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NEWSLETTER

Roger's Run

First I must apologise for one of the route directions being wrong my only excuse is the run was compiled rather hurriedly (I had only completed the run on the Thursday as we only arrived home from a 3000mile trip to Italy on my Moto Guzzi on the Tuesday)

The weather on the day was good and 13 riders signed on with several others there to see us off . The run was only a short one (in view of the recent weather) with a coffee stop at the Jinny ring craft centre and then carrying on to the Bidford Gliding club via the country lanes and one ford.(via various routes)

On arriving at the Gliding club the lady in charge of the café seemed to get very rattled that so many! Had turned up for some lunch, I can assure you all me and the wife called there a few weeks earlier to check it out and we were told it would be ok and no need to ring in the numbers, everyone seemed to get fed eventually and I had the ticking off!

We saw a few gliders take off and land but unfortunately we just missed the Tigermoth coming in to land, So all in all not a bad day was had by all and I for one managed to get home before the rain started.

Thanks for your support and understanding

Roger



The Welsh Weekend



The weather forecasters got it wrong. We had expected dreadful weather, and even as we set off for our rendezvous with others riders who were coming from a distance, we got a soaking. That however was the only time and after that we enjoyed glorious weather throughout the weekend.

After meeting up in Ludlow on Thursday lunchtime we did a 40 mile circular route to Prestiegne and then onto the Travel Lodge near Leominster, where we spent a night, and more riders joined us

On Friday we waited for the remaining riders to arrive before setting out for the lunch stop near the reservoirs in the Towy valley at Lynne Brienne. Unfortunately due to the organiser being disorganised, the chosen pub was closed but with a bit of quick thinking we were able to find another pub just 4 minutes before closing time, which didn't please the landlord very much.

If you haven't done the road past Lynne Brienne to Tregaron you should at sometime, it is beautiful and the road sweeps as it winds its way which suits our kind of bikes. There were more lakes to traverse before the day was out.

These were at Nanty Moch which is also a very spectacular series of reservoirs.

By the time we got to Cefn Coch guest house which was to be our base for the next couple of days we had ridden 155 tiring miles on quite challenging roads but it was certainly worth it.

Saturday's 100 mile route took us over the upgraded forestry road from Corris to Aberangell and then on to Dinas Mawddwy and Bwylch y groes before descending to Lake Vrnwy and the Lake Vrnwy Hotel where we spent a long time taking in the lovely view from the balcony and of course more grub and liquid refreshment, (I thought I'd better say that) This was the 12th year of the Welsh week end, and although the route is different each year, the Lake Vrnwy Hotel has been visited each year and we are always reluctant to start off afterwards.

As we were so close to the coast we just had to stop at Fairbourne to have a look at the sea and partake of an ice cream

Saturday night was barbeque night and what a night it was too. Rather loud as some of us were very much under the affluence!, but a lot of laughs all the same.

Sunday meant it was time to head home but not before passing along roads some of which the Route Master hadn't been on before. Riders dropped off at various points on the way so when we reached our final "cheerio" point at Craven Arms we were rather depleted and tired but happy that we'd had a great week end .

Incidentally, the weather deteriorated again the next day and the rest is history.

Ian



I was not alone after all. Contrary to all expectations the weather for the Long Mynd Run was just brilliant, and with a good turnout. There were 16 of us altogether. We had, couple of old Hondas, an old Yam SR500, an old BM, a pair of Enfields, we even had a vintage Sunbeam & a vintage Triumph.

Hazel who has recently joined us with Jon, came on her rare Moto Morini Kanguru which was very brave as she was not very familiar with the bike, but gained confidence as she progressed on the quite challenging route. Her 9 year old son rode on the back of Jon. Very well done to both of them.

It was good to see other new faces out and also the two chaps from Burton on Trent who have ridden with us before.

The route took us through the lanes to Ditton Priors then round the northern flank of the Brown Clee. Some of the roads were littered with debris and potholed after the recent floods so care had to be taken. After Church Stretton it was obvious we had to “do” the Burway and ride over the top past the gliding station before doing a 10 mile loop to take in Stiperstones.

Lunch was taken at the “Inn on the Green” which is on the far side of the Long Mynd and were treated to a display of 10 Stanley Steam cars which ranged in age from 1904 to 1922. They were taking part in the National rally for steam cars. We were also fortunate enough to see them set off on next stage of their journey.

Everyone seemed to find their own way back, setting off in different directions. I hope everyone got back ok and enjoyed it, I certainly did. Now I will have to start planning the “Clun Run”.

Ian



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The Borders Classic Bike show at Cleobury Mortimer 15th—16th September

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CLUB NIGHTS	
AUGUST 29th	Arrive on Your Bike Night
SEPTEMBER 26th	A talk and slide show on "International trials riding" by Scott Ellis
OCTOBER 31st	Slide show by Stephen Mills on the History and development of Morgan, AJS, Austin 7, and the pocket watch.
NOVEMBER 28th	Bring and Buy evening
DECEMBER 26th	No Meeting

CLUB RUNS

DATE	RUN	ORGANISER	Tel No
<p>An invitation to join Ian Harris on the Clun Run in September</p> <p>There is a group called North Brum Who are off on there bikes fo a run They're stopping for lunch at "The Sun" In the lovely village of Clun Which should be a lot of fun</p> <p>Yes its all happening on September 30th. Meet at Severn St car park Low Town, Bridgnorth not later than 10 15 as the run is 60 odd miles to the lunch stop and hopefully get a coffee stop in as well</p>			
September 9th	Flight of Fantasy Run	Trevor Bull	01905-778917
September 16th	Levis Cup Road Trial		
September 30th	Clun Run	Paul Harris	01952-299118
October 14th	Autumn Run	Andy Briggs	0121-544-5938