**Ride+Stride 2015**

Rick Warner took part on behalf of Shrawley and Great Witley churches. Here is his account:

I thought you might like to see a selection of photos from my Ride and Stride last weekend. [they will be published on the Trust website later]

I had a great time, blew off off a few physical cobwebs, visited some interesting churches (which I'll try to visit again) and met some very nice welcomers!

Hopefully I should have raised a few coppers from the folks in Shrawley and Witley, I'll send that in when collected!

I drove in from Machynlleth in the morning, did a couple of churches by car, then parked in Worcester ready to cycle out in the Pershore direction.

Here is my sequence of churches:

(St Lawrence, Lindridge)>>(St James, Pensax)>>(St David's Worcester)>>(Worcester Cathedral)>>(St Swithun's Worcester)>>(St Andrew's Worcester)>>

(St George's RC Worcester)>>(St George's CofE, Barbourne)>>(St Martins, London Road)>>St Philip & St James Whittington)>>(St Nicholas Peopleton)>>

(St Nicholas Pinvin)>>(St Anne's Wyre Piddle)>>(Pershore Abbey)>>(St Michael Cropthorne)>>(St John the Evangelist Charlton)>>

(St John the Baptist Fladbury)>>(St Thomas Lower Moor)>>(St John in Bedwardine Worcester)>>(St Stephen's Barbourne, but late in day! 17.30)

Here are my Oscars!

Nicest church to spend time in (subjective I know): St Philip & St James, Whittington - cool, peaceful, very friendly welcome. I'd really recommend. Ancient Yew in churchyard. Toilets!! Planning a meeting room/ extension - Great!!

Best coffee: see above! St Philip & St James, Whittington

Friendliest welcome: St John the Evangelist, Charlton - greeted by ladies  decorating church for next day's Harvest Festival and Cream Tea Festival. A really warm welcome, wish I could have stayed longer.

Most interesting 'heritage': St Nicholas, Pinvin: extraordinary wall paintings. The church in the field.

Best refreshments: St Thomas, Lower Moor: cup cakes!

Easily missed but worth visiting?: St Martin's on the London Road.

Thanks to all of the hosts! I'd really like to repeat next year!

Rick