

CODGERS DO THE COTSWOLDS

25th - 26th May



Day One – Cotswold Run and Bourton on the Water

Turn left out of the campsite on to the A435.

Follow the road until signposted North Cerney -Turn right.

Follow until a T junction; turn Left towards Chedworth Roman Villa. Keep an eye out for the very old petrol pump built into the side of a cottage it will be on the left.



At the crossroads turn left follow toward Withington and Foxcote

Come to Crossroads with main road, go straight across

After a short distance turn Right on to the A436 towards Stow on the Wold.

Continue straight on taking a left fork on to the B4068 towards Stow on the Wold.

Turn Left, signposted Naunton and drive through the Cotswold village returning to the B4068 turning left.

Take the next right signposted Lower Slaughter.

Follow signs to Lower Slaughter turning left and follow road through to Upper Slaughter.

In Upper Slaughter turn right following signs back to Lower Slaughter.

Then follow signs to Bourton on the Water and park as planned British legion Car park. GL54 2AR

******* Car Museum and lunch location. * * * * ***

Leave Carpark and proceed through the village.

Turn right at the Motor museum and drive through the Ford.

Take first left and the next left returning through a Ford to the main Bourton Road and turn Right towards Little Rissington.



Once out of Bourton turn right towards Great Rissington, travel through village turning right towards Great Barrington.

At Great Barrington turn left towards Burford.

Then turn right on to the A361 towards Burford.

At the top of the Burford Hill go straight across the main roundabout continuing on the A361 towards Lechlade.

Once in the village of Lechlade turn left at the traffic lights signposted Highworth/Swindon, go over Ha'penny Bridge and turn right into Riverside Park. GL7 3AL



****** Lechlade Music Festival may require a change of route and parking ******

On leaving Riverside turn left back over the bridge into the village turning left at traffic lights signposted Fairford.

Follow A417 through Fairford towards Cirencester and back to the campsite.

Day Two -Wiltshire Run and Caen Flight of Locks

Turn right out of the campsite.

Left on to the main road.

Straight across the first roundabout and second exit at the next roundabout for the supermarket Fuel stop.

After fuel stop return to the main roundabout taking the first turning left towards Stroud and Tetbury.

Across several roundabouts across the A429 toward Tetbury.

At the junction with the A433 turn Left onto the A429 towards Kemble.

Follow the A429 through Kemble towards Malmesbury.

At Malmesbury turn right signposted village centre turning left in the centre signposted Swindon.

We are passing the Abbey where there is a gravestone of a girl killed by Tiger escaped from visiting performers in 1703.



Follow the B4042 towards Royal Wootton Bassett through Brinkworth Village. The longest ribbon village in Britain.

Turn right at Callow Hill towards Grittenham /Dauntsey Green.

Down the hill and under the Motorway turning right at the end of the road.

At the next junction turn left towards. Tockenham Wick.

Then right onto the A3102 towards Lyneham. **** This is a busy road have notes ready in case you are separated from the Leader! ****

At the next roundabout turn left into Lyneham and follow road through village. The base is on your right were the fallen Soldiers from Afghanistan were repatriated. Continue down 'Snowhill 'and through Hilmarton.

Shortly after the scaffolding motorbike (We have no idea why either!) turn right at the roundabout to stay on the A3102.



Follow the bypass over several roundabouts turning right onto the A4 towards Chippenham.

Continue under the bridge then up the hill passed the Black Dog. Down the hill turning left signposted Old Derry Hill A342 towards Devizes.

Proceed up the hill turning Right at Sandy Lane.

Continue onward towards Bowden Hill and enjoy the view. Unfortunately we are unable to use the Church parking but will try to gather for a few mins for a picture.

If possible we will drive through Lacock village however this may be shut to traffic as it is a Bank holiday.

Either way turn left on to the A350 signposted Melksham.

Follow this road through Melksham and turn right on to the A365 Signposted Devizes

Turn right signposted Seend and follow signs to Caen Hill locks. SN10 1QS. Car Park is by voluntary donation in the tea shop.

