

The Centurion Way

(Pub stop – Lloyds No.1 – Chichester Gate)

A 27 Mile Practice Ride

A couple of points to remember- this is an early season ride. Please ride at your own pace and stop if you need to. Most of the ride covers roads with relatively little traffic.

Due to the bad weather this year more roads will be punctuated with very nasty potholes, at best you will encounter roads with loose grit or surface water, so be very careful, especially down hill or turning sharply - apply brakes evenly and keep your distance from riders in front. As always please keep your wits about you, particularly when cycling in a group. Don't forget to take some spare inner tubes as punctures are bound to occur.

Leave The Ship and head towards Havant. Turn right down the Hayling Billy cycle track, when you get to the car park area bear left up the hill and turn right onto the old road towards Emsworth. Follow this road straight to the traffic lights by the One Stop (1.4)

Turn left at the lights and follow Southleigh Road to the junction with Horndean Road (2.9), cross the road and carry on to the mini roundabout (3.4). Go straight across and through Westbourne, follow the road until the sharp right hand bend out of the town, but turn right down Whitechimney Road (3.97), follow this road along side the new A27 and at the T junction with Woodmancote Lane turn right (5.3).

Stay on this road until you get to the junction with Cheesemans Lane (6.5), turn left then immediately right. Follow this road, past The Richmond Arms (7.5) and pond and on to the next junction (7.9), turn left. At the T junction with the main road turn right (8.3), at the next sharp right hand corner turn left before you go round the corner (8.7).

You will now cycle through a wooded area, probably having encountered a nasty road surface. Go round the sharp right hander (9.3) and on to and through Weststoke.

Turn right (10.0) down West Stoke Road and at the bottom of this road turn left (11.0) up Hunters Chase. About a mile down the road you will see a large metal style on your right, this is an entrance to The Centurion Way (12.0). Go through this and follow the path to the junction with the metal statues and turn right towards Chichester.

Follow the cycle path all the way to its end where it comes out at a bus turn around point (13.7). Head east (away from the railway line), over the mini roundabout (13.8) and on to the large roundabout (14.2). Go straight across towards and past the Cathedral to The Cross (14.5). Turn right down South Street and at the end of the road (14.7) turn left. Follow the one way road bearing right down Basin Road towards Canal Wharf. At the junction with Canal Wharf turn right (15.0)

Go to traffic lights and turn left (15.1) almost immediately bear right to next set of lights where you turn right. At the next set of lights turn left into Chichester gate (15.2) Follow the road round into the precinct ***The Lloyds Wetherspoons is today's planned lunch stop*** .

After lunch retrace your steps back to the traffic lights on the junction with Stockbridge Road (15.5) turn left. Follow the road over the railway crossing and a little further on and turn left again into the Avenue Des Chartres (15.7). Follow the road to the next roundabout and turn right (15.8). Up to the next roundabout and turn left (16.1). Follow this road all the way to the railway line (16.7).

Cross the railway line (be careful) and turn right, follow the road until the junction with Clay Lane (16.9) and turn right, go over the railway crossing and follow this road to the crossroads (17.8). Go straight across and follow the road for a couple of miles to the junction with Ratham Lane (19.3) and turn left over the A27.

At the roundabout turn right (20). Follow the old A27 all the way to Emsworth. At the Emsworth roundabout (24) go straight across and follow this road until the cycle lane crosses the road (25). Cross the road and go under the underpass, turn right at the junction (25.2) and head towards Havant. At the museum turn left (25.8) down the Billy track and retrace your steps to The Ship (26.8).