## THE BLUEBELL RUN

## Ross & District Motor Sports Club Saturday 11th May 2019 The Last Word!

Thank you to all of you who entered the 19<sup>th</sup> Bluebell Run. We were oversubscribed again this year and only one reserve managed to get a run, this must have something to do with the better reliability of classic cars.

The HRCR Scenic Tour series is now so popular and thanks to the series sponsors KGD and Monit Rally.

59 cars left the start with one car retiring at the start. Another car retired shortly after the start but he got a tow home, collected his 'other' car and rejoined the route at the lunch stop. There were no other retirements however two or three cars 'cut and run' from the last three PC's because of various car related problems.

Our merry band of marshals manned 16 PC's and most of you found all of them. Thank you to all the members of Ross & District Motor Sports Club who came to marshal.

PC 6 between coffee and lunch was missed by three cars who I believe were travelling in convoy.

I was very pleased with the views over the River Severn estuary, when I did my original drive around everything was hidden in mist and rain!

I had found new venues for coffee, lunch and evening meal. They all worked well with lots of compliments on the evening meal quality. Sorry about the long queue for the bar at the finish, the single barman did his best but was just overwhelmed, it won't happen again.

Masses of bluebells and cow slips along the route and we were again very lucky with the weather. Just a pity for some with the heavy rain as they left the finish.

The Penyard House Hotel looked after us well with good food and facilities. There were a few snags for our first visit but these will not happen in future.

Yes, some of you were right, it was a little long at 140 miles, I will drop to 120 miles next year.

Our Club photographer, Julie and her mum was out taking lots of pictures, take a look at <a href="https://www.daisyroot.com/motorsport">www.daisyroot.com/motorsport</a>

We plan to organise the 20<sup>th</sup> Bluebell Run in 2020, probably Saturday 9<sup>th</sup> May. We will be at the HRCR 'Launch Day' at The National Motor Museum, Gaydon in January 2020 when we and many other clubs will be promoting our scenic tours and competitive rallies. Come along and have a look, it's a free day out.

Apologies for the abysmal state of the roads in Herefordshire, Monmouthshire and Gloucestershire, please write to your MP to complain.

Stuart Harrold & Will Rogers, the 'organising team'.