

Doug and Judith's 4th "No Name" run Sunday May 8th. 2022 using the unique "Cops and Robbers" map.

This is now the third attempt to do this run; the previous two attempts had to be cancelled because of the Covid virus. Members who have had the misfortune to attend any of our earlier runs (assuming that they still speak to us) will remember that the trips were catastrophic and full of mapping errors. The latest venture is just as bad with the added feature of being totally boring. We have tried hard to refine the maps and can now guarantee they are accurate to plus/minus a couple of miles or so. We do not expect many members to turn up for the drive and believe that even fewer will stay the course. To this end we will present to any member who reaches the destination, a Certificate of Completion. We will print say two or three copies or so just in case we are surprised. In order to introduce an element of fun, frivolity and fantasy we are having a Cops and Robbers theme which is based on the imaginary escape of the criminals who have just carried out an armed hold-up resulting in the theft of jewels and cash. They are being chased by the police and our trusty MX5's are in hot pursuit. The thieves have hacked the cops' satnav so that they take the wrong route. The robbers are in 2 cars and the leading car is full of alcoholics who stop at every pub for several pints. The other car is occupied by robbers who have seen the light and like St. Paul on the road to Domestros have become very religious and call at every church to sing some hymns pray some prayers and seek forgiveness. As the cop cars have been hobbled it is up to the speedy MX5 drivers and navigators to give chase. Our maps show the road to be followed indicated by a rifle. Do not follow the truncheons as this is the wrong route. Now for the exciting competition. On the way to the destination simply count the NUMBER of pubs that you pass on the journey and also the NUMBER of churches (distant spires do not count). Add these numbers together and email the total to douglasslack@btinternet.com to arrive not later than midnight on Sunday the 8th. The names of the pubs or churches are not needed. The winner will receive a good bottle of red wine as a reward. All competitors will be contacted by email giving the winner's total, and in the case of a draw straws will be drawn.

The saving grace of this event is that our destination is the delightful historic village of Ashford in the Water. There are two good foody inns The Ashford Arms and The Bull's Head, there is also a coffee shop serving snacks and a small shop selling sandwiches etc. There are excellent places to picnic in Ashford. There is an interesting village church worth visiting where apparently it was the habit many years ago to create a garland to honour the name of any virgin who died in the parish. This tradition does not now take place. Presumably there are not many virgins or the virgins are far healthier. For the record and for the benefit of my marriage I have no personal experience of either of the above-mentioned conditions. If you have not visited the small town/village of Bakewell nearby it is a chance to partake of the well-known delicacy; the Bakewell tart if you are still feeling hungry. Parking in the village can be difficult but I am in contact with the Parish Council who may open their field for our use if the weather is dry. Please make a contribution to funds if you do park there. Congratulations if you made it. Stay safe!!! The comfort stop is at the Cock and Pheasant Bollington SK10 5EJ and the 2 pubs in Ashford are The Bulls Head DE45 1QB and The Ashford Arms. In the event of obstructive road repairs head for the appropriate hostelry by satnav or otherwise.