

Paul's Four Bridges Saturday Run March 19th Report

This was my second run for the section, guess I must have made a decent job of the first one to be asked to do another. Taking note of comments about last year's run, a



plan had to be hatched. Where do I go? I decided to start again at my workplace (left) as I did not have to ask permission, there was a toilet and there would be tea and coffee available. *(Thanks Paul and family! Ed.)* I then had an idea to try and cross the four bridges on the Severn between Buildwas and Bridgnorth, but this

still left the problem of how to get to Buildwas to start the four crossings. I looked at the run I did last year and with the help of an Ordnance Survey map worked out a route using a mixture of some of the same roads and some new ones.

On the day fourteen riders signed on, the oldest being the three wheel 1930 Morgan of Bill Dank's with his riding navigator Paul Harris. The youngest being the 1972 Triumph Daytona of Eric Greenfield. It was nice to see Eric Loffman at the start with his Dayton Albatross fresh from its winter rebuild (below).

Being early in March the weather was going to be a worry, however my prayers were answered and we had a dry day, even though cold. Two other worries thankfully failed to materialize in the way of two road closures, one of which was still signed as closed but riders found that they could get through OK. This took us to Sutton Maddock. The next problem was to get to Buildwas from Sutton Maddock, without travelling on the same road. I had decided to go along the dual carriageway and come into Ironbridge





a few hundred yards south of the famous bridge , carrying on to the Swan Inn for coffee (left and below).



The coffee stop was a welcome addition this year, where everyone stopped. Here we met a prospective new member who had turned up on his BSA B31.

Once over the bridge at Buildwas it was time to consult the OS map again and find some lanes to connect the four bridges in an extended 'S' shape, working our way along the river Severn, first one side then another until we came to Bridgnorth. Then making our way to the finish at Tony's Diner (below).



The run was well received and went without any problems, and was hopefully enjoyed by all. At Tony's diner several of us participated in some well deserved food. I would like to thank Martyn Griffiths for doing a proof ride, and also to all those who attended making the run a success.

A big thank you to you all.

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