

The Bhurtpore, Aston - 2nd May 2018



From Chris Lamb...

Last Wednesday (if anyone can remember that far back) Liz took us to Aston for lunch at the Bhurtpore Arms, a regular venue. Fourteen of us set off from the Eureka at 9.30, out to Backford on a now familiar route - a banana stop on the hill down to Shady Oak then on around Beeston and some very pleasant lanes to Ravensmoor and Aston.



Banana stops?

Outside
Cholmondeley
Castle Farm Shop



The pub was very welcoming with a vast range of beers; they had declined the request for sandwiches saying their menu could handle any issues. Ruth and Julian's ride had ten more to add to the number who'd all been served when the computer ordering system crashed! Some got served followed by a lengthy period of nothing! Eventually after asking what people had ordered the remainder arrived - some of us had to buy extra drinks (!) but all was well.

The route back was uneventful but breezy past Cholmondeley Farm Shop, up Harthill (ouch), Bruera, Greenway and home. No incidents to report apart from one nipped tube - 66 miles, Thanks Liz

From Glennys...

I can only just remember some but not all of the route! Our group, led by Ruth and Julian, met up at the Ice Cream Farm for coffee. I had arranged to meet Brian L at the canal in Waverton to do some extra miles but due to some traffic problems Brian couldn't make Waverton in time. He eventually parked at Kingsway and arrived at the ICF just in time for coffee. I had continued my ride starting from Waverton.



At the last minute Dave arrived and we all set off after a group photo (apart from me as I took the photo). Initially we had a few long up-hills past Bolesworth Castle but then settled into some very pleasant lanes arriving at the Bhurtpore just before the other group. I don't know about the others but I really enjoyed my lunch of two lamb samosas and minted yoghurt dip - (sorry if you don't want to hear about food!). Chris S thought it was too tiny to provide sustenance for a ride but it was enough for me. Service was good considering the numbers. We set off before the other group riding via Beeston and to the ICF where we were in time for yet more refreshment. Setting off together Brian, Bob and I rode to Waverton where we split up and Brian and Bob went on their own way - (route from the Ice Cream Farm was about 40 miles).

Photos from Chris L and one from Glennys