Introduction

This is a most interesting ride which includes two totally different aspects of the Huntingdonshire countryside, within a few miles. The south and west part of the ride is relatively hilly, with one or two steep slopes, where you may need to use low gears. However the reward is marvellous panoramic views from high ground. By way of contrast, the east and north part of the ride, around Ramsey, is in real fen country. It is on flat, straight roads which are set above the level of the fields and there are uninterrupted views in this sparsely populated area.

- Cover photo shows Ramsey

Points of Interest

Wennington (A)
- A small, pretty hamlet with many thatched cottages and a duck pond. Note the Victorian post-box, set in the wall of a barn, a short way along the road to Abbots Ripton.

Warboys (B-D)
- The clock tower dates from 1887 and commemorates the Golden Jubilee of Queen Victoria (C). A short detour south along the B1040, leads to a 17th century manor house with Dutch gables, which stands next to the 13th century church. The church has a stained glass window, a memorial to No. 156 Squadron of the Pathfinder Force, which flew from the nearby airfield. A little way further south, to the west of the road are two Pathfinder Force memorial stones, which stand at the entrance to the former airfield, now the entrance to Tithe Farm.

Fen Road (D)
- This road is above the level of the surrounding Fen with its wide skyline.

Ramsey Forty Foot (E)
- Just before the T-junction, on the right, is a "pill box" - a gun emplacement from World War II. This was constructed in 1940 when the country was threatened with invasion.

Bodsey House (F)
- On the right is Bodsey Farm. This dates from the 13th century and was once the country house of the Abbots of Ramsey.

Ramsey (G)
- The Abbey Gatehouse is 16th century and is owned by the National Trust.
- St Thomas à Becket of Canterbury church was originally a guest house or hospital of the abbey.
- The excellent Ramsey Rural Museum is run by volunteers and is open to visitors in the summer. Tel 01487 814304 for opening times.
- The stylish clock tower in Great Whyte was erected in 1888, in honour of the first Baron de Ramsey.

Getting Here...

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**The Route**

1. **Sawtry to Little Raveley**
   Leave SAWTRY southwards, using St Judith’s Lane towards Coppingford. At the end, turn left and cross the A1(M) bridge. At the next roundabout take the 2nd exit towards Woodwalton. At about 2½ miles climb Walton Hill. At the hilltop, turn left on the B1090. To the left is a beautiful view. At about ½ mile turn left again and go through WENNINGTON (A) to LITTLE RAVELEY. Turn left towards Great Raveley.

2. **Little Raveley to Warboys**
   At about ½ mile turn right signposted Wistow. At a T-junction turn left to WISTOW. Just beyond the church turn right for about ½ mile to a T-junction with the B1040. Turn right for 1½ miles to WARBOYS.

3. **Warboys to Ramsey Forty Foot**
   Soon turn left again, still in Station Road. Go straight ahead to descend to a typical fen road (D) for nearly 3 miles to an offset crossroads. Turn left (no signpost, but first left turn in 3 miles!) into Ramsey Hollow for 1 mile to a T-junction where you turn right to RAMSEY FORTY FOOT (The George Inn) (E).

4. **Ramsey Forty Foot to Ramsey**
   Turn left (no sign post) for about ½ mile, then turn right (signposted Ramsey Mereside and Pondersbridge). At about ½ mile a turning to the right soon leads to the 13th century Bodsey House (F). If you are not detouring there keep forward to RAMSEY (G). At a T-junction turn left into Great Whyte.

5. **Ramsey to Great Raveley**
   At the end of Great Whyte turn right on the B1040 southwards. At about 1 mile, where the road bends left at the White Lion, turn right (H). At about 2 miles, beyond all of the former airfield buildings (I) turn right (signposted Ramsey Heights) and soon left into UPWOOD High Street, to pass the church and the 17th century Manor House opposite. The road bends left, becoming Meadow Road, and leads back to the Huntingdon Road. Turn right onto the main road, signposted ‘Little Raveley’, which leads to GREAT RAVELEY (J).

6. **Great Raveley to Sawtry**
   Turn right to WOODWALTON. On the way, at about 2 miles is a surprise hill, at the top of which it is worth stopping to enjoy the panoramic view (K) before descending to the village (L). Keep forward under the railway arch to a T-junction, and then turn right, signposted Alconbury, towards Sawtry for 2 miles.

At a roundabout, take the 2nd exit towards Coppingford, then at ½ mile turn right into St Judith’s Lane (which has no signpost) to SAWTRY.

**Possible short cut**
From Little Raveley to Great Raveley, to give a circuit of 13 miles:

At the beginning of Section 1, keep forward to Great Raveley. Turn left to WOODWALTON to rejoin the main ride in Section 6.