

Oulton Park - 15th August 2010

This was the first of two picnic rides for our group this month – well, it is summer!

Peter kindly stepped-in at short notice to lead today. **Annabel had already done the legwork working out a route** so that was a big help. It took us out through Capenhurst, Backford and Little Stanney through to Mickle Trafford.



End of the Greenway (again)

Then it was on along the A56 to turn in the direction of Tarvin and Willington.



At Cotebrook, it was group decision whether to use

the official picnic area at the Mere or press on to the Park, itself, using the Coach Road.

We went for the second option because there are public toilets in the Park if no picnic tables. Also, there is the garden centre with a café just a mile or so further on. Those without their own sandwiches went straight there leaving the rest of us to find a stump or spread out on the ground to eat.



At Little Budworth Country Park for lunch



After lunch, we rode up to the **Wyvale garden Centre Café** to join the others for a cup of tea.

Everyone fed and watered; we took life in hands and crossed back over the A49 to retrace our route along the Coach Road.

We had another little diversion, left over the bridge and into the race track, itself. We were looking for an alternative café that had been recommended. It was open day today so we were able to go into the visitor area free-of-charge.



The refreshment facilities looked ok but it turns out that's not where we should have been. Glennys is on to it – more information to follow.

The return route was Rushton, Eaton, Tarporley, Huxley and Waverton. Poor Peter was beginning to flag a little up there at the front. He'd had a hard ride on the Wednesday and yesterday was labouring for Sustrans to improve a local cycle route – does he ever stop! We got him back to the Mills in time for a reviving milk shake. Well done everyone.

Investigating Oulton Park for a Café

The weather was kind and nice to cycle together again as a group. Dennis brought along his pal Ian who fell later that week whilst cycling and fractured his collar bone quite badly; an unfortunate accident that doesn't seem to have put him off.

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Thanks to Peter for leading the ride

