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Sunday, 13 May 2007

Sunday 13 May. I-Spy Ride.

Today the forecast was for rain most of the day which pretty much turned out as predicted. It was dry early on with light rain by 9.00 getting heavy by the middle of the day and clearing by 3.00 with some late afternoon sunshine back on the coast.

The event start was from Billingshurst Station. I led the 7.30 am start from Walberton although only Colin turned up. We headed up via Whiteways, Amberley and West Chilton and despite Colin having a puncture we arrived in plenty of time. Ann arrived having ridden from West Dean. John Maxim was the sole Arun Adur representative. There were 5 from Horsham being Mick, Bob, Adrian, Peter and Anton.

The event had a problem in that the route sheet and questions were inkjet printed and would rapidly run in the rain. After some discussion it was decided to turn the event into a Ride and all those turning up in the very poor conditions would get the Event points.

We took lanes via Conyhurst, Bucks Green and Drungewick to finish the ride with lunch at the Bat and Ball, Newpound Common near Wisborough Green. We arrived at 11.45 and the staff kindly let us in early out of the rain.

After lunch our group headed back south over the steep Mens climb to Fittleworth and then across to Duncton and a stop for tea at Aldingbourne.

My mileage for the day was 75.

Edwin



Posted by RideLeader at 18:59 BST

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Sunday 13 May. Rainy day



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Thursday, 10 May 2007

Evening Ride - The George, Eartham

Strong winds and heavy, driving, rain forced the cancellation of both the Chichester and Felpham starts for this evening ride, due to run to Eartham. Possibly a re-scheduled ride will be arranged for the next quarter's evening rides programme.

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Graham.

Posted by RideLeader at 00:04 BST
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Monday, 7 May 2007

Isle of Wight. Monday 7 May.

The day started with heavy rain and we feared a really wet day. However by the time we were ready to leave it was dry and it stayed dry but overcast the rest of the day. We had a very strong SW tailwind for the return home.

After a short ride on byroads north into the centre of the Island we stopped for elevenses at Amazon World Garden Centre. Then a sharp long climb up Newport Chute to Arreton Down the Ridge across the centre of the Island.

Then a long downhill to stop for lunch at Wootton and on to the ferry port at Fishbourne where we arrived just in time to get straight on the ferry. Phil and Mary left us at Portsmouth to visit their son. The rest of us continued via Havant to stop for tea at Heidies Caf?. Then back to Chichester on the lanes.

41 miles for the day (back to Pagham)

Edwin



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Monday 7 May. Riding up to Arreton Down



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Sunday, 6 May 2007

Sunday 6 May. Isle of Wight Randonee Ride.

Weather today was overcast most of the day with some bright spells in the middle of the day. Low cloud hung over the hills but it stayed dry.

The ride this year was anticlockwise so we headed from Ventnor west to the nearest control at Whitwell. This was 3 miles away so we did 3 miles in addition to the route in the morning and another 3 miles back to Ventnor in the afternoon.

6 of us took part, myself, Phil and Mary, Ann, Gill and John Maxim. We took lanes across to Alverstone and then to Bembridge for elevenses at the School. We met there Paul and Mick from Arun Adur Section.

Then onwards and more ups and more downs via St Helens and Havenstreet to Cowes. John was ahead of us and we arrived just as a chain ferry left. We waved goodbye to John and waited for the next ferry. We decided John was fast today due to getting through 3 portions of Apple Strudel for desert last night.

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We continued round to Yarmouth for a late lunch at another School. John was just leaving as we arrived. Then round to Freshwater and a steep climb on the Military Road with views of cliffs below and sea mist and low cloud.

Then lanes via Mottitstone and across to the final big climb of Blackgang Chine into the clouds again and an ice-cream stop at the top. After a fast descent down to the finish at Whitwell we met up with John there and returned to the Hillside Hotel for another stomach expanding evening meal.

71 miles for the day.

Edwin



Posted by RideLeader at 21:33 BST

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Sunday 6 May. Phil and Mary and Ann riding the steep hill at Gurnard near Cowes



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Isle of Wight. Saturday 5 May.

Weather today started dull but cleared to clear blue skies by midday and temperatures up to about 17C.

6 of us met at Chichester Cross to ride to Ventnor on the Isle of Wight for the weekend. Those taking part were myself, Phil and Mary, Ann, Gill and John Maxim. Sam had cancelled due to a heavy chesty cold. We missed his company, it was a lot quieter.

We compared electronic gadgets at the start. John had a new GPS and a mobile. I had my handheld PC and a mobile and a camera. Phil won with a GPS, a Blackberry emailer, a mobile and an IPAQ handheld PC.

We headed out on backlanes via Westbourne to Havant for Coffee. Then backstreets and cyclepaths into Portsmouth to catch the Car ferry to Fishbourne on the Island. We stopped for lunch at Havenstreet Steam Railway.

