

The January cycling calendar for Cycle Ayrshire ladies has been empty for years. Feeling that it was just too big a gap, the coordinator slotted in the first Ladies Only Do-It-Yourself ride last Saturday (20th), nominating the Eden Garden Centre at Dundonald as the meeting point.

It was a fortuitous choice as it was snow-free and five of the eight arrivals did so by bike from as far afield as Mossblown.

The cyclists' number increased when one of the three car-borne diners was encouraged to get her bike out of the car and team up with others as far as Troon in the afternoon. This new venture once again demonstrated the intrepid streak that is increasingly shown by the group's growing band of ladies.

A Twenty's Plenty was scheduled for the following day from Kilmarnock's Dean Park. Having regard for the weather forecast of more snow and the presence of icy patches in the area the leader decided to cancel.

The announcement was made via Facebook but, on the day, a couple of members were at the start to explain things if anyone turned up.

No-one did and they witnessed the wisdom of the decision as snow fell continuously. Thus passed the opportunity to brand another section of Cycle Ayrshire as intrepid.