

# The Swan, Marbury - 1st August 2018

Chris L provided this commentary...

"*Wednesday Riders* went to *Marbury* under the stewardship of *Brian Lowe* this week. Eighteen riders turned out at the *Eureka* for 9am start and were split into two groups of nine. The first half of the ride was uneventful with a welcome coffee and cake stop at the *Ice Cream Farm* (much changed since last visit).

On leaving, I tried cycling whilst eating a banana and can confirm that this doesn't end well (all the way to *Paris* without mishap too!). Some interesting roads to *Marbury* circumventing the worst of *Harthill*.



**At the Ice Cream Farm**



**The Swan at Marbury**



The pub was well received, service was prompt and food good albeit a tad pricy (similar design to *Pant-yr-Ochain*, *Glas Fryn* etc) and had recently reopened.

The second group took the lead for the return stopping at the *Lockgate Café* near *Beeston* which also served up some excellent cakes (this had been the chosen venue for the previous Sunday's ride which was cancelled due to rain) - we'll be back! Great ride down some new lanes, thanks *Brian*."

**Text and Photos Chris L**



Actually there were even more with one extra (*Ken*) joining us en-route and a further eleven with Glennys's shorter route from the *ICF*, and *Bob and Jill* who made their own way. I make that thirty-two. (**Chris S**)

### **Glennys' C ride...**

I was very surprised to see eleven people altogether who arrived at the *Ice Cream Farm* for a welcome drink before starting the ride. For some reason I thought that there may only have been three or four. I was very pleased to hear from *Dave W* that he had worked out the route from my details and loaded it onto his *Garmin*. It was reassuring and made me a bit lazy as he re-directed us a couple of times when we almost turned the wrong way. I had only been able to recce the route at the last minute having already planned the cancelled ride to *Overton Bridge*. Thanks also to *Brian L* for sending me a route I was able to recce in time.



## Lunch at The Swan



We were the last group to arrive which was probably a good idea as we didn't all order food at once. Most ate in but there was a tree with a circular seat outside on the Green for those with a picnic. This meeting up altogether provided a great opportunity for photos. Thanks to **Richard B** for taking a photo of the whole group (next page - only yellow shirts allowed).



**Harthill - C Group**



**Photo by Richard B**

**Text and photos by Glennys**