

EARLY SEASON TOURIST TRIAL - MARCH 28th 2010

The alarm shattered my dreams at 6.00AM.

Why was it still dark? Why so early? Oh yes. It was the first day of British summertime and today was TT Day.



So, it was quick A&B (ablutions & breakfast), pick up Janet at 7.30 AM and away to Kinnerton to collect the scout hut keys to **open gates & doors** for the day's event.



The 1st team soon had the tea boiler working



and began to **set tables and chairs** in anticipation for the usual far too early arrivals.

Panic phone calls from riders, "Where is Kinnerton?" were dealt with calmly by **Janet, TT 2010 i/c.**



2nd team, kitchen and car park duties arrived on time



The **'admin team'** set out their paperwork well in time for the first riders to sign in before passing to the **'transit team'** for checking and grouping.

Finally, **each group was escorted to 'departure i/c'** to start on their 50 mile ride in 4 or 5 hours.

Soon, all 150 plus riders were **'processed'** and on their way to:



The first marshalling point at Chorlton

to be patiently checked and counted by a roadside team who, no doubt, found it cold even on this first day of 'summer time.'



Lunch at Overton, was check point 3,



where another **eagle eyed checking team and cycle parking supervisor**, did a fine job and ate their own sandwiches at the same time!



Lunch at Overton

The weather held, if a little windy I believe, for the ride back to Kinnerton, where the **'final arrivals team'**, checked the riding times and presented the personal certificates.



Collecting Souvenir Certificates

A very welcome hot cup of tea from the kitchen, and much discussion about the day's ride, completed the day.



Several teams, family and club,

posed for photographs, which were emailed to them within 48 hours, if the given address proved to be correct!



What a wonderful day! **Thanks and congratulations to everyone, rider or admin**, but particularly to **Janet** who made sure everything was right on the day.

Bob Witton

Photos by