**Caen Hill (pronounced 'cane'), is one of the longest continuous flight of locks in the country -Opened in 1810 it has a total of 29 locks with a rise of 237 feet over 2 miles with a 1 in 44 gradient for anyone who's counting! The 16 hill locks are designated as a Scheduled Ancient Monument - the same



level of heritage protection given to Stonehenge and was the final section of the Kennet and Avon Canal to be built. The locks became derelict after the Second World War, but were restored and reopened by the Queen in August 1990. When the lock gates were replaced in 2010, the old wood was donated to build a bullring at Glastonbury Festival! **

On leaving the locks proceed to the A361 following Devizes signing.

In Devizes we will pass the Wadworth Brewery on the left, continuing on the A361 toward Avebury. Enjoy the rolling fields before taking the third exit toward Marlborough then quickly left into a carpark at the base of Silbury Hill.

**Silbury Hill is the largest artificial prehistoric mound in Europe. Probably built over a short period between about 2470 and 2350 BC, it is part of the Avebury World Heritage Site. We do not know its purpose, or its meaning , but it has inspired myths and legends as people have sought to explain its purpose. Silbury Hill stands 30 metres high and 160 metres wide, and its construction is estimated to have involved about 4 million man hours of work. Half a million tonnes of material, mostly chalk, were used to create it. **



Leave carpark turn right on to the A4 and then at roundabout turn right towards Avebury.

National Trust carpark on your left is the only option for parking (unless disabled badge holders Speak to Mike) cost is £7 or free to National trust members SN8 1QT

*******Lunch Stop*******



The village of Avebury has Church, Stones, small shops, cafes and a haunted Pub for lunch options.

Turn left out of carpark and we will drive through the middle of the stone Circle. We will proceed to a turning layby just outside the village to enable us to U turn and return back through the circle turning left onto the main Avenue of stones towards West Kennet.

At West Kennet turn left onto the A4 towards Marlborough, lots of ancient burial mounds can be seen along the sides of this road. We will then drive through Marlborough school under their bridge and turn left onto the widest High street in Britain.

At the end of the High street, take the left side of the Town Hall proceeding up the hill. Turn left at the top of this Hill passed the Rugby and Golf clubs. Feel free to spit and jeer at the Rugby club as Marlborough were our fierce local rivals and this was the only time I got sent off!

Continue over the hills where we will try to stop at Hackpen Hill on the Ridgeway. Be prepared to stuff your car where it will fit!

Continue down the hill looking back over your left shoulder (not the driver) to see a white horse.



Hackpen Hill- Can you tell Sophie edited this?!

* *The Hackpen white horse origin is uncertain. It may have been cut in 1838 by a Henry Eatwell, Broad Hinton parish clerk, perhaps with the assistance of the landlord of a local pub, to commemorate the coronation of Queen Victoria.* *

At the junction with the A4361 turn right and immediate left ** caution very fast main road*** towards Broad Hinton, following the road through Broad Town.

Turn left signposted Bushton, turn right at the next junction following the road to the A3102 where we will turn right towards Royal Wootton Bassett.



Continue through the High street taking note of the Town Hall

Over a period of four and a half years the town of Wootton Bassett came to prominence as its community stood and paid its respect to the 355 service personnel whose journey of repatriation took them from Lyneham through the town's High Street. The community spontaneously stood in silent respect to the fallen as they passed between the Town Hall and the War Memorial and the Church bells tolled between 2007 and 2011. Wootton Bassett has since been officially renamed with the prefix "Royal" to recognise the role the town played during the repatriation of UK military personnel killed in war, the first time since 1909 that a town has been granted a royal title.

Continue to the main roundabout turning left at the Prince of Wales Pub towards Malmesbury.

Pass under the Motorway turn right towards B4696 signposted Minety & Ashton Keynes.

Continue on this main road, over the railway bridge, across the traffic lights.

Onto Ashton Keynes, Once passed the church on your right, travel through the village then turn right onto Spine road signposted Cotswold Water Park.

Towards the end of this road we will turn left and then right into a lakeside carpark which may be familiar to some of you, for a photo opportunity.

Leaving the carpark turn left and then left again back on the Spine Road.

At the roundabout turn left to South Cerney following this road passed South Cerney Airfield towards the campsite.

AND THUS CONCLUDES CODGERS TO THE
COTSWOLD 2019, THAT'S ALL FOLKS!

