



Coventry Festival of Motoring 2009



Sunday 6th September saw the CWAM road show visit Coventry's War Memorial Park, setting up from 8 o'clock with the field already busy with various clubs and traders doing the same. The first cars were due to depart at 10.15 but due to sheer volume of traffic coming in (approx 600 cars and over 80 motorcycles or scooters) the Lord Mayor didn't wave the first vehicle away until 10.50. I followed the first cars out and soon found Ron and then Dylan pacing up and down wondering where everyone had got to.

Tony and myself traveled the route in opposite directions and most of the villages had folks out cheering and waving (at the bikes and cars, not us!), and by early afternoon many of the pubs were busy doing lunches and bbq's and a good many of the entrants wore fancy dress associated with their vehicle.

Thanks to Ian Stringer, Gary Green, Dylan Rogers and Alan Knight who took their responsibilities as "team leaders" very seriously and ensured that each sector of the road run was marshaled effectively and the day passed off without incident.

Special thanks also to Ian Collard, Tony Williamson and Ian Armstrong for their additional assistance with putting up and removing the direction arrows around the seventy mile route.

Dave Homan put in considerable time and effort on this one, liaising with Coventry Transport Museum and putting up route directions on over a third of the route (thanks to Annie for holding the ladder).

We organized an impromptu raffle in aid of WNAA and raised £19.50 on the day. We even had several enquiries for membership. The new CWAM banner purchased recently took pride of place and attracted the attention of several passers by, generating interest in the group.

For our input we received a monetary donation from CVOne on behalf of the council, and were thanked generously by Colin Harris on their behalf.

Big thank you also to: Chris Beddows, Leanne Chapman, Lauren Crouch, Ken & Sandy Hubbard (*now knuckle down and do your test Ken!*), Tim Keam, Mike Trzcinski, Gilbert Bradshaw, Stuart Hughs, Martin Young, Nigel Wright, Gary Brindle, Rik Hurst, Trevor Smith, Michelle Wigley, Bob Langford, Chris Frewyn, Ron Thorley, Jo Mitchell, Chris Read (*next year you won't have to endure three hours of freshly cooked beef wafting towards you!*), Andy Spencer, Mike Draper, Mike Mitchell, Jim Salt, and Steve Pearce.

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