

Wednesday, July 23, 2008

Wednesday Ride to York



Six of us (l to r - Barbara, Paul T, Malcolm, Caroline, Gia and Lynn) ventured out to the York Environment Centre on a day which started overcast but warm, and gradually became quite hot and humid.

We went via Great Ouseburn with Max, who turned back as planned at this point, then to Aldwark bridge and Beningbrough Hall, down NCN 65 into York. We had a look at Stickleback Riverboat cafe but after 25 or so miles the menu looked a bit too snacky for our appetites, and preferred the more substantial fare offered in the unique surrounding of the Bar Convent Cafe.

Then, with York Cycle Map in hand, Malcolm led the way round a staggeringly circuitous but interesting route to the Environment Centre, from which he was prised away about 15 minutes later by the rest of the group who were interested in returning home. At the western edge of York, Caroline and Lynn who had deadlines took off to Poppleton Station, where after not being allowed on the first train which was apparently too crowded for their bikes, ultimately made it back in time on the following train. Meanwhile, the rest battled through the heat to Pannal, and Barbara wisely accepted the offer of a lift to her car at Hornbeam rather than pedalling up the A61 and Almsford Bank.

