



# **The Motorcycle Action Group Fighting for Riders Rights**

## **June 2014**

### **Ollie's Ride**

Well that was an "interesting" memorial ride for Ollie!!!! We all managed to exit the car park together but after that things started to fragment a little!!! The end result was 5 runs for Ollie with MAG members all over the Mendips wondering where the others had gone??? Well done everyone on such a sterling effort to produce chaos and mayhem!!! Soooo who's going to organise the piss up in a brewery for the next ride out???? Fortunately all had a good ride and eventually ended up in the right place (god knows how that happened!!!!). Many thanks to all you crazy mixed up special people love you all xxxx *Debz*

### **Ride out to Westbay**

The day started well with cooked breakfasts in the brilliant sunshine at Arts (formally Lillypool) cafe at Shipham. Hayley came along for a breakfast & a chat then waved us off on our way. Us being myself, Debz, Nige Perry, Bill and Keith & Mary. I knew the traffic would be bad through Cheddar on a Sunday because of the car boot sale (& it was) but I had a cunning plan. We would skirt round this by cutting through Wedmore then onto Glastonbury where we were due to meet up with Rosie. The cunning plan worked well until we got half

way to Glastonbury & found that the nice people who look after our roads for us had spread Chipping's over the next 5 miles which made for an 'interesting' ride across the moors. However, we all made it safely & met up with Rosie on time. From Glastonbury it was onto Street, Somerton then down to the Podimore service station on the A303 where we were due to meet 2 friends of our MAG group; Rob & Steve. At the service station we had a short fag break whilst we waited for the guys to arrive from their trip up from Minehead.



Bill then got a text from Rob to say he was coming on his own now & was running late so he would meet up with us at Westbay. Fare enough. So it was onto Yeovil, Dorchester, and Weymouth then West Bay. For those of you who are unfamiliar with the A37 between Yeovil & Charminster, this is a great stretch of road for biking. Across chalk downs it's wide, fast & very open with some great views. You don't spend too much time looking at the view if you're riding with Bill though. Debz made this mistake & got the micky taken out of her for her troubles.

From Weymouth we took the road through Abbotsbury to Bridport. This is a 'B' road which does get some traffic but is

worth putting up with for the views (sorry Bill) across the bay & up the coast. From Bridport it's a short trip into West Bay. As you will know, this is a popular haunt for bikers which can make finding a parking spot difficult as we found out. Once we were parked Debz pulled rank & ordered prospect Mary (only joking hun) to watch the bikes & gear while we went to get some very nice tea & coffees. We had a quick scan of the area but could not see Rob anywhere so Bill was back on the bat phone. He said he had ridden about 100 miles but now didn't know where the hell he was. Wherever it was it was definitely not West Bay! After this we took in some of the sites of Westbay, emptied our bladders & even had a look at all the nice things in Helmet city for a while. Quite a long while; "thanks Mary". (The girl loves to shop).



After another drink we made our trip back. I decided to show the group one of the lesser known areas of West Bay (no, I was not lost) & test there 'U' turn skills (sorry Rosie) before making our way back to Dorset via the quicker A35 which parallels the coast road. Then it was back to Yeovil & a last break for tea & a pee at the excellent Cartgate picnic area on the A303 before finally making it home. It really was a

memorable day. Thanks to those who came for making it so. Oh!!! & if you're wondering what happened to Rob. The last message Bill had was he was in Bournemouth!!!WTF. *John Bennett*

### **Tone Vale Tea Rally**

Group members were on hand to assist Taunton MAG collect the Marquees for their Rally, and a few went down to assist setting up, although one member dropped his bike before he even left home for the rally!



Despite all the rain making the site somewhat muddy everyone had a good time, and our group even won the Best MAG Group turnout trophy!

### **Events**

- 4** Churchill Inn, Churchill 8:30pm
- 8** Somerset Bike Day at Haynes museum
- 11** Churchill Inn, Churchill 8:30pm
- 18** Churchill Inn, Churchill 8:30pm
- 25** Churchill Inn, Churchill 8:30pm

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