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ASHFORD-IN-THE-WATER

Road Captain Brian Mason had worked at this one. He originally planned to set off from the McDonald's at Hattersley, but the road conditions weren't good on his recce and he decided to change it to set off from McDonald's at Sandy Lane Stockport. The brief, emailed out to everyone, said so with the set-off point in bold. You couldn't miss it.

And so it came to pass that 15 bikes set off from Sandy Lane, Stockport, with Brian leading us through Marple, Hawk Green, onto the Buxton Road then down Winnats Pass, through Castleton, the Chatsworth Estate, Baslow & Bakewell before arriving at Ashford-in-the-Water.

The weather was perfect on this Easter Sunday and the route was beautiful (as the combined populations of the Midlands and North West will testify, because they were all in the Peak District with us).



As we pulled into Ashford, we were greeted by two very familiar faces. Our very own Dave Barr and John Ryan, who'd had an alternative interpretation of the set-off point. Yes, you've got it - they went to Hattersley!!

Never mind. Cakes awaited at the Aisseford Tea Room (Brian again doing his homework to make sure they were expecting us). Tables were reserved, sticky buns were eaten and bad jokes were told by Dave Nolan.



At this point, I have to confess, that Mrs Historian and I had to leave to get back home as we were double booked. Popularity isn't all it's cracked up to be.

Brian had another great route lined up for the return leg, through Wardlow, Chapel En Le Frith, Hayfield, and Broadbottom before terminating at McDonalds in Hattersley.

Hattersley revisited - for some.

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