

SELBORNE (PUB THE QUEENS HOTEL)

A 50 mile practice ride

Leave the Ship and head towards Havant on the Hayling Billy trail. At the car park (1) bear right under the bridge to continue up the trail. At the end turn right (1.3) over the railway crossing then straight on over the junction onto New Lane. At the end (2.3) turn right then first left into Wakefords Way. At the top of the hill turn right (3) into Prospect Lane. At the T junction turn left (3.5) then turn right at both mini roundabouts into Redhill Rd to Rowlands Castle. Pass the green & under the bridge past the Castle Inn (4.7).

At Deanlane End turn left (5.7) under the railway bridge to Finchdean. Go straight on past The George (6.2). Follow this road until it bends sharp left up over the railway (8). Take the right fork (8.1) (low bridge 3 miles sign). Beware steep downhill into Buriton then at the crossroads go straight on (11.4) at the Master Robert.

Follow this bendy road to its end and turn right (12.5) (this is the old A3). Straight on at mini roundabouts (13 & 13.4). At the one way system follow road (13.7) and bear right follow signs to London (A3). Continue on this road passing Churchers College on the right. At the next roundabout (14.5) go to the second exit (effectively straight ahead). Carry on this road which becomes dual carriageway and returns to single carriageway for some time. Turn left (17) on to B3006 to Liss. There is a steep descent so take care.

Enter Liss and go left at roundabout (18.2) and over the railway. At the T junction go right by the Bluebell Inn (18.7). Go on past the Spread Eagle on the left. At the next roundabout cross the main A3 and straight over TAKE CARE THIS IS A BUSY ROAD (19.6). Stay on B3006 as it bears to the left.

After a short ascent the road descends and then flattens out into Selbourne (22.5). Be careful with the oncoming traffic bollards in the road. You will see the pub – the Queens Inn on the right (23.1). This is our lunch stop.

After lunch, go back on the same road on which you came. When you get to the roundabout by the A3 (which you crossed earlier) at the side there is a cycle track (26.4) with a blue cycle sign. This path takes you all the way along the A3. Follow the track which is clearly signed – you will cross over at some point to the left, but the track takes you all the way to Petersfield. At 30.6 turn left at the roundabout and then turn right into Pulens Lane towards Uppark and South Harting (30.7). Follow this road until we reach a T junction where you turn left onto the B2146 (31.9) towards Chichester and South Harting.

At the T junction in South Harting turn right (35) toward Compton and Emsworth. Stay on this road for a number of miles. At the T junction – after a gentle rise – turn right (44) and then immediately left towards Westbourne.

Carry on through Westbourne – beware the devilish road surface, if still not re-surfaced, and over the mini roundabout towards Denvilles (46). Cross the staggered Junction – right and then left (46.5) and on over the railway crossing. At the T junction turn left into Havant and turn left by the museum onto the cycle track and back to the Ship (50).