

THE 19TH FLYING GATE WEEKEND 2017.

1st, 2nd & 3rd SEPTEMBER 2017.

THE GATE RETURNS TO BURTON.

Here are the details for the 2017 Flying gate Weekend. Copies will be going out to all Gaters who are on the email list over the next day or two. If you are not on the emailing list and have a Flying Gate and would like to join the weekend please contact Arthur@aknowler.co.uk. You will be most welcome.

ACCOMODATION

HEADQUARTERS.

The Three Queens hotel.
1 Bridge St.,
Burton-on-Trent.
DE14 1SY.
Tel; 01283 523800.
Email; reception@threequeens-hotel.co.uk.
www.threequeenshotel.co.uk

I would advise you to make an early booking and when booking state that you are the "Flying Gate party" Ref; **85215** as reduced rates have been agreed and certain amount of rooms reserved. All rooms are en-suite.

Would those of you requiring shared twin bedded rooms please contact me before booking for confirmation if you have **not** already organized with someone.

arthur@aknowler.co.uk
mobile; 07944639876.

Secure bike storage as been arranged at the hotel and there is ample car parking.

CAMP SITE.

Camping is available at
Cross Farm
Cross Lane.
Rolleston on Dove.
DE13 9EB
Tel; 01283 812868.

This site is a relatively direct 3 mile ride to the hotel which is of course completely flat

PROGRAMME & ROUTES

THURSDAY 31st AUGUST.

"Gaters" Arriving at HQ from 1200 hrs onwards. There will be a fun evening at the Burton Bridge Brewery in the form of a skittles evening to find the champion skittler. Bar meals will be available in the pub.

www.burtonbridgebrewery.co.uk.

FRIDAY 1st SEPTEMBER.

"TO THE LAND OF JCB"

The route heads out of Burton in a northerly direction passing the National Brewery Museum and into Staffordshire lanes for a tea & coffee stop at Sudbury Hall the home of the National Trust Museum of Childhood.
www.nationaltrust.org.uk/sudbury hall. Refreshed we continue through the winding lanes to Rocester where the JCB factories have now taken over the area. This was once the spinning and textile industry of Richard Arkwright in the late

1700's. You will see that JCB have not damaged the area. the Arkwright buildings can be seen at www.jcbacademy.com. A tour of the factory takes over 2 hours so it is not possible to make a visit on this run but worth a visit if you can make it another time. Then it is onto the "Tavern" pub at Denstone for a bar lunch. www.thetavernindenstone.co.uk.

After lunch we "Climb" out of Rocester and wind our way back to Burton through the lanes for a tour of The Burton Bridge Brewery

The mileage for the day will be approx 38 miles. As is tradition there will be a formal evening meal to welcome every one.

SATURDAY 2nd SEPTEMBER.

"THE NATIONAL MEMORIAL ARBORETUM"

The day's ride will start on the paths of the Burton washlands before proceeding into the Staffordshire lanes for a cake and tea & coffee stop at "Mabel's café" in Curborough Hall Farm. <http://www.curboroughcountrysidecentre.com/> We then continue to the Arboretum for lunch and visit, the final few miles on this route are known as "The Belgian Classic" lanes to the local cyclist. The return route to Burton will be through Catton Park to visit the original workshop of T J Cycles before returning to the paths of the wash lands back to HQ.

The mileage for the day will again be approx 38 miles. The formal evening meal will be jovial as normal and there will be a speaker.

SUNDAY 3rd SEPTEMBER.

"THE SITE OF BRITAINS BIGGEST EXPLOSION"

The day will start with a short ride to the town centre for a group photo shoot around the Burton Cooper which is on the head badge of the older flying gates and which was created by James Butler RA in 1977. We then head out into the lanes again and wind our way to Newborough for a tea & coffee stop at the Red Lion Inn, www.redlionnewborough.co.uk.

It is then a short run for lunch at the Cock Inn in Hanbury. www.thecockinnhanbury.co.uk

After lunch an historian will give a talk on the explosion before visiting the site on foot. There will be 2 routes back to the HQ at Burton: The longer route will have the option to visit Tutbury Castle. www.tutburycastle.com. The mileage for the day will be approx 27 miles. The evening meal for those staying will be informal.

Please note:

On each day there will be a programme for those not riding to visit places of interest on the routes. Further details to follow.