

Roger's Wiltshire Whizz

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Following a week of record-breaking temperatures for September, four motorcycles and six members turned up at Popham, where we are always made to feel welcome, for a merry jaunt around Hampshire and Wiltshire. The weather, of course, chose Sunday, 10th, to break although, sub 25 degree heat was something of a relief.

A competent tight group soon covered the ground to our planned early lunch at the Mill Café, Honey Street, dodging the odd shower to boot. Using a couple of roads on or near Salisbury Plain that elicited comments to the effect 'never been down here before'. Always rewarding, especially from arctic foxes. The mountain road out of Marlborough took our gang towards Lambourn and its Downs, with incumbent views, and almost total lack of traffic – lovely.



Leaving Popham



Views over Salisbury Plain

One of my favourite wiggles led us from Lambourn back to the Newbury Canal Café, just in time to see the finals of an International Duck Race. Must have been important as the local swans tried to join them.



My first time out as run's leader - and managed to hang on to everyone.



A variety of roads.....

.....and weather



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