

## **Sheffield CTC weekend to Hunstanton, Norfolk Friday 15 to Sunday 17 May 2020**

Hi everyone, hope you all had a great summer. Time to start making firm plans for next year's Spring CTC weekend away, this time it is back to Norfolk at Hunstanton.

This information has been sent to the email list used for contacting everyone who attended this year's event at Ironbridge. The problem next year is that the hostel is not as large as Ironbridge and we have spaces for 44 people only, bearing in mind that 53 came to Ironbridge. The hostel is not as spacious, but the number of hostels large enough to cater for our huge group are few and far between, for those missing out there are seaside hotels and bed and breakfast establishments nearby.

**The journey down** Those of you who came with us to Castle Acre in 2015 will be familiar with the route between Sheffield and Kings Lynn. Two groups will be meeting at the Norton Inn and Meadowhead, the blue group led by myself will be leaving at 06:30 and the red group led by Les Sturch will be leaving 30 minutes later at 07:00. Arrangements can be made to pick up Chesterfield members in Staveley. The total distance to Hunstanton is around 138 miles and stops will be made at Tuxford, Bardney and Long Sutton. We are expecting to arrive around 7 pm. Apart from the first 15 miles the journey is totally, totally flat, which will enable all groups to ride at a brisk average speed. There will be an accelerated group (green group) led by David Bishop. The cost for this will be dearer and we may be able to cater for eight or even sixteen people. The acceleration point is to Bardney and this will require a 78 mile flat ride to Hunstanton from this point.

**Saturday** Two rides have been arranged, one by Gay Horsfield (purple ride) and myself (orange ride) Both rides will be around 40 miles, I will forward more details of Gay's ride later, but the orange ride will be an anti clockwise ride to Great Bircham windmill, Walsingham, Wells next the Sea, Holkham Hall and back to Hunstanton via Brancaster. Anyone wanting to arrange a longer or different ride is welcome to do so or maybe you may want to stay in Hunstanton, after all it is a holiday resort. People will not be allocated into Saturday rides, people are free to make their own choices.

**Sunday** We will be riding in the same groups as the journey down, green, red and blue groups. I will be talking to the hostel about us having an early start and we may be 'away' between 07:00 and 07:30. The route is the same except we will be riding straight down the A149 main road to Kings Lynn, as the light Sunday morning traffic will make this possible, this will shave off four miles. Stops at Long Sutton and Bardney and possibly Elmton on the return. Again a flat route but if we are confronted by a stiff westerly wind, close peleton style riding will enable us to shelter from headwinds. The roads are very quiet and it is easy to do this.

**Other Stuff** Cost is £100 per person, anyone paying by cheque needs to make it payable to 'Sheffield District CTC' and post to me: B. Raynor, 18 Jordanthorpe View, Sheffield S8 8DY". People paying by bank transfer the CTC account number (Sort code 08-92-99; account number 65439483) with Co-operative Bank. Please email me if you have paid by bank transfer as I may not be aware. Cost for accelerated members (green group) is £130 per person and if proves popular could also result in two accelerated groups one riding to Bardney and accelerated, the other accelerated to Bardney then cycling. Thanks Barry