

Margaret's City Ride

Just three of us (Margaret, Steve and I) set off from Hackney Wick; the adverse weather forecast seems to have had an effect. It was not long before we arrived at the Olympic Stadium on a traffic free route; had a good look at the outside of the Velodrome, main stadium and Aquadrome.

After coffee proceeded onto the Greenway (great cycle route) past a Victorian pumping station and eventually onto the riverbank not far from the Excel Centre. The cable car 'flight' high over the Thames afforded great views to the City; the Shard, Gherkin etc, also City Airport, Thames Barrier and beyond. Onwards through Greenwich, past the Cutty Sark, Royal Naval College, and the Old Brewery, returning across the river via the Rotherhithe Tunnel (lifts working both sides); lunch at The Grapes (old pub onto the river). After lunch we followed the river, past the Tower (lots of tourists), then into the City, passing by Lloyds Bank of England, St. Pauls, Lincolns Inn Fields, to mention but a few, arriving at Euston Square Station before 4 to catch our trains; a good day out, highly recommended.

Frances