

Sunday 18 May 2008 – Tour of the Lincolnshire Wolds

Following on from the very successful Echo Challenge 100 in April the second ride in the Witham Wheelers Sportives calendar will take place on Sunday 18 May.

The route chosen is attached as a .pdf file and the ride will start and end in Spilsby. Unfortunately, due to the inclement weather and illness it has not been possible to carry out a test ride of the course so there may be a little bit of map reading on the although no major problems are envisaged.

Geoff Ellingworth has kindly offered to run the support vehicle again for the day and can we please request that riders bring any spare wheels etc that they have to help minimise any disruption to the ride.

Unfortunately, due to the logistical problems of running two groups so far away from home, we will only be running one group. The target speed for the day will be approx 17mph so riders are asked to assess whether they are comfortable with this pace before committing to the ride.

It is only planned to have one refuelling stop on the ride, at approximately 60 miles, and with the ride being in Lincolnshire it is envisaged that this will be at the side of the road so riders are asked to bring their own food and drink again which can be put in the van with Geoff. A full café or pub meal stop is planned for the end of the ride, location to be advised on the day, where riders can swap tall stories about which scalp they took on which climb etc etc.

The ride start time is planned for 9am from Spilsby so it will mean an early start to the day. Can all riders please meet at the Market Cross for 7.30am for the drive to Spilsby. There will be several vehicles that can accommodate two or three bikes e.g. Phil Atherton, Pete Pain and Geoff Ellingworth, so everyone should be able to cadge a lift out to the start. If anyone else can offer this facility it will be much appreciated.

In view of the need to arrange sufficient transport for the day can we please ask all riders who intend to take part to at least register their interest, it will not place an obligation upon anybody but will just help with the planning. Can you please text Phil Atherton on 07711 002172 to register your intention to take part in the day. As last time the cost will be £5 for members and free for juniors and will help with transport costs etc.