

Fruit Cake Frolic (or South Staffordshire's Season Starter)

"Fruit Cake Frolic"... what pictures does that phrase conjure up?....Visions of lightly clad nubile doing things with sultanas?...You couldn't be more wrong! Picture instead, seventeen thickly clothed enthusiasts, bravely battling the elements, to complete an undulating country course.

Though the morning had dawned with clear blue skies and bright sunshine, by the time we started off the clouds had collected and the first spots of rain were beginning to fall, and it then got progressively worse, until, eventually, it gradually began to improve.

The route took us past snowdrop-clad verges, chocolate box type cottages, though a small splinter group did happen to try an early diversion of its own, but were rounded up by Bob Terry and shepherded safely to the lunchtime destination, where their refreshment time was somewhat reduced!

The afternoon section was visually excellent, the weather by now having dried up, somewhat, and Boscobel House was passed, bathed in spring sunshine.

Everyone, thanks to Mark Adams recovering my double-punctured Nippy, eventually, completed the course, to enjoy the well-earned, traditional slice of Liz's gorgeous cake, served by the immaculately turned out Bob Terry....Delicious.

Our Thanks go to Bob Terry for a lovely route, Liz for the scrummy cake, the participants for the excellent company, Margaret, Andy, Hazel, Rhys, and Dave for devoted back-up.

All round, an excellent start to our season!

Bob Jeffcoat

Riders were Mike Stott(Piaggio van), Ian Harris (BSA Beagle), Paul Jephcott (Velocette LE), Ian Chisholm (Puch Maxi S), Bill Danks (Francis Barnett), Josie Stanley (Moto Guzzi), John Aston (Honda), Mark Adams (Saracen) Paul Harris (New Hudson), Glyn Udall (Triumph), Bob Jeffcoat (Norman Nippy), Keith Walker (Honda 90), Stan Watters (MZ 125), John Fielding (500 Bullet), Alan Jinks (Raleigh), Nigel Howells (Norton Commando).







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