

## Bridgnorth for lunch, 25 March 2006

**Andy Woodward, Ride Leader**

10:00 – 15:00; weather: overcast with bright spells; 120 miles.

Pilot	Bike
Sally Charlton	F 650GS
Narjas Mehdi	VFR 800
Ian Stavert	FJR 1300
Steve Wood	GSX 750F
Mike Barrett	FJR 1300
Alastair Lord	VFR 750
Tim Cutmore	R1150 RT
Graham Bailey	R1200 GS
Andy & Sue Woodward	Blackbird

“Bridgnorth for lunch” sounds a bit W.I., but it was the best description I could come up with! Anyway it was accurate and to the point. The route to get there was anything but.

So on Mothering Sunday (no I didn't realise until I'd arranged it, honest Mum [*Yeah, me too Mum – Ed*]), I arrived at the Walls club car park. Yep, just me and Sue. Would anyone else turn up? Have they changed their clocks? Weather too dodgy? I needn't have worried: eight intrepid SAMmers arrived for the day's play, including two of our female members.

After the standard briefing and shortly after the advertised time, as it always is, we set off on damp roads heading North through Ledbury and onto Worcestershire's finest B roads to Clee Hill. The mist and clouds now gathering, oh well time to test the

new wet weather gear. But no, turning onto the B4634 sunshine breaking through and dry roads gave us a perfect run to our destination, lunch at a pre-booked restaurant, we



*Ready and raring to ride*

arrived at 12.15. About time, I heard some say, at least we all got there, so the drop off system must have worked! However Alastair was disappointed that we didn't take the

Motorway detour [*Ah, memories of Rutland Water last year! – Ed*].

What was that Ian, he was taking the what? Cheeky monkey!



*“I know that's not a gun in your pocket, Graham”*

After a cracking meal at the Bandon Arms (two meals for the price of one you know), Graham was impressed! We set off on the route home. Yes more B roads, the villages of Kinlet, Clows Top, Martley all came and went and we were soon at the Hunters Inn in Buckbury (look it up) for a final stop for an expensive tea and coffee. Then time to separate for home.

We had found the traffic was light with challenging roads, a high standard of riding and good company



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so a successful day enjoyed by all who attended and for those who didn't you missed a good 'un.

My thanks to all who participated and particularly to Tim for taking up the role as sweeper admirably.

Until next time – Andy. ♦

### Wanna train youngsters?

The Gloucester Road Safety Liaison Group is looking for persons interested in giving of their time to become Cycle trainers, to teach young people road sense. You would initially be trained by the County Council.

If you're interested please contact Dave Bainbridge (see p.29). ♦