

Brass Monkey Run - 2nd Jan 2011

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Great to see club members out in the cold today. At least it was dry. For those of you who didn't manage to get out on your bike please have a look at the photos attached. Some of the photos were taken half way round the Brass Monkey Run, in a layby just off the A6 north of Loughborough. Not sure how many bikes took part but it must have been around 1000, which left the Vic Bikers Pub in Coalville at 1.30pm today. I think we may have lost several on the way as our group was in Quorn heading towards Leicester before the lead rider stopped and shrugged his shoulders. Luckily another biker knew where we had to go so he took over and we eventually arrived at the layby. After re-grouping we headed towards Derby then turned left towards Ashby before picking up the A511 and back to Coalville and the Vic Pub for a very welcome FREE cup of soup, served by club member Sharon. The ride lasted about 2 hours and at times we were stopped whilst other times it was speed limit plus!! There were all sorts of bikes out including CanAm three wheelers, Trikes, sidecars, custom chops the lot. Some riders were feeling the cold (especially those in leathers) but I must admit I was quite warm. No I didn't have my heated jacket connected but I did have a new Berghaus jacket for Christmas and that kept me warm. All in all it was a nice afternoon out and meeting up with Gill Swanwick at the start was lovely.