

32nd Annual Sulley Rides

Sunday 12th March

The 32nd annual Sulley Rides were held on Sunday 12th March, 2023 starting and finishing at Lutterworth Town Hall. The rides are reliability rides held each year over a choice of four distances. Thankfully the weather was dry and the sun broke through from time to time, although there was a cool south-westerly breeze. This year 45 participants took part in the rides, with three helpers and two visitors who came along to support the event, so 50 people in total. Neil Dixon's article in the *Cycle* magazine generated quite a lot of interest, as did the Facebook page suggested by John Catt which was set up in January.

18 people rode the 100km route, 7 rode the 70km route, 16 rode the 50km route, and 4 rode the 30km route, so a reasonable spread across the four distances. In addition to local riders we were joined by participants from Birmingham, Nottingham and as far away as Salisbury. Several people who had travelled from farther afield to ride the event commented on how enjoyable and picturesque the routes were, and several hope to be back next year. Tea, coffee, cake and biscuits were served all day at the Town Hall which proved to be very popular with all the participants!

Thank you to everyone from Leicestershire & Rutland who rode this year, and we look forward to seeing everyone next March for the 33rd annual Sulley Rides.

Robert Sulley

Robert and Fiona Sulley, standing behind the table, serve a welcome cuppa at the finish.

