

Blue Anchor Bay Run, 30 April 2006

Graham Bailey

Duration 9.30am – 7.30pm, mileage 230 approx, weather 'quite nice really'!

Pilot	Bike
Eric Bush (lead)	R1100RT
Dave Butcher	CBR600
Mike Barratt	FJR1300
Richard Bowden	CBR600
Tim Rodway	Fazer1000
Nick Twissell	Varadero
Steve Reeves	Pan
Mark Redding	ST2
Dave Preest	R1000GS
Bob Clapham	Pan
Narjas	VFR800
Alastair Lord	VFR750
Simon Forryan	FJ1200
Graham Bailey	1200GS
Tim Cutmore (sweep)	R1150RT



Eric tells another off-colour joke, Narjas gives him the cold shoulder

He's only gone and done it again. Call it intrigue, fascination, disbelief, whatever Eric has got, this lot wanted to witness it for themselves!! (Why stop 'em I say!)

T'was a lovely start to the morning, with all riders keeping a nice 'tight line' through the usual sea of traffic lights that marked our course along Eastern Avenue. This urban treasure eventually led us to the south bound carriage way of the M5, yes you read it right! The M5!

It wasn't long before we were all tramping along at 40 MPH! For a good 5-mile stretch, I say a 5-mile

stretch! The usual roadwork scenario enforced such limitations.

With everyone present and correct (still...!), our arrival at Blue Anchor right on the sea front was indeed a welcome sight as by now, we all knew that lunch at Dunster was literally just a few gear changes away.

Although the village was extremely busy, we all managed to take on board adequate sustenance in order to set our selves up for the homeward bound journey, which was to be in stark contrast to the first leg of this epic ride out.

With a north-east heading, Glastonbury gave way to busy Bath, as the A46 presented its usual challenges and highlights prior to the inevitable parting of the ways, as each and everyone one of us made our own final choice of navigation while on home turf.



We're in Blue Anchor Bay! Hurrah!

My thanks to all of the above who endured... oops sorry... participated in the ride out(!), my sincere thanks to Eric himself for accepting annoying periodic and impromptu constructive



Chris braces himself: vicious kickback from camera

criticism from myself, with both enthusiasm and acknowledgement that allows the way forward to improved ride outs in the future, and for creating a closer bond between ourselves.

We all look forward to the next adventure, particularly with Capt Sensible at the helm, albeit navigating further uncharted and difficult territory.

Well done Eric, your valued contribution has as always, been very much the topic of conversation, which to some extent has become your trademark, and almost an expectation! Unique and different, you are very much what makes this club what it is today, a vibrant and exciting club to belong to that has no boundaries. Well done mate. ♦

Definition of success

- At age 4: not wetting your pants.
- At age 12: having friends.
- At age 17: having a drivers licence.
- At age 35: having money.
- At age 50: having money.
- At age 70: having a drivers licence.
- At age 75: having friends.
- At age 80: not wetting your pants