



## Jacks Hill Café December 2016

And so to Jacks Hill Café, led by Roger, on a morning that proved to be gloomier and dirtier than most of us anticipated. It was a route to remember the adage that *there are old bikers and bold bikers but few old, bold bikers* and to that end Roger set a steady pace as we picked our way between the patches of mud and gunk along slick lanes.

About eleven CWAMs made it to the Long Itch by 9:30, a couple more screamed up as we were preparing to leave and Lay-a-bed Hubbard was so late he met us at Jacks Hill having taken the clean option of a dry A5. Down the A423 then off on minor roads to Wormleighton, Aston le Walls, Weedon Lois and Wappenham to Towcester.

Timing our arrival at Jacks Hill nicely, just before an influx, we were able to grab a group of tables close together which was very companionable. Tea drunk, food consumed, mandatory picture taken and we were off.



Up the A5, left to Cold Higham, Maidford, then along our old favourite Welsh Road at a more sedate speed than usual, through Preston Capes and Marston Doles to Southam. Back at Long Itch, our bikes and boots caked in muck looked as if they'd been on a Steve Draper rideout. Nevertheless it was a fine end to our rideout schedule for 2016 with the welcome addition of a couple of new faces who will hopefully join us on our many ventures on the open road next year. Thanks to Roger for leading and Keith at the rear.

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