After lunch it was up to Arrerton Down and a narrow lane downhill towards Newport. On the descent my rear tyre went down with a loud bang which must have been heard for miles.

After mending the pinch puncture we continued to take the Newport Sandown cycletrack and then lanes round to Godshill for tea.

More lanes and hills took us to our familiar home from home of the Hillside Hotel in Ventnor.

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Edwin



Posted by RideLeader at 20:59 BST

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Posted by RideLeader at 20:58 BST

Updated: Monday, 7 May 2007 17:48 BST

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Since most members were in the process of travelling back from Spain, the peloton at the cross today consisted of Harvey (leading), Jo, Linda & myself.

It was a clear and sunny day with a cool breeze keeping the temperature down to the mid teens. We set off down East Street and headed into the parched landscape of the famous 'tearoom desert' east of Chichester. We rode through Westhampnett, past the Rolls Royce factory and then along the A27 cycle path before heading to Walberton Pond via Norton.

We stopped for a quick breather at Walberton Pond before pressing on east through Binsted and Binsted wood.

We arrived in Arundel around midday. I had the full English breakfast with a pot of tea in the Tudor Rose Cafe whilst the others had sandwiches by the river. After my lunch in the cafe I wandered down to the river and finished off my meal with an ice cream. After chatting for a while outside we saddled up and set off.

As we headed south the cool breeze had been replaced with a warm one and we enjoyed June like temperatures in the mid twenties, and were accompanied by a soundtrack of singing skylarks as we bowled along. We pushed on through Ford, Barnham & Eastergate before skirting Oving and approaching the Tangmere airfield museum cafe via the path across the old airfield.

Upon arriving at the cafe we discovered it was packed, as the West Kent chapter of the Matchless Motorcycle Owner's club had ridden over from Kent there that morning. Just to add to the numbers Lynne & Arthur then turned up with a 20 strong contingent of the Moulton club and the cafe grounds became a sea of two wheeled vehicles. Soon after this the tiny cafe kitchen which was already under strain with the great numbers went into complete meltdown and we decided this was as good a time as any to leave and head home.

My mileage for the day was 102km.

Adrian



Posted by RideLeader at 11:41 BST

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Evening Ride - Felpham to Crockerhill (Winterton Arms)

It is understood that this ride did not take place, as no riders turned up at the start point. (The ride was advertised as "nominate leader on the night")

Graham

Posted by RideLeader at 00:01 BST

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Monday, 23 April 2007**Sunday 22 April - Ride To Rowland's Castle**

Due to most people being in Spain, a skeleton crew of Harvey and a new member set off from Chichester Cross for this. After elevenses at Emsworth they made their way to Rowland's Castle where they met up myself and Keith from Littlehampton, who had cycled directly there from our respective homes.

It was a day of clear skies and hot sun, with temperatures into the low to mid 20s. Indeed it was scorchingly hot sitting outside the cafe with our meals, as the recently pruned trees failed to offer much protection from the sun!

After an hour or so at the cafe we made our own ways home.

My mileage for the day was 32km.

Adrian



Posted by RideLeader at 09:31 BST

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Sunday, 15 April 2007**Sunday 15 April - Chichester start**

The fine weather continued on Sunday 15 April. Phil & Mary met Linda and Avryll at the Cross for the ride to Shopham Bridge and the DA freewheel event. We headed east past Sainsbury's, then climbed the hill to Pilleygreen Lodge, continuing over to East Dean and along the country lane to Upwaltham.

To avoid Duncton Hill, we took the track that crosses the col between Barlavington Down and Farm Hill, and descends steeply to Sutton. This was badly rutted in places so probably best left to the mountain bikes in future. We climbed the steep hill beyond Sutton to our coffee stop at Bignor Roman Villa.

Refreshed, we continued through West Burton and took the country lanes to Byworth and the Welldiggers Arms, passing Liz and Alan who were resting in a car park en route. A further group from Walberton Pond, led by Harvie, had already arrived at the pub.

After lunch we proceeded to the top of the hill for the freewheel to Shopham Bridge. Bognor & Chichester members set off first so were able to watch the other sections coming down the hill. We took two out of the 3 categories. Phil & Mary won the tandem event (3 tandems), and Linda just pipped Christine in the Ladies solo event - a satisfying one/two for the Bog Chi ladies. Dave Fox of Arun Adur won the men's solo.

Jeff Lander joined us for the ride back west through Cocking and over Cocking Hill to West Dean for afternoon tea, and then finally down the Centurion Way to Chichester.

Phil Turner



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Saturday, 14 April 2007**Bognor Regis Library to Denmans Gardens**

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Weather excellent, thermometer touching 21 degrees, no wind to speak of, and an easy paced flat ride on offer, advertised by WSCC in their publications and on the internet, as part of their Walks and Rides programme.

Regrettably all of the above failed to tempt any new riders and I led out only 3 of the clubs regulars, Julian, Bruno, and Alan. Perhaps the Grand National, or Man U v Watford in the FA cup semi final, had a greater pull.

