

# ABSENT FRIENDS RUN

## 2<sup>nd</sup> October 2011.

Welcome to the Absent Friends Run 2011 which this year is breaking with tradition in that we are not visiting Gilsland. After many years of either passing through or finishing at the home town of one of our past members the committee have decided that it is time for a change. Not withstanding this change there will be plenty of time during the run to remember all those members no longer with us as we cruise along the picturesque roads ahead.

Following the official hand over of the club cheque to the recipients of the funds raised at this years car-show.

We are most grateful to everyone at the Daybreak Centre for their hospitality and all providing us with the facility to make our presentation and start our run today. Enjoy the run and drive carefully. Your contact for today is Bob Heslop whose number is 07759 024974.

Zero your speedo in the Daybreak Car-park and return to the main road.

0.1	SO	Acomb Village on to Morrison Terrace
1.5	TR	N.S.P. not to Codlaw Hill
1.7	TL	Oakwood
2.4	TR	Hexham (The sign is well hidden)
3.0	FR	St John Lee
3.6	TL	N.S.P. around stone cottage
4.1		Take the 3 <sup>rd</sup> exit to Hexham
4.6		Take the 2 <sup>nd</sup> exit
4.7		Take the 1 <sup>st</sup> exit to Prudhoe
5.0		Take the 2 <sup>nd</sup> exit to Blanchland
5.2	TL	Blanchland
5.4	TR	Whitley Chapel
5.7	TL	Dye House
6.3	TR	Allendale



6.9	SO	Allendale
9.6	TR	N.S.P.
10.9	TL	Haydon Bridge
12.0	TL	N.S.P.
14.5	TL	Haydon Bridge
14.6	TL	Carlisle
15.1	TL	Alston
15.6	TR	Haydon Bridge
15.9	TL	Lands Ends ( <i>Very sharp narrow turn around the wall</i> )
16.8	FL	Keep to the left
17.5	TR	N.S.P.
18.1	TR	Plankey & Ridley ( <i>CAUTION BLIND CORNER</i> )
20.3	TL	Ridley
22.2	TL	Whitfield
24.1	TR	Whitfield
29.5	TR	Coanwood
30.3	TR	Haltwhistle
33.3	TL	Carlisle
33.7	TR	Haltwhistle
33.9		( <i>Beware of the Camera</i> )
34.4	TL	Into centre of Haltwhistle and park up for lunch at a place of your Black Bull Pub, Beano's sandwich bar, Manor House, or the Fort Restaurant There is also a picnic site 3.0 miles in to the return Leg for those who would prefer the outdoors.

Start the return run from north end of Aesica Road where the Fort Restaurant and the Police Station are situated and **ZERO YOUR SPEEDO before you turn left.**



Start the return route in you own time  
but remember the Tea-rooms close  
at 5.00 pm

0.0	TL	At the top of Aesica Road
1.3	TR	N.S.P.
2.9	TL	Whiteside ( and the Cawfields Picnic site )
3.7	SO	
5.2	SO	
7.1	TL	Gibbs Hill
8.3	SO	<i>NOT to Gibbs Hill</i>
8.8		<i>The track to your left was a favourite for club rallies even today!!!</i>
9.4	SO	Cycle way 68
9.9	TL	Vindolanda, and at 10.4 take the right loop past the house
10.7	SO	Cycle route 72 <i>Yes it is narrow and a few pot holes for about 300 meters then it gets much better.</i>
11.2	TL	N.S.P. Cycle route 72
18.6	TL	B6319 Chollerford
20.9	TR	Newcastle
21.7		Take the 3 <sup>rd</sup> exit over the bridge
22.0	TL	Jedburgh
22.9	TR	Bingfield
25.7	SO	Hallington
26.3	TL	Ryal
27.7	TR	Stamfordham
30.4	TL	Belsay
32.0	TL	Kirkheaton



32.2	TR	Capheaton
33.3	TR	Belsay
33.7	TL	N.S.P.
34.6	TR	Kirkwhelpington
34.9	TL	Kirkwhelpington
36.1	TL	Mirlaw House
36.9	TL	Hexham
37.6	TR	Hexham
37.9	TR	Rothbury
38.1	SO	Kirkharle

*Distances from here on may be out a little as I had to back track due to a closed road on my last run, Sorry.*

Park up and enjoy a well earned cup of tea and a biscuit in the cafe or take a look around the many craft shops that will be open to purchase those early Christmas Gifts.

I hope you all had an enjoyable and safe run, and the committee look forward to seeing you all next March for the start of season night run and supper