

# Abergavenny bus stop, 15 April

## Graham Bailey

Mileage 125 approx. Duration: 9:00-14:00. Weather: 'hot black top'!!

### Pilot/pillion

Graham Bailey (lead)	R1200GS
Nick Handley	R1200GS
Lawrence Morgan	Transalp (for now!)
Tim Rodway	Fazer thou (restricted)
Mike Barrett (sweep)	FJR1300
Ian Stavert	FJR1300
Simon Forrayan	FJR1300
Geoff Pollard	CBF1000
Nigel Sandell	KTM950SM
Terry Freeman	1200 Bandit
Budge/Di	BIRD

The Goretex was out, (Sorry Sal!) the new sooty pinlock insert was in, and with such fine company we all made a safe exit out of BEW towards The Royal Forest of Dean our first leg of this 'backyard bibble'.

Kearne Bridge soon came into sight, as did Brian Charlton enthusiastically waving from the safety of his and Sal's Chateau, with the obvious body language that said, 'keep going for Christ sake the lot of yuh'!! Well, you can't blame him, it was such a lovely tranquil morning, why spoil it with 12 cups of tea and a milkless fridge to boot? (now if only Sal had been waving instead!!)

St Owens Cross and Skenfrith to Abergavenny was as entertaining as I remember, even though we did it

backwards this time (stop it Budge!) after all, it's quite a different view and pleasure when you intentionally go the opposite way!!

The Bus Stop soon came into sight with the usual limited parking, especially this weekend as the local BikeSafe campaign was in full swing when we arrived with everything from a Buell to a Lambretta making its presence felt.

With deadlines fast approaching, we all decided to quietly slip away in the general direction of Usk and Chepstow for yet a little more enticing black top, before saying our farewells to some at this juncture as the Wye Valley and Tintern beckoned with promises of further entertainment and fun.

Gloucester never seems far away when you're having this much fun. Still, the year is yet young with the ride out calendar looking extremely varied with something for everyone hopefully. So if you weren't there today, don't worry. There will be plenty more were this came from in the not-too-distant future.

A final word of thanks to all who attended today, with special thanks to Ian for staying with us this time!! Although I did have to ride his FJ half way home just to be sure that he followed, his reluctance to give me back the GS was both a wrench and understandable!! Best save up your pennies then Ian!

From your beloved Chairman.  
Remember, ride safely but always with spirit. ♦

## **Audicator product test**

### **Alastair Lord**

The folks at [www.audicator.com](http://www.audicator.com) have supplied the SAM Journal hacks with a sample of their "intelligent turn signal warning system". After much head-scratching we've determined that this warns you if you've left your indicator on. Look out for the full test in the next issue of the Journal.

## **Bikers Nite meets**

### **Graham Bailey, Chairmoan**

SAM has decided through your ever-resourceful committee to get involved in Bikers Nites as part of our continuing recruitment drive. These are held every Wednesday at a local-ish pub, starting 7:00pm. The full schedule of events is available at <http://www.bikers-nite.co.uk>.

We will create a presence at every meeting with just a couple of SAM volunteers and their bikes, complete with banner strung between, and armed with leaflets, fact sheets etc.

This is not a hard sell program. They need to come to us. We are there if they wish to ask the questions.

So in order to make this easy on everyone we are looking for volunteers (only 2 needed per meet) to 'fly the flag', literally.

Any interested individuals should contact myself or any other committee member for inclusion within the rota.

My humble thanks in advance.