

## Ride 4 – Mortlake to Fulham Palace

From Mortlake Station take the road north and then right at the roundabout. Stop at Tapestry Court opposite the church to find the plaque commemorating Mortlake Tapestry works which produced fine tapestries for the Stuart court. ( There are some in the Victoria and Albert museum). This is also the site of the house of Dr John Dee astrologer to Queen Elizabeth I.

Continue to Barnes Riverside, noting the house of the composer Gustav Holst, and then take the track continuing along the riverside as the road veers away. On Your right “Leg of Mutton” reservoir now a nature reserve. Pass under Hammersmith Bridge and keep on to the improved track.

As you reach the tarmac of Putney you cross over the Beverly Brook. At the end of the embankment note the cycle by-pass to no entry.

Cross Putney Bridge and immediately turn left through Bishops Park. Park at the entrance to Fulham Palace . This is the medieval home of the Bishops of London. There is a museum and Tea Rooms and a fine garden.

Return through the park and take the path under the road. Recross Putney Bridge and turn right at the lights to regain the embankment (care needed here ). Shortly after crossing Beverly Brook turn left along Queen Elizabeth's Walk. You are passing between the London Wetland Centre ( with impressive cycle parking) and Barn Elms once the home of Elizabeth's Spymaster , Sir Francis Walsingham.

Go straight across at the lights into Barnes and after the pond follow take Station Rd to the left.

Turn right into Brookwood Avenue and then walk under the railway line into Westfields Avenue. Go straight ahead into North Worple Way.

At the catholic church dismount and look for the tomb of Sir Richard Burton, explorer and translator of “The Arabian Nights in the form of an Arab tent.

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