

Cotswold Canter, 15 January 2006

Graham Bailey, Ride Leader

10:00 – 13:30; weather: dry but muddy in places! (eh, Eric!); 80ish miles.

Pilot	Bike
Steve (snapper) Mason	GSX750F
Andy (day-glo) Downs	VFR750
Steve Reeves	PAN (was clean!)
Ian Stavert	FJR1300 (wow!)
Colin Hay	ZZR110 (running on chicken sh...)
Lawrence Morgan	TRANSALP
Brian Chariton	KTM 950 45bhp sofa
'Fast Sal'	GS650000cc
Dave Preest	BMW R100GS
Eric Bush	R1100RT (white n brown)
Tim Cutmore	R1150RT
Pat Lush	CBF600 Dr's scooter
Godfrey Mills	DRZ400 wasp in a tin
Steve Wood	GSX750F
Alastair Lord	VFR750 looks better dirty
James Coombs	GS650
Chris Padmore	R1200GS hello Chris where are you!
Graham Bailey	R1200GS 'The best'

'17 of em', all stood in the car park with Rosie cheeks (whoever she is!, and then Brian pulled his back up!) and proudly parading their bright and shiny steeds, (shame really) that had obviously just ventured out from 'winter hibernation this very morning.

Little did they know that some where out in the confides of the Cotswolds, there were roads, lanes, single tracks and sometimes trails that this motley lot were about to sample!



Renamed "Greasy SAM's" for the day

Climbing out of the smog of Gloucester, we unceremoniously slipped away from Crickley Hill mainly onto single track that led us through sleepy Cowley, Withington and the Slaughters before a brief comfort stop at Bourton.

After allowing young Godfrey to 'do the business', we 'upped the ante' a little and rode on through Burford causing quite a stir with the locals then Bibury before arriving at our much awaited (and some might say, overdue) breakfast stop in Cirencester.



Ian demonstrates Advanced Sleeping

Coffee, bacon, sausages you name it, there was beverages and food flying over the counter left right and centre in a vain attempt to satisfy the needs and desires of such a demanding group of individuals. (if only Andy and Steve would of let the rest of us order as well!!!)

With play time over and domesticity beckoning, we all decided upon our

various routes of departure, and made all sorts of promises to 'do it again' in February! We will see.... won't we.

But for now, a big thank you to everyone that made the effort and unwittingly contributed to the first of hopefully a number of club success's throughout 2006, all be it still in the normally quiet month of January! ♦

Douglas Bader Tour limbers up...

The Douglas Bader Foundation is organising a motorcycle tour across Eastern Europe. Spanning eight countries in 13 days from 15-27 June, this is a fantastic opportunity for a great ride whilst delivering the goods for a worthy charity (you need to raise at least £2,250 in donations before you go).

You can get all the info from Keith at douglasbaderfdn@btinternet.com. Or email the SAM Ed and he'll send you some blurb. ♦

SAM's charity status

Dave Graham

It is proposed that in the forthcoming year SAM makes application for charity status. This proposal will be formalised at the AGM in April.

Further information may be obtained from any SAM committee member. ♦