

THE LAKES, DODLESTON - 8th January 2012

Allowing for the fact that most of us went to Arthur's excellent New Year's Day lunch by car, this was our first real ride for 2012.

Barbara led a party of about 16 away from an over crowded **Eureka café**. Queues out to and beyond the door!

Her route was unquestionably a surprising one. To find one of such interest and diverse in gradient was to deserve congratulation. Yes, we could have taken a flat, well known, boring route! Well done Barbara.



Barbara



The Lakes café is now becoming a regular stop for cyclists and the manager advised me that there are great plans to enlarge and improve the very large site.

A caravan parking area is already visible, though he made no mention of camping facilities.



Lunch over, we removed the wet covers from our machines and rode off to find the end of a superb rainbow in a stormy sky.





No pot of gold was to be ours however, just a quiet ride home through the lanes.

Waterproofs back on

A superb rainbow in a stormy sky



Riding home

Thanks Barbara. A good one to start the year.

Bob Witton

