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**Sunday, 19 August 2007**

**Sunday 19 August. Ride to the Victoria Inn, West Marden.**

Two rides were planned for today, a long ride to Northchapel and a short ride to West Marden. I led the ride to Northchapel and I was joined at the Cross by Linda and Anne. The weather was light rain at the start and with only three of us on the ride I decided to call off the ride to Northchapel and meet the other ride at West Marden.

The weather today was damp, early on, with some light rain, but this soon cleared leaving threatening clouds with the occasional sunny spell. Temperatures reached 19 C. Heavy rain which had been forecast for the afternoon luckily failed to arrive.

We headed for Stansted House for elevenses, riding along Clay Lane to West Ashling and then Funtington. With a 9.30 start we arrived at Stansted house at about 10.30. Arthur led the short ride starting from Chichester Cross at 10.00. Arthur and Lynn were joined by Alan and Liz, Harvey, Gill and Keith Dodman. Adrian joined the group at West Marden making a total of 11 out on the day. By coincidence Arthur also headed for Stansted for elevenses taking a route via Clay Lane and Westbourne. More cyclists soon arrived with a group of four from Bognor Regis C. C. on a morning club run.

Everyone was arriving as we were getting ready to leave and I led Linda and Anne on a longer route with a climb up to Forestside and then down to Finchdean. We headed north on a lane and then took a long climb across to Compton. We were joined on the climb by two couples on tandems out for a short ride from Rowlands Castle. From Compton we headed south to West Marden arriving at the Pub at about 11.59. The others arrived soon afterwards.

In the afternoon we stayed together in one group heading back via Funtington and West Ashling. We stopped briefly at West Ashling pond to view a black swan, geese, ducks and also large trout swimming in the shallow water. We continued back to Chichester on Clay Lane for an early 2 p.m. stop for tea at Fishbourne Roman Palace cafe.

For the longer ride the mileage from and to Chichester was 30 and 25 for the shorter ride. My mileage for the day was 40.

Edwin

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**Sunday 19 August. Lunch at the Victoria Inn, West Marden.**



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### Sunday 19 August. Viewing wildlife at West Ashling Pond



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### Sunday, 12 August 2007

#### Sunday 12th of August 2007. Ride from Chichester to the Spinnaker Tower Portsmouth.

I led the ride today, and I was joined by Adrian, Avryl, Anne and Gill. It was notable that today the ladies outnumbered the gents.

The weather forecast today was for many showers, but we escaped with just one short shower after elevenses. The weather otherwise was cloud with some sunny spells in the morning and clear blue sky in the afternoon and temperatures up to 19 C. There was a westerly wind, which strengthened by the afternoon blowing us back home.

We took the usual route out on the lanes of the South Coast Cycle Route to Westbourne and then down to the Greenhouse Cafe Emsworth for elevenses.

Waterproofs were needed as we headed towards Havant and we sheltered briefly at the cycle route underpass. Then it was down the Hayling Billy Trail to West Hayling and on to the Ferry. The ferry arrived soon after we did, and after a short wait for further passengers we headed across on the short crossing to the Southsea side.

We cycled along Southsea seafront and then over to Gunwarf Quays and lunch at the Old Custom House Pub. After lunch, we took a walk around and viewed the Spinnaker Tower, although nobody decided to go up it. We split up at this stage, with Adrian heading back home in Portsmouth and Gill taking the train.

I continued with Anne and Avryl, taking the cycle route north past the Continental Ferry Port and up to Cosham. We continued across to Havant and then a back route through the estates and up to Rowlands Castle for tea.

We returned via Funtington and West Stoke, where we split up with everybody heading back their own way home.

My mileage for the day was 58.

Edwin

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**Sunday 12 August. On the Hayling to Southsea ferry**

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I led the ride starting from Chichester, Cross to Wisborough Green. I was joined at the start by Avryl, Anne and Russell. We were joined at the picnic by the Walberton Pond group of Harvey, Steve and Alan and Liz. Nicola Bruce and Christine rode direct to join us at the picnic making a total of 11 on the day.

The weather was again perfect, with clear blue skies and temperatures hot and humid up to about 27 C.

From Chichester, I led the group up the Centurion way to Lavant, and then up the hill to Goodwood Racecourse. There were some signs of the winding down from Glorious Goodwood, which had finished the previous day.

We continue taking the ridge route along the top of the Downs underneath the shade of the woods at Selhurst Park, and then views down to the coast. We continued on the Petworth Road over Duncton Hill and then back roads via Shopham Bridge to stop for elevelens at Petworth. Tiffins was closed so we continued to the nearby Saddlers cafe. We continued via Balls Cross and Kirdford to Wisborough Green.

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We settled for our picnic under the shade of a substantial tree on the Green opposite The Cricketers Inn. The rest of the group soon joined us and also another 11 from Arun Adur and eight from Horsham. We welcomed Alec Rothney who was down on holiday in the area.

In the afternoon the Chichester and Walberton Pond groups joined together to ride back on the lane and then across the fields towards Pulborough. We continued via Amberley, to stop for tea at Houghton Bridge

We then headed back different ways with most of us heading up Houghton hill.

My mileage for the day was 61.

Edwin

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**Sunday 5 August. Under the trees at Selhurst Park**



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**Sunday 5 August. Picnic at Wisborough Green**



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**Sunday 5th August. On the way back across the fields**

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We met at Bognor library for this years ride for a beach picnic on Climping Beach. The weather was ideal with unbroken clear blue skies and temperatures up to 25C.

I led the ride and I was joined at the library by Jo, Val and Roy Wasdell. Alan and Liz and Julian and his wife joined us at the beach.

The ride was on cycle paths and backroads across to Felpham, Middleton and Elmer. We then took a path along the beach and through field to the beach at Climping. We stopped there for an hour and a half for the picnic and for some members to swim.

We took a similar but more direct route back and stopped for an ice cream at Felpham seafront.

12 miles for the day.

Edwin

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**Saturday 4 August. On the beach at Climping**

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Harvey led this ride starting from Walberton Pond and was joined by Edwin, Russell, Avryl and Christine. Alan and Liz, Linda and John Maxim, joined us at the pub making a total of nine out during the day.

The weather was dry with a mixture of cloud and sunny spells and temperatures reaching 20 C.

Harvey led us via Madehurst and Whiteways and then down Houghton hill to Wiggonholt for elevenses.

We continued on a lane to the north of Storrington and a paved footpath to West Chiltington and a stop for lunch at the Elephant and Castle.

Alan and Liz made their own way back and the rest of us returned towards Houghton. Just as we passed Wiggonholt, we had to do some quick avoiding action to miss a grass snake wriggling across the road, which managed to survive being run over by Linda's bike. We continued via Amberley, to stop for tea at Houghton Bridge. We returned home via the climb of Houghton hill.

My mileage for the day was 51.

Edwin for Harvey

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[Share This Post](#) [Post Comment](#) | [Permalink](#)**Sunday, 22 July 2007****Sunday 22nd of July 2007. Ride from Chichester to Stedham.**

Weather today was bright and sunny, with scattered clouds and a westerly wind. Temperatures reached 18 C.

I led the ride and I was joined at the Cross by Linda, Christine and Russell. Adrian later joined us at elevenses.

We headed west on Clay Lane, and then took Watery Lane to Funtington. As we rode up Watery Lane, a Duck was walking up the lane with a brood of about six half grown chicks behind. We decided that all of the chicks had survived due to the recent abundance of water.

We continued by taking the B-road towards Compton. All along this road coming towards us at regular intervals, fast cyclists on time trial bikes rode by. They were taking part in the Chichester Triathlon.

We arrived at Compton Post Office soon after 11.00. Adrian joined us a few minutes later. The hot water machine had broken down, so we made do with cold drinks.

The long gradual climb up Harting Hill was followed by a swift descent to Harting Village. We then rode along parallel to the South Downs eastward via Elstead, with a strong tail wind to Stedham. Lunch was taken at the Hamilton Arms where Colin joined us. He was leader of the Walberton pond ride but nobody else had chosen to join him.

After lunch, Adrian headed back to Portsmouth the way we had come. Linda went to see a friend who lived nearby. The remaining four of us rode back via Bepton and Cocking. We stopped for tea at West Dean, and then headed back to Chichester on the Centurion Way.

My mileage for the day was 49.

Edwin

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#### **Sunday 22 July. Leaving elevenses at Compton**



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### **Thursday, 19 July 2007**

#### **Evening Ride - Felpham to The Black Horse, Binsted**

Another evening ride, another evening of poor weather.

The day had been quite promising - sunny skies and light winds - but in keeping with the entire summer so far, the evening brought black clouds, fresh winds, and an ever present threat of rain.

Not surprisingly then that only 3 of us set out from The Fox - Julain, Jo, and myself.

From Felpham we headed out through Yapton, to Ford Lane, then Tortington via Ford Station before plunging into the dark track running through Scotland Woods, reaching the mysterious "Madonna Pond", where the tarmac runs out and a very rough surface takes over.

Rejoining the tarmac at Binsted Manor, it was a short sprint to the Black Horse, which we managed to make just before the rain started.

Edwin joined us fresh from time trialling as we adjourned into the dry.

About 45 minutes later however the rain had stopped so we ventured homeward direct via Beam Ends, North End, and back to Yapton and Middleton. We beat the rain to complete the ride in the dry. The round trip mileage for the evening was 19.3.

Graham

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### **Sunday, 15 July 2007**

#### **The 15th of July. Ride to the Shoe Exton**

Five of us met at the Cross, for the long ride across into Hampshire. These were myself (Edwin), Colin, Adrian, Linda and Anne.

Rain had been forecast for the morning, but we escaped all the showers, some of which came quite close. There was a good north easterly wind to blow us out to the pub and the weather was humid, with temperatures up to 23C.

I led the group out via Westbourne and Rowlands Castle, and then a stop for elevenses at the Queen Elizabeth Country Park Cafe.

We then climbed up to Butser Hill followed by a steep descent into the



Meon Valley, with great views on the way down. This was followed by another climb up to HMS Mercury, and then a short way along the Ridge before a long descent into the Meon Valley and lunch at the Shoe in Exton.

We arrived at 12.15 just in time before the rush of Sunday lunch diners. We had lunch in the garden adjacent to the Meon River and listened to loud claps of thunder over the Downs just to the east, and a heavy downpour was visible just a few miles away.

After lunch I led the group on a backroad adjacent to the main road down the Meon Valley to Soberton. Then on lanes across to Hambledon. After leaving the Meon Valley we left behind dry roads to come across many wet roads and puddles as evidence of the recent downpour. We continued on more backroads to Catherington with a very steep but short hill. Then onwards to Horndean and Rowlands Castle, where we had planned to stop for tea. However a notice on the door, advised us that the tea rooms were closed for the day due to staff illness. We decided to go on to Stansted Garden Centre Cafe where we stoked up with tea and cakes.

Then on and back to Chichester via Funtington and West Stoke, with more evidence of recent heavy downpours.

Mileage from and back to the Cross was 59. My mileage was 71.

Edwin

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