

### U3A cycling August outing

On Wednesday, August 8, five of us gathered by the cricket pitch in Low Bradfield and set off on Annet Lane, the direct route to the head of the valley.

We turned off to the left before the climb got impossible (we have been there before!) on to Blindsight Lane. (What does that mean?) Huge gnarled deciduous trees meeting overhead, as if in a milder climate than ours, then out onto the wide-open spaces that we are more used to.

Then left and left again onto Hoar Stones Road, (I can make a reasonable guess as to what that means) making a second visual sweep across the beautiful valley of Bradfield (both of them). Over the top to Ughill, then twisting steeply down to the stream and steeply back up again, in due course crashing down the abrupt hairpin to Damflask Reservoir. I have never yet gone through the stone wall and into the sitting room, (if you have seen the house you know what I am talking about) but I always think I am going to.

Tea and a scone at the garden centre at the foot of West Lane. A good thing too. West Lane is very long and very steep but eventually we got to the top.

Then an amazingly long swoop down to High Bradfield followed by another to Low Bradfield. Had we climbed as far as that? We must have.