

u3a Bike Rides

Brockwell Park to Kew Bridge

Tuesday 11th August 2026

Another beautiful day of sunshine, and thirteen assembled for the ride (Gerry not pictured above, but he is in the photo below!).

We'd had five others who wanted to come but for various reasons had to drop out, one being Eileen.

She had managed the recce ride despite not feeling well, but unfortunately she hadn't recovered sufficiently for the ride.

Andrew very kindly took her place as Co-Leader of the second group of riders.

The temperature was a perfect 25-26 degrees, and most of the ride was in the shade, following the river.



So across Clapham Common, down Cedars Road into Battersea Park (hydration and loo stop), to Albert Bridge, south side, joining the shared route adjacent to the Thames, heading west.

Very quiet on the path, lots of riverside activity with barges, we passed by the picturesque Grade I listed St Mary's Church Battersea, and witnessed a helicopter landing at the London Helipad just around the corner.

Under Wandsworth Bridge, through tree-lined Wandsworth Park, under Fulham Bridge and crossing the river over Putney Bridge, to enter Bishops Park and our coffee stop at the cafe.

Daniela kindly took the photo so that I could be in it.



Refreshed, it was on past Fulham Football Club, along the river past the River Cafe, past the Riverside Studios and plentiful pubs, to picturesque Chiswick Mall and then Pumping Station Road to Dukes Meadows and finally the traffic lights crossing the A316 Chertsey Road.

Safely over the lights, along quiet residential streets towards Grove Park and Strand on the Green, our final destination being the cafe by Kew Bridge, and the shady benches nearby overlooking the river for the picnic bringers.

Service at the cafe was unfortunately rather slow, despite it not being busy and forewarning them two days earlier of a group arriving around one o'clock, but it was a handy and pleasant location.

After lunch, Andrew and Jeremy opted to cycle back, and Gerry went to Kew Bridge Station, but for everyone else it was an easy ten minute cycle to Chiswick station, with trains to Waterloo, stopping at Clapham Junction and Vauxhall.

Ride Leader: Jane Andrew, Co-Lead: Andrew Burke.

Riders: Julie Stent, Tacey Kobayashi, Gerry Gavigan, Joanne Skidwalls, Peter Le Voir, Jeremy Burke, Brin Heatley, Daniela Walther, Josie Ralph, Denise & John Davies.

Ride route recorded on Outdoor Active, total 25.4km, a moderate ride with minimal elevation.

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