

Christmas Luncheon. At the Cobbled Corner café – Chipping Sun. 11th Dec 04

25 members – amongst them 3 ladies this year – attended the luncheon organised by Roy. This was once-upon-a-time an all-male event but last year ladies were invited and I, for one, am glad “they” opened their ranks and “let” us attend – for it was a really good Christmas luncheon for the princely sum of £10 each – and this included the gratuity for the staff of the café who waited upon us in an excellent manner. We were even entertained to a few jokes from an old-time member Jimmy Lea. Most of those who attended the luncheon had ridden out to the venue via the Trough, calling in first of all at Scorton for the obligatory coffee and granary toast. Many thanks Roy for organising a good “do” for us. A good start for the festive season.

The Lads on top of the Trough



A White Christmas 2004

The Boxing Day “10”



They promised a white Christmas and that is exactly what we got and it looked beautiful. We spent Christmas evening with Frank and Margaret Peacock who thoughtfully had asked us to stay the night following a scrumptious Christmas dinner, and thank goodness they had as the temperature dropped and the road became a solid sheet of ice. The following day we left Bamber Bridge for the Boxing Day “10” venue feeling for sure that this would have been cancelled because of the bad conditions and sure enough it had been. Terry had declared he could not be responsible for running an event in such conditions and those who did arrive at the venue did so with no intention of riding! A goodly number of members sampled the hospitality of the White Hart at Barton and one of our members Mark Grundy arrived at the pub having ridden from Withy Trees on an Old Ordinary (Penny Farthing), which he declared to have been rather treacherous to mount! As far as I am aware everyone got home safely - In spite of the bad conditions.