

17 AUGUST 2014

THE RIDEOUT THAT NEVER WAS....(OR WAS IT?)

We were planning to go to Matlock Bath - Derbyshire-Sur-Mer. The August weather had so far only been predictable in its unpredictability and with the Hatters still drying out from Thursday's soaking (see 14 August 2014) the forecast was not looking good. So it was that Ross very reluctantly cancelled the rideout at the last minute via text to all the members.

Unfortunately, some of the hardier Hatters had already set off to our meeting point before the message arrived. Realising that this might happen, Ross made his way through the rain to Decathlon to break the bad the news that the ride was, indeed, cancelled.

So that was it - no ride out.



The alternative story (believe whichever you want) is that the seven certifiable loonies who hadn't got the message - and rarely do - said let's go anyway. And the rain stopped almost immediately. Noah put his nails away and by the time we threaded our way through the High Peak, the sun was out.

Tea & coffee courtesy of Arthur at Hartington, sitting outside in the sun, then on to Matlock Bath where they'd put on a bike show which included the most outrageous trike ever seen, built around a V12 Jaguar engine. Biggest and best in show.



Ice cream is not compulsory on Hatters rideouts. That is to say it's not written into the Charter, but it certainly happens more often than not and today was no exception.



A steady ride back up the A6 and that was it - another great day out. JSP