

2016 October Laning in North Wales

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A small bunch of Land Rovers ventured off Friday afternoon for a long week-end's laning in the outbacks of North Wales. Starting from different locations, a small group met up and travelled over to Wales, tackling a couple of lanes before making rendezvous with a couple of others at Welshpool Light Railway in Llanfair.



From there, progressed as a group on some more laning ending up at Tyddyn Bychan Bunkhouse; pre-arranged accommodation in Cerrigydrudion.

We came across four rally drivers and support van taking some practise perhaps before the Welsh rally in November. Stopped for a chat, nice friendly people.



The weather was dry throughout the week-end although the mornings were foggy and made it a little damp. The evenings drew in early needing headlights around tea time.



On Sunday the mist came in late afternoon.

Scenery is great – the fresh grass, dry stone walling, occasional abandoned derelict buildings.



Healthy looking live stock that we obviously treated with respect as we are only visitors to their land.



We came across a manmade tree for an Osprey nest next to a lake remote from anywhere and unspoilt by tourism.



We came across some guys on motor bikes, again stopped to make conversation as you do when you are in the middle of nowhere and happen across complete strangers.



Some of the lanes were heavily overgrown needing a good pruning to make passage which will have helps others taking the route another time.



Out into the open and we came across the group of motor bike riders again – small world.

The terrain of the route was quite varied with tarmac, gravel, mud, grass tracks and rocky areas. A hidden rock on the side caught Pat out needing a little repair work with his trusting 3lb hammer.



You can't go to Wales without meeting some water and one route had a ford that helped wash the cars down.



We came across the Wayfarer where there is a water proof case with a couple of provisions in and a visitors book worthy of a comment and signing.



The mist came in early on Sunday but that didn't dampen our hearts for the week-end was a great success, enjoyable company with some wonderful laning and tremendously rewarding scenery.

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