Undaunted, we set out via the back streets of Bognor and Bersted, via Shripney, Woodgate, Hook Lane and Aldingbourne, then via Nyton and the delightfully unadopted, and therefore untarmaced, Northfields Lane, to arrive at the back of Fontwell racecourse, then straight up Denmans Lane to Denmans Gardens. This is a new destination point for Saturday Rides, and very pleasant it is too.

After an hour or so putting the world to rights, our return route took us via Eastergate Lane, Walberton, Barnham, Yapton, Middleton, Felpham, and finally Bognor, in plenty of time for the football on the telly, if required.

Round trip mileage - 18.

Graham

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Sunday, 1 April 2007

Sunday 1 April. Riding down towards Stansted.



Eight of us

met at Chichester Cross - Edwin, Chris, Avryll, Harvie, Alan, Liz, Phil and Mary. The sky was clear, the sun shone, but a strong northerly wind hampered progress in that direction. A new GPS unit was mounted on Mary's handlebars to direct us to Chalton - a first for the club? After promising not to cycle over cliffs or across ploughed fields, we set off.

GPS immediately directed us back to Chichester Cross. He had cleverly spotted that this was also the end point and devised a (very) short cut! We headed down west street with Mary frantically pushing buttons and toggle switches to get him to behave. The route out took us through Funtington and across into the Compton valley and a gradual climb to the shop at Compton. GPS was at this point displaying coffee stop, but unfortunately the coffee machine was broken so cold drinks were the order of the day.

A little north of Compton we turned west and crossed into the next valley and eventually crossed the railway and climbed the very steep hill up to Chalton. Alan and Liz had taken an alternative route through Finchdean and met us at the pub reporting a sighting of the rare John Maxim en route. The pub was fairly full, but the outside temperature was pleasant and we sat in the garden admiring the splendid view across the Downs.

Heading south again, GPS sensed we were finally heading in the right direction (or was it Mary threatening to chuck him over the hedge) and dutifully beeped the correct turns until we arrived at our tea stop at Stanstead House. Another pleasant interlude in the sun and then back down the road to Woodmancote and on to Chichester.



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Sunday, 25 March 2007

Sunday 25 March. Coastguard Cafe, Hayling Island.

Weather today was mainly cloudy with the occasional sunny spell. We had a brisk NW wind and temperatures reached about 10C.

I was down to lead the ride today but I wanted to ride a local 25 mile Time Trial first, the date for which had not been fixed when the Rides List was sorted. Alan kindly agreed to lead on the way out. I rode direct to Hayling Island after the Time Trial and led the return ride.

There were 9 of us out today, Alan and Liz, Harvey, Russell, Linda, Avryl, Ann, Gill and myself.

Alan's route out was on Clay Lane to Woodmancote and Westbourne and then a track via Lumley to Emsworth and elevenses at The Greenhouse Cafe. Then the Cycle Path down from Havant and over the bridge. Then a quiet byroad via Northney and North Hayling and down to the Coastguard Cafe in East Hayling on the seafront.

I led the return ride taking the Hayling Billy trail up the west coast of the Island with views across to Portsmouth. Then on to Havant, Southleigh and Westbourne and across to Hillier's near Bosham for tea. I decided my mileage today justified a piece of Raspberry and Apple Pie with custard. We returned to Chichester via Fishbourne and split up there for different routes home.

My mileage for the day was 45 for the Club Ride plus 47 for the Time Trial including riding from home to the start and back again so 92 total.

Edwin

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Sunday 25 March. Getting ready to leave the Coastguard Cafe.



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Sunday, 18 March 2007

Sunday 18 March. Rising Sun, Nutbourne.

Weather today was bright and sunny all day apart from 2 short light showers. Temperatures were a lot colder than of late at about 8C with a strong NW wind.

We had a good turnout, the leader Harvey was joined at Walberton Pond by Edwin, Phil and Mary, Nicola and Gill. We were joined at elevenses by Steve and Linda.

The route out was via Madehurst, down Houghton hill and then across to Wiggonholt via Amberley for elevenses. More traffic than normal seemed to be about on the lanes. Probably mothers being taken for a drive in the country before their lunch.

Edwin left Wiggonholt a little early and got to the Pub at 12.01 to grab the big table in the bar before any mothers got hold of it. Ernie had left a car at Henfield and rode over from there. After lunch Ernie and Nicola rode to Henfield for tea with Nicola's Mum.

Suitably fed and watered we headed back via Coldwaltham and then Bury and Houghton and up Houghton Hill to stop for Tea at Whiteways. Just as we arrived a short shower came on with a little hail and snow.

My mileage for the day (Edwin) was 50.

Edwin for Harvey



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Sunday 18 March. Cycling down Houghton Hill



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Sunday 18 March. Cycling on the lanes towards Wiggonholt



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