



2017 witnessed a successful attempt at forming a ladies group inside our well established male predominated riders group. Why such a venture?

Anyone watching the departure of our Social Sunday rides from Tesco Milton Car Park will have noticed the riders and their powerful shiny bikes and among them a very small number of ladies riding pillion and only 2 female riders. And if this anonymous witness is a female, she may have been daunted or put off joining this otherwise friendly, supportive and fun group

So back in July 2017, we contacted those elusive ladies who are fully fledged members of IAM to suggest a ladies-only ride on a Saturday morning. We got 4 enthusiastic replies and on a sunny Saturday morning, we met at Tesco Milton. Bikes on the departure line were not as powerful as the ones ridden by our usual fellow riders but nonetheless were respectable 500 to 750cc, spotlessly clean and ready to roar

After a successful ride through Thetford forest and the Fens with an early lunch stop at Brown's in Munford, two more rides were scheduled:

- In September, to Grafham water for lunch at the Harbour View Cafe back via The Giddings, Ramsey and Bluntisham for tea and cake
- In October, an all-day ride to Stonham Barns in Suffolk through beautiful and challenging tourist routes with a comfortable break for lunch and a spot of pre-Christmas shopping

We met again early December, not on our bikes this time, at the Old Spring in Cambridge for our Christmas dinner and spent an agreeable chatty evening, making plans for 2018. The ladies' resolution for the New Year was to commit to a monthly Ladies only ride, weather permitting, and to take part in Social Sunday rides more often as riding in a mixed group is challenging, enormously enriching as well as fun and nothing to be scared about

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