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### Sunday, 16 September 2007

#### Sunday 16 September. Ride to Washington near Storrington.

I joined our leader Colin at the Pond and we were joined by Harvey, Linda, Gill and 2 riders from Portsmouth DA, Christine and Bill who had decided to give our Sunday rides a go because the Portsmouth Sunday rides were too fast.

The weather was sunny with scattered clouds for most of the day, only clouding over about tea time. Temperatures reached about 18 C.

Colin took us on the route via Madehurst and then down Houghton hill and then across to Bury. We then cycled on the back roads to Coldwaltham and then over to Wiggonholt for elevenses. Colin then showed us a very good route away from the traffic on by roads to the north of Storrington. We took the foot tunnel under the A24 and then on to the Franklin Arms for lunch.

The route back took us on more backroads with a foot tunnel over the A24 and then a lane bringing us out to the north of Storrington and then back lanes through the town and over to Paretham Park. We returned via Coldwaltham and Bury to Houghton Bridge for tea.

We returned to Walberton and the mileage for the day from and back to Walberton was 46. My mileage was 64.

Edwin

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### Sunday, 9 September 2007

#### Sunday 9th September. Awayday ride to Hipleay.

For today's ride we met at Petersfield railway station for a ride through the Hampshire lanes led by Avryl. I rode up to Petersfield taking a route to Funtington and then Compton and Harting. On the way I saw numerous signs for a Cycle Sportive and I started to be overtaken by large groups of road cyclists on very lightweight road bikes. It appears this is a new event called the Southern Sportive based on Petersfield and with various loops taking in lanes between Petersfield, Midhurst and Chichester. There were routes available of 155K, 112K and 71K. Every road junction had an arrow marking the route.

11 of us met at Petersfield. I was joined by Avryl, Linda, Gill, Russell, Steve, Adrian, Diana, Richard and Phil and Mary. Phil and Mary were wearing their Paris Brest cycling shirts and we congratulated them on their achievement and found out about their aches and pains.

The weather started cloudy but soon cleared to bright sunshine interrupted

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by the occasional cloudy interval. Temperatures were warm reaching about 21C.

Avryl lead us out of Petersfield and on to the lane towards East Meon. Before the village we headed up the hill to HMS Mercury and went to the Sustainability Centre for elevenses. Unfortunately they had had a burglary a few days before and the tea shop was closed. We made do with a rest on the seats in the warm sunshine. Diana left us at this point and headed back to Petersfield. The rest of us headed on along the ridge with views down to the Meon Valley on one side and Portsmouth on the other. We then headed down on a network of really quiet narrow country lanes eventually reaching the Horse and Jockey pub at Hipley for lunch.

Adrian headed straight back to Portsmouth after lunch and the rest of us continued on more quiet lanes to Denmead and then across to Clanfield. We then had a long gradual climb up to Butser Hill. At the junction we rode straight on to the car park at the top and then a track leading on to the very top of the hill with views in all directions. We then headed down and took the very steep descent back down towards the Meon Valley. Part way down the lane we turned into The Harvester Tea Rooms. This is a large converted barn with tables outside in the garden and great views across the fields and hills.

After tea we headed back on the lane to Petersfield. The rest of the group had cars at Petersfield Station. Phil and Mary and I cycled back. We rode across to Buriton up the very steep hill and then back via Rowlands Castle and Westbourne.

The route from and back to Petersfield was 35 miles. My mileage for the day was 81.

Edwin

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#### Sunday 9th September. Climbing from East Meon



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#### Sunday 9th September. Phil and Mary on Butser Hill




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**Slide Show of the Arun Crossings Ride. Click "View all images" to see a larger view**

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For today's ride all the various Sections of the West Sussex DA met at Pulborough Station for the Arun Crossings Ride led by Colin, the last DA Event of the year. A total of 14 turned out for the event from all Sections with some leaving part way through the event and others joining at elevenses or lunch. From Bognor Regis and Chichester there was myself, Colin, Russell, Gill and Alan and Liz. The 40 points gained were sufficient to gain us the Cup for the Section with the best attendance at DA events. The individual cup is shared three ways between members of all the Sections. The cup goes to John Wiggins, Edwin Jones and Bob Moore. The cup for the best lady goes to Elizabeth Tyler.

The weather was fairly good with some frequent sunny spells especially during the morning and dry all day and temperatures reaching about 20 C.

Two of those attending, a guest Tracey Slade and Anton Brown from Horsham Section rode on narrow tired road bikes and managed exceptionally well over the rough terrain.

Colin took us over an exceptionally interesting route with many new tracks we had not seen in previous events. Most of us had no idea where we were for most of the time. We took a loop round coming out at Stopham Bridge and crossing both the new bridge and the old bridge. Then it was more tracks with some long climbs up to the road going towards the Menses. Then more tracks across to South of Wisborough Green and on for elevenses at Penelope's cafe. Peter Wilson left us here and we were joined by Gill and Russell.

After elevenses it was more tracks taking us north eventually to Gibbons Mill and then on to The Blue Ship, The Haven for lunch. Here we met up with other members of Horsham Section who were riding just on the road. Anne and Liz also joined us here for the route down to the tea stop.

More tracks and a different route took us back down to Penelope's for tea.

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**Sunday 2 September. Crossing the Arun somewhere**

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Saturday 25 August**

This was a long weekend away on the Isle of Wight exploring bridleways and tracks. The trip was arranged by John Maxim over the August Bank Holiday weekend. Those taking part were myself, John, Jeff and Colin. We lucked out with the weather as after weeks of dull cool days it changed just in time to clear blue skies and temperatures up to 25C.

We took a train to Portsmouth and then the car ferry to Fishbourne. At Wootton we were straight on to tracks across to Havenstreet and then more bridleways to Newport. We stopped at a Pub on the edge of Newport doing breakfasts for £1.75 which we had for lunch.

Then a long gradual climb up the Tennyson trail with wide views across the Island and over to the mainland. The trail is similar to the South Downs Way with a good wide graveled trail. Further west we headed down on tracks and backroads to Yarmouth for tea. There are some good tearooms by the Pier. Then on to our Hotel at Freshwater.

**Sunday 26 August.**

Another sunny warm day. We stoked up with a good breakfast and John supplied us with route sheets for the day. John had delayed handing out the route sheets until this morning to avoid disturbing our sleep. The reason became clear as we looked at the route sheets. The route had been downloaded from the Internet from the Extremists Mountainbike Club. One quote from the introduction is especially relevant "at over 50 miles, it is designated to be covered by the very fittest of riders in one day or more likely two days for lesser mortals". A route nearly all off road is equivalent to twice the distance on road.

Jeff and I were considering taking a shorter route for a more relaxed day. However we set out together and were soon on tracks through the golf course and a gradual climb up from Freshwater Bay to Compton Down. There were superb views behind us of the deep blue sea against the white cliffs of Tennyson Down.

After a few ups and downs it was clear that the more relaxed pace being taken by Jeff and I would prevent John and Colin from completing the ride in a reasonable time. We decided to split up at that point. Jeff and I used the route sheet and maps to follow part of the route before cutting it short.

We continued along the Tennyson Trail with great views down over the south coast to the blue sea. We continued on the ridge turning off on to the Worsley Trail. We descended to Shorwell after getting lost just above the village. We stopped for lunch in the village at a pleasant pub. With time getting on we decided to ride as far as Hoys monument on St Catherine's Down before heading back on the road.

After more trails across fields we were heading down a chalk descent when I lost control trying to avoid a thorn branch and fell off. I escaped with a couple of grazes and numerous bruises. We continued with a long steep climb to the Monument erected in 1814 to honor a visit by the Tsar of Russia. We then left the official route to head down to Chale and the road back. The track down started with a near vertical descent. The route then

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took us into a narrow gully with deep mud at the bottom which we were unable to avoid. After getting through this we saw another gully ahead of us and decided to get under an electric fence into the field to avoid more mud. We then rode down and had to get over the electric fence again to get back onto the route. Jeff was okay but while getting over I touched my leg against the fence and got a severe jolt and another one as I jumped back in reaction. Jeff was a little startled by my screams.

After a few hundred yards we were back on tarmac and we both decided we had had enough of off-road for the day and we returned on the round the Island cycle route. We had a very pleasant tea stop at Brightstone tearooms.

Mileage for the day was 31. John and Colin returned a little later at about 7.00 but did very well to complete the full 50 mile route with 4500 feet of climbing. My experiences provided some good dinnertime conversation along the lines of an electrifying day out.


### Monday 27th August

For our return ride we tried out some new trails from Freshwater. Unfortunately these included some goopy muddy sections before we got to the ridge and headed along the Tennyson Trail to Newport. We stopped in town for lunch in a pub. Then a very steep climb on the Bembridge Trail to St Georges Down. At a junction in the trail Jeff couldn't get his foot out due to a stiff cleat and fell over in front of an audience of about 20 Ramblers. After treating Jeff's grazes we continued but Jeff decided to return direct to the ferry on the road to avoid further problems with his cleats. The rest of us continued on some fairly good graveled trails down to Havenstreet and then across to Wootton and the ferry home.

Mileage on the island was 25 and my mileage by the time I returned home was 31.

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### Saturday 25 August. IOW. Colin and Jeff on Westover Down.



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**Sunday 26 August. IOW. Riding up Compton Down above Freshwater.**

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**Monday 27 August. IOW. On the Tennyson Trail**

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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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