

Dave and Chris' Run 25th June '19

What could be better we thought, a nice evening run at the end of a long hot summers' day. How wrong could we be. The day started with torrential rain, and thick mist. On our final run round to check that all roads were open we encountered flooded roads debris washed from the fields and even the odd branch in the road. The good news was that the route was all open and that the rain was due to stop at 10.00am which it did but probably an hour late.

So, on an overcast but dry evening an impressive 14 cars had gathered in the lay-by at Seven Springs all looking pristine. I did say to Dave Carter that he was probably wasting his time with the final polish at the roadside but it fell on deaf ears. At 18.15 the cars set off in the direction of Upper Coberley before coming back down the hill towards Cowley. Chris and I managed to get a few photos of the cars as they passed Cowley Manor and from there the crews were supposed to take a difficult to see left turn in the village to take them straight to Brimpsfield. Despite the warning we think that all of the cars missed this turning and headed off in the direction of Stockwell. At least one navigator told his driver that they should have turned left at the house only to hear "everyone else has gone straight on"! Luckily everyone managed to get back to Brimpsfield by one of a couple of ways but by this time mileages didn't match the route instructions making navigation more difficult with lots of mental arithmetic required. From there the route headed out to Cranham, down close to Brian and Teresa's house to Upton St. Leonards, then up towards Painswick turning right before heading over the Beacon by the golf course. From there the route continued on to Sheepscombe, Bulls Cross, The Camp, Miserden and then taking in the fantastic Bull Banks road towards Winstone, then down towards Caudle Green before heading right up the hill to Syde and then on to the finish at the Highwayman Inn. Our hosts Ian and Tina laid on a special menu for us which went down well and as darkness fell, we all headed of home in the mist which had returned from earlier in the day.

The route was planned to take in some of the sights of the Cotswolds, We hope you managed to see some of them despite the conditions and that you all enjoyed this our first run and promise that our next will not have a difficult to see junction or an arrow to guide you.

Dave and Chris Gregory



