll try and find some more iffy lanes but not green ones.

Thanks again for your support it makes it all worthwhile.

Ron