

Easter egg delivery, 8 April

Budge 'n' Di Burridge

'The Ride With No Leader'. Weather: cool, dry, sometimes foggy!, mostly sunny honest! Mileage: 145 miles approx, Duration: 9.30am – 3.00pm.

Pilot/pillion

Budge & Di

Graham & Matthew

John Jacobs

Tim & Sandy Cutmore

Narjas Mehdi

Steve & Zoe Mason

Geoff Brooks

Tim & Rick Rodway

Tom & Lesley Ann

Geoff Pollard

Ian Stavert (for most of the time anyway)

Richard Atkins

Steve & Carolyn Allen

Simon & Carol (complete with tassels)

Laurence Morgan

Derek James

Terry Freeman

Dave Preest

Steve Reeves

Andy Downs

Mike Barrett

I'm not quite sure what it is with the Easter Egg runs of late. I'll just put it down to the calibre of people who turn up and the effect you have on

the elements because the weather was absolutely brilliant. Even the brief shower that I had booked for

Birmingham (now there is somewhere

which is almost guaranteed to rain on your parade) never materialised.

9 o'clock at BEW and an assembled throng of 21 bikes (29 people) are

revved up and ready to roll. Thanks to Graham and Steve for getting us out of BEW en masse. We're getting good at this now aren't we? There

was no meet at the shop in Cheltenham this year; unfortunately it had to close.

We set off a little earlier than previous years (which as it turned

out was just as well) to take a gentle ride along a well tried and tested route. Yeah right, remind me never to look at the time just as we



SAM's own hot cross bunny, Di

approach/pass the junction where we need to turn off!

You guessed it, we got lost. Well not really, I knew where we were, but unfortunately most of the others didn't and we got split up in Redditch, which is where we lost Ian. I think he did it on purpose really just so he could get home for his Sunday roast. A handful of us pressed on and stopped in a lay-by on the A448 between Redditch and Bromsgrove. A couple of phone calls later and after a short wait we were all back together again (except Ian – sorry mate, should have checked to see if you were with the follow-on pack, but didn't).

Arriving at Acorns in Selly Oak at just after 11 o'clock (not bad considering) we were greeted as usual by Sue and Pauline and some of the children who were there over the Easter weekend. Scooping up half of the eggs we were all carrying from our luggage we went inside to be greeted by the most glorious smell of Roast Lamb but

unfortunately it wasn't ready so we had to settle for tea, coffee and biscuits. Oh yes and of course the coconut cakes (which Graham tells me were very good).

Following the usual photo opportunities (thanks Steve) and the saying of farewells until next time, we set off (still thinking about that Roast Lamb) for our own lunch stop at the Little Chef on the A38 towards Worcester. Thanks must go to the staff here as well this year as they did us proud, all were fed and watered easily within an hour and everything was served with a cheery smile, which does make a change over some of these renowned establishments.

Now our second stop at Worcester beckoned, and again upon our arrival children and staff came out to greet us and more refreshments were consumed, (oh come on – they were exceptional Hot Cross Buns). More photo's were taken with Narjas' VFR



the centre of attention (well it was a Honda after all – eh Graham)??

Time soon came for the homeward leg, and as usual this was a 'make your own way home' ride. Di and I teamed up with Tim and Rick Rodway (great to see you Rick, even if it was a spur of the moment decision) and had a fairly 'spirited' ride back via Upton on Severn and as many back roads as we could find.

So once again, our sincere thanks must go to the staff at both hospices and of course to all who came on the day. Your presence and the site of all those bikes really do give the children something to look forward to, and it would be pointless without you. ♦

SAM goes trail riding

Alastair Lord

Some SAMmers have a secret alternative two-wheeled life riding local unsealed lanes and trails. This isn't motocross or anything else that would pop your knee joints. Rather, it's more akin to strolling gently in the countryside, but on trail bikes not on foot. And you don't need previous experience, fitness, strength, agility or coordination.

Interested? If enough SAMmers express an interest (to me please at the usual email/phone - see p.37), we'll look to put on some sort of a play day.

Round Britain rally 2007

Tim & Sandie Cutmore's report

We got back on Friday from a two day 632 mile sweep through Hertfordshire, Essex, Suffolk, Norfolk, Cambridgeshire, Bedfordshire, then home. We are at 290 points. We are trying to get ahead of the game before I spend time working abroad.

On Thursday night we stopped in a B&B in North Norfolk. It was a really nice place: the comfort and service from the friendly hosts was so good it rivalled the B&B we stopped at in Northern Ireland. The owner's husband rides a Fireblade and she is a willing pillion, so they are very biker friendly. They have a big double garage to park your bike in overnight. We will definitely stay there again, whether visiting by bike or car.

Their website is www.glaven-lodge.co.uk, the address is 26a Bacton Road, North Walsham, Norfolk, NR28 9DR, tel: 01692 404 856. It is close to the centre of town within easy reach of a pub, takeaways, etc. They are thinking of doing Biker weekends in the future where they will show folks the sights. We are waiting for them to send us some more info on that.