

## VMCC – North Birmingham Section New Year's Day 2017

We met at The Round Oak from 11am for a short 20 mile trundle that I had planned, or from 12 o'clock for a social gathering. It was a foul, cold, wet day and I was surprised that as many as seven people turned up on bikes to sign on. This included Ron Higgins, who had so badly mistimed winter maintenance tasks that he had a bike available, leaving him with no excuses. It was less of a surprise that five of us decided that just riding to and from the pub would be enough and we'd not bother going round the muddy lanes. That pleasure was however 'enjoyed' by the Jonathans (Jinks and Clarke) on their BSA M20 and B31 respectively, and well done to them. Never mind, I think I can use the route again next year

as only two rode it, maybe we'll have a nicer day. We were also joined by an eighth adventurer, Neil Allman on a very nice vintage AJS outfit (below). Once the pub doors opened at 12 it was into the warmth of the social gathering. Less adventurous, or perhaps more sensible, members joined us, some with partners and a pleasant time was had. Our next run is on 25<sup>th</sup> March, fingers crossed for better weather!  
Dave Spencer

