TGIF and the rule of 6

The purpose of TGIF

The whole raison d'etre of the TGIF is to help the residents of Stinchcombe to mix socially. To this end the Friends of St Cyrs hold these irregular social get togethers for local villagers to meet.

The Rule of 6

- Pubs, restaurants, shops and other venues are to remain open, and there is no limit on how many can enter them, if they comply with safety rules and allow for social distancing.
- However, each individual group can have no more than six people in it.
- Venues must allow for social distancing between groups.

Rugby Club

The Dursley Rugby Club is happy for TGIF to go ahead and hopefully if this weather continues we will be outside. However the existing guidelines have been added to with two new rules.

1. You must wear a mask when moving around the venue and only remove it when you have taken your place at your table.
2. Once you have chosen a table your MUST stay at table for the duration of your stay.

We therefore look forward to seeing everyone at TGIF this week, 18th September from 6.00pm at the Rugby Club.

Ride and Stride 2020 – The Finishing Line

A perfect (if breezy) day for a bicycle ride

Having set the bar high we left Cirencester amid a throng of wellwishers. Well, it was Saturday morning and the market was busy. As you see from the Photo below we were fighting fit and keen to be off.



10am and raring to start at Cirencester Parish Church

The Route

Having "signed in" at the start we immediately left Cirencester and headed due north on the old Roman Road "The Whiteway" or "Salt Road" until we eventually turned left down into North Cerney.

Then we started to wend our way back to Cirencester through Bagendon, Baunton and Stratton.

Passing through Cirencester past the start again we headed south this time to Preston, Siddington and on to South Cerney.

Then we turned right (West) and headed home through, Shorncote, Somerford Keynes, Poole Keynes, Kemble, Tarlton, Rodmarton, Cherington and finally to Minchinhampton on the edge of the Cotswold escarpment. Most of these churches were perfectly delightful, and beautifully kept, made from Cotswold Stone and basking in the warm sunshine. It made the day a perfect cycle ride.

Next we skirted the edge dropping down Box and the Amberley only to climb back to the top of the common again to run along and finally drop steeply down into Rodborough, and Stroud.

Finally working our way home through Leonard Stanley, Frocester, Coaley, Cam and Dursley.

Fittingly we ended our ride at St Cyrs, Stinchcombe. All tired but also very happy. 89 KM and 4:49 hrs actual cycling and having visited and signed in (where possible) at 34 Churches!

Amount Raised

At present, Andy's Just Giving page at around **£860+ with another £150+ Gift Aid**. This is a commendable amount when you see the other totals the Ride and Stride site.

Gloucestershire Historic Churches Trust

To learn more about the Gloucester Historic Churches Trust and what they do visit their website.

To see the route and all the pictures