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Sunday, 3 June 2007

Sun 3 June. Reliability Ride from Wiggonholt

Weather today was warm and sunny all day with temperatures up to 25C in complete contrast to last weekends rain and gales

Today was a DA Event being a 25 mile Reliability Ride starting at Wiggonholt at 11.30 and finishing at Wisborough Green and organised by Arun Adur.

Colin led the ride from Walberton Pond to the start joined by myself (Edwin) Harvey and Chris.

We cycled up via Madehurst and then down to Houghton. We split up there with Colin and Chris taking a longer route while Harvey and I went direct to Wiggonholt. We were joined there by Richard and Alan and Liz who brought their bikes by Car. Steve Thomas also joined us after cycling from Horsham the nearest he could get by train due to engineering work.

We were also joined at Wiggonholt by Arun Adur members and Horsham members arriving after we left. Dave Galle had worked out a very pleasant route on quiet byroads. We took in Coldwaltham, Coates, Selham, Lodsworth, Lickfold, Lurgashall, Ebernoe and Kirdford.

Lunch was taken at Penelopes Caf?, Wisborough Green. We headed back towards Wiggonholt for tea on a track and then across to Broomers Hill. Here my gears seriously jammed with the chain being forced out of one jockey wheel and the spring being damaged. I got mobile by splitting and then rejoining the chain. After getting to Wiggonholt I took up Richards offer of a lift back.

For me 57 miles for the day.

Edwin



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Sunday 3 June. Alan and Liz on the Reliability Ride. Photo by Dave Galle.



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Sunday 3 June. Edwin leading a group on the Reliability Ride at Selham. Photo by Dave Galle



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Thursday, 31 May 2007

Evening Ride - Felpham to The Anchor, Sidlesham

A warm sunny day, but the forecast for the evening was increasing cloud followed by heavy showers. Certainly by the time this ride got underway, some very threatening clouds were in evidence, although apart from a few spots of rain for about 5 minutes on the outward trip, the entire tour was accomplished in the dry.

At the start point were myself, Julian, Edwin, and Ian.

Despite the heavy rain of recent days, I decided to risk the route across the fields north of Pagham, via Summer Lane and South Runcton, and this paid off as we found the ground hard packed apart from a very few easily avoided puddles. We re-joined the tarmac and proceeded by way of Fisher and Chalder, where the track had been improved with a gravel surface. Back on tarmac again and as we passed the site of the long closed Chalder Station on the old line to Selsey, a deer was spotted in the field beside the road. On seeing us it took off rapidly, not into the distance as we expected, but in fact ran parallel to the road, out pacing us, then leaping the fence to run across the road in front of us, easily negotiating the 4 foot fence on the other side, before disappearing into the landscape.

We arrived at the pub some 5 or so minutes later, to meet the Chichester contingent, a modest threesome.

John who had come out with the Chichester group, decided to join us for the run back to Felpham, which stuck strictly to the road via Hunston, North Mundham, Aldwick, and Bognor.

My mileage back to the Fox at Felpham, was 19.5.

Graham.

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Sunday, 27 May 2007

Sunday 27 May.

I led the ride today and due to heavy rain all day only Harvey joined me at the Cross. The forecast was for continuing rain with increasing easterly winds. I made an executive leader decision to do a shorter ride.

We cycled up Centurion Way to Lavant and then across to Goodwood Airfield Caf? for elevenses. Then on via Halnacker to Aldingbourne for lunch. We were joined here by Eric who came by car.

After lunch Harvey and I made our ways straight home.

I did 27 miles for the day.

Edwin

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[Share This Post](#) [Post Comment](#) | [Permalink](#)**Sunday 27 May. Harvey at Chichester Cross**

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Weather this evening was sunny and warm. Alan led the ride from the Fox joined by Edwin, Val, Jo and Julian.

We headed out via Middleton and Alan found a loop I had not tried before. From Yapton we headed towards Barnham spotting Richard and John the Chichester start riders coming in the opposite direction. We continued back towards Yapton taking the footpath across the railway to the Pub. We studied the lights of a train for a while to be sure it was not moving before hurrying across.

We met Richard and John at the Pub. John came back with us on the return ride.

Edwin for Alan



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[Share This Post](#) [Post Comment](#) | [Permalink](#)**Sunday, 20 May 2007****Sunday 20 May. Bayeux Ride.**

Weather today started sunny but later clouded over and stayed dry apart from a brief shower in the afternoon as we were boarding the ferry. Temperature was cooler than of late at 13C with a chilly northerly wind.

After our usual substantial buffet breakfast we made an early start at 8.30 to ride to Bayeux. Incidentally this was in the opposite direction from the ferry at Ouistreham which we were due to catch at 5.00pm.

We enjoyed a pleasant morning ride in the early sunshine on quiet backroads. In one village we encountered the local Club Run with about 30 riders all in their Club jerseys and on lightweight road bikes.

After 1 1/2 hours we arrived in Bayeux getting to the Tapestry before the crowds and coach parties arrived. The Tapestry was well organised with audio handsets handed out in language of choice which guided us along the Tapestry giving details and explanations of each scene. We later watched a short film about the Tapestry.

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Then short visit the Cathedral followed by brunch at a caf?.

We left for Ouistreham at about 12.15 taking an inland route on fairly quiet roads with the occasional climb to liven up the troops. We stopped to view a long barrow 6000 years old.

We arrived in Ouistreham with an hour to spare for a Caf? stop near the port entrance. We went to the Port an hour and a quarter before sailing but still only just in time to board ahead of the cars and get our choice of seats.

36 miles for the day.

This update emailed from the ferry using a mobile mast in range on the Isle of Wight.

Edwin



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Sunday 20 May. Early morning en route to Bayeux



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Sunday 20 May. Riding a hill on the way to the ferry.



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Saturday, 19 May 2007

Saturday 19 May. Arromanches Ride.

Today weather was mainly sunny with a brisk SW breeze. It was notable that with a SW wind in northern France it was coming off the land which seemed the wrong direction.

Today we headed west along the coast road to Arromanches. We stopped on top of a hill above the town to view the wide spread of the Bay and the remains of the Mulberry Harbour. Then down into town and elevenses at a seafront caf?.

Then a short walk across to the D-Day museum with very good displays and films of the landings and Mulberry Harbours. Then another short walk to lunch at a nearby restaurant. After lunch as we were getting ready to leave Avryl suffered a slight accident coming through a car park entrance. The barrier came down giving Avryl a glancing blow knocking her back so she hit her head. The injury was minor but she was bleeding on her head and Mary applied first aid.

Avryl had a minor head injury causing bleeding a few weeks ago in Spain so we warned her not to make a habit of it.

We continued and took some backroads to gun batteries on the cliffs west of Arromanches and explored these. Then more backroads on the way back taking an inland route. We stopped at a war cemetery and the Canadian Museum. Our Anniversary Dinner was in the hotel in the evening.

29 miles for the day.

Edwin



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Saturday 19 May. On a Pillbox at Battery Longues



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Saturday 19 May. Riding up a hill near Ryes

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Friday, 18 May 2007**France, Normandy Trip. Friday 18 May.**

8 of us set sail for Caen today from Portsmouth for the Clubs Anniversary Dinner long weekend. Phil, Mary, Jim, Irene, Avryl, Peter Wilson, Mike and Edwin.

We sailed at 7.00 am and weather early morning was bright and sunny changing to cloudy during the morning and misty mid-channel. The cloud cleared to warm sunny spells mid afternoon with temperatures up to 18C.

We were let on the Fast Cat ferry first and secured good seats at the front. Even on the fast ferry the crossing was 3 3/4 hours. At Ouistreham we cycled quarter of a mile into town and then stopped for lunch.

In the afternoon we headed a few miles south on the Canal side cyclepath to Pegasus Bridge and then had a long stop to look round the very good museum and outside exhibits including the original Pegasus Bridge and full sized glider replica.

Then onwards on minor roads and back to the coast. We rode through towns and villages twinned with Tangmere and then Fishbourne and then Emsworth.

We stopped for tea at a caf? on the front at Lac-sur-Mer. Then a little further along the coast to our Hotel for 2 nights at Courseulles sur Mer.

19 miles for the day.

Edwin



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Friday 18 May. Cycling the prom at Luc sur Mer



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Thursday, 17 May 2007

Evening Ride - Felpham to The Spotted Cow, Hunston

The weather today had been dull, unsettled and drizzly, but by late afternoon it had improved considerably and by the start time of the ride the sun was out, the wind had dropped, and it was a gloriously warm summer evening.

Despite this, only Julian and myself were at the start point.

We set off taking exactly the same route as the ride run on 31.05.2006 (for which see report in 2006 blog). This is one of my favourite routes, taking an off road route from Pagham via Runcton, Fisher, and farm tracks to emerge at Hunston Church, a few hundred yards from the pub. Towards the end of this cross country trail we ran into some muddy tracks, being the legacy of the earlier bad weather, but the mud was in managable patches and easily negotiated, with the ground hard packed beneath it.

At the pub we met the Chichester contingent, similarly depleted and consisting of Arthur, Lynn, and John.

For the return, John joined us to ride back as far as Aldwick as we rode at a cracking pace direct along the lower Bognor Road (with a bit of the old canal towpath cutting off Mundham Corner (now NCN 2) included for good measure). Then from Aldwick along the promenade to Felpham.

My mileage for the round trip was 18.1.

Graham

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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 Chiltington 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



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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.

Graham.

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