

## **CTC Lancaster & South Lakes**

### **2022 Club Holiday Report**

Between 20<sup>th</sup> and 27<sup>th</sup> May 2022, the club annual holiday took on a southern flavour. As a base, the Vale of Evesham provided a varied choice of cycling terrains for the 20 members who took part. We stayed in five chalets at the Avondale Holiday Lodges at Offenham on the edge of Evesham, and enjoyed excellent weather throughout. The chalets were well equipped and the site provided a huge barn to lock our bikes away overnight.

For the energetic, the northern Cotswolds provided some challenging climbs, with great views over the plains. Rides here took in Cheltenham and the escarpment to the west of Moreton in Marsh, calling at chocolate-box villages such as Winchcombe and Chipping Campden for refreshments. A highlight was the gardens at Sezincote, with the option to look around the Indian-style stately home. Tewkesbury was another popular destination, as was Upton-on Severn. The first weekend coincided with the Alcester food festival, which served as a coffee stop before continuing to lunch at a farm shop in Wooton Wawen in Warwickshire.

The Gloucestershire and Warwickshire heritage railway was also popular as a day out with a difference, after cycling to Winchcombe. The cycleway along a disused line took us safely in and out of Stratford -on Avon. Unusually, we didn't manage to explore all the lanes, notably those in the Worcester direction. However, we did pay a lot of attention to the lanes east of our base, in pursuit of Jean's 30 plus mile orienteering course. Some donned boots for an 8 mile walk in the Malverns, led by Pete and Gail. Thanks to all those who led the rides and walks.

Evening entertainments again featured as an important part of the holiday. Thanks to Liz and Dave for the challenging quizzes, to Andy and Dave for the musical evening, and to Gail for organising an evening meal at a nearby pub.

Finding suitable affordable accommodation is getting more difficult each year. Fingers crossed we will be able to arrange another great holiday in 2023.

Patience Cooper, Social Secretary



