

May 2006 Bristol Folding Bike Ride

On a changeable day with spits and spots of rain Nia my 10 year old daughter (Brompton) and me on the GoBike met up with the usual suspects plus a few new faces (including a lovely pair of restored Moultons). After a long and expensive chinwag in the Café we set off only to stop a mile later at a pub near Bristol Temple Meads Station.

This Wetherspoon's pub looks like it could become the new meeting place. It's a lot cheaper than the framing centre, very good for locking the bikes up and keeping an eye on them and it's also easy to find for those arriving by train.

After eating Nia said "When are going on this ride then?" & of us decided to break away, but then due to a few spots of rain this whittled down to 5 of us.

So it was that Bob (MTB) & Sue (Rohloff Brompton) led Mike Roberts (Dahon), Nia and I down the River Avon to the Black Horse in Clapton in Gordano, then via Clevedon to Nailsea where we marvelled at Bob & Sue's collection bikes (all with nicknames!) Bob led us on another Brompton to a local Chippie and then we followed Bob & Sue on there Thorn Tandem to The Blue Flame (one of my favourite pubs).

Bob & Sue kindly put us up for the night. Nia and I had a nice Sunday morning ride around Bristol docks with a harbour-side breakfast and saw a nice Bickerton locked up near the Marina on the way back to the car.

We were very lucky not to get a soaking, as it poured down with rain just a few miles away! I was not so lucky, as I fell off the GoBike after my wheel dropped into a deep rut. Unfortunately it broke the lens on my new B & M Ixon LED headlight, bugger!









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