**Awayday circular ride from Faversham via Whitstable Bay and Canterbury on Saturday 27th July 2024**

**Mission**
To cycle this enjoyable ride in three phases covering a total distance of about 30 miles.

**Phase 1** will be to cycle on quiet roads from Faversham to reach the Kent coast at Sea Salter and on to Whitstable beach where we will stop for an hour.
**Phase 2** will be to cycle from Whitstable to Canterbury along the iconic and scenic ‘Crab & Winkle Way’ off road route. This uses a disused railway line. Note parts involve a brief climb on unsurfaced woodland tracks.
**Phase 3** will be from Canterbury back to Faversham along the river Stour on quiet roads with a few gentle climbs.
**This ride is suitable for competent and experienced riders**.

**Coordinating Instructions and Timings**Riders will depart from the main entrance of Faversham Station at 10.00am on Saturday 27th July. We expect to finish back at Faversham Station by 4.30pm.
Please note that the finish time back at Faversham cannot be guaranteed in the event of unforeseen random issues on the day. This is not a suitable ride for any riders with a tight agenda that afternoon/evening.

**Transport**Faversham Station is easily accessible by train and car and has its own car park at the rear.
Riders coming by train are advised to book their return rail ticket to Faversham station in advance.
Most Trains are from Victoria Station and travel via Bromley South station with a journey time of approximately 1hr 15minutes.

**Rations and Water**
We will stop at approx. midday for fish & chips etc on Whitstable Seafront at the Old Neptune Pub. Riders are welcome to bring their own picnics.
We may stop later in Canterbury for a cup of tea before returning to Faversham if time permits.

**ABC bike checks**
Due to the rural nature of our route, Riders are urged to carry-out a basic pre-check of their bikes serviceability before the event. A = Air in tyres, B = Brakes, C= Chain & gears etc as there are no obvious cycle repair shops available on our route except for in central Canterbury.

**Equipment**
Riders are advised to bring: Water, a fleece, waterproof jacket & trousers, a bike lock & cycle lights.

**Communications**
Feel free to contact Jamie beforehand at **jamie.pedrick@outlook.com** with any queries regarding this event. I will also be contactable on the day by phone: **07976 803741**.