

Jan & Gethin's Evening Run Tuesday 23rd April

What fantastic Easter weather, but would it last? The forecast showed changeable weather for Tuesday and we saw what that meant last year!!

The run started at the top of Tunnel Hill in the layby on the A40. The due start time was 6.30; Jan and I had business in Gloucester and so arrived an hour early and settled down to read our newspapers (remember those?).

By 5.50 we had 6 cars lined up behind us and no time to finish the crossword - did they know that the rain was imminent??

Eventually we had 18 cars desperate to be off and why not.



Trev and Sue arrived at 6.27 to find that the layby was almost empty, with only Brian and Teresa left to start.

Almost immediately turning left to Wittington the route went North to Brockhampton before turning South to cross the A40 to Compton Abdale. Then to meander through the beautiful village of Wittington, then onwards South to skirt Colesbourne Park and to cross the A435 in the village. Then past Combend Manor to cross under the A417 at Beechpike to Winstone.

Then "to the woods" a Goons favourite, where

the bluebells dominated the scenery and to the village of Caudle Green.

It was only left to follow the contour lines on the map (remember those?) to join the B4070 to the Polo Pub at Fostons Ash, where around 50 motorcyclists had gathered in the car park and gardens for a drink on the way to their final destination.

Some Gloucestershire member said that they had never used some of the roads and as Jan and I know little of the county it was a pleasant surprise to us.

The staff at the Polo were magnificent and coped really well with the motorcyclists and our large party. We had 18 cars out, unfortunately not all MG's, but who cares; it's the taking part that matters.

My thanks to the Chef who was a recent addition to the staff at the Polo and helped us out by cooking his predecessor's menu for most of us as the change of chef left us no time to reorder our menu choices.

Unexpectedly at the end of the evening the management offered us each as motor club members a 15% discount on our meal.

Gethin asked members if they would prefer it if the overall discount were to be given to Focus our charity this year and this was agreed by all.



Jan and I enjoyed putting on this opening event, the Bluebells were courtesy of Mother Nature and not in view when we first did the route in January.

Thanks to all the members who turned out and finally a big thank-you to the Polo Pub for coping with the many additions and changes and were still enthusiastic for our presence, they are also supporting the Caper this year.