

**The Rising Sun Rideout led by Adrian Oldfield**  
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Leaving Lasham



Erica couldn't make it.



Beautiful trees en route....



.....to the open countryside.



The Fonthill Estate Arch at Fonthill Bishop.



Thatched cottage.



Tim rounding the bend.



Chippy dismounting.



The end of the ride – The Rising Sun on the A30 at Donhead St. Mary

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On the morning of Sunday 18th May, having conferred with the weather gods and got their assurance that they would be kind to us, seven bikes met at the Flight Deck café at Lasham ready for the first one hour leg of our pub lunch ride out.

At 10 o'clock promptly we set off west cross country, through back lanes and little villages until we hit the A30 just before it joins the A303, three miles on the 303 dual carriageway and then off skirting Micheldever and more lanes and villages before re-joining the A30 through Stockbridge and on to the Salt Deli café (formerly the Haven) where we had a half hour coffee break. Three members left us here but two more joined giving us six bikes for the second one hour leg.

We headed north of Salisbury through twisties and then dropped down to Wilton, where traffic can be bad but was actually OK. We once again joined the A30 for a few miles before following the B3089, an absolute joy, until Fonthill Bishop village where we turned through the impressive arched gateway to part of the 9,000 acres of Fonthill Estate, stunning views of the lake, obviously a very popular spot judging by the parked cars.

More picturesque villages with thatched cottages, where just to make sure that everyone was paying attention, I took a wrong turn and gave everyone the opportunity to practise a tight U turn. All reassembled, on once again before finally joining the A30 for our last five miles to the Rising Sun at Donhead St Mary. We were welcomed by our hosts Niky and Andy before settling down for a very leisurely lunch.

Having put the world to rights during lunch (you will have noticed the difference) we split up and made our various ways home. An enjoyable day and thanks to all those who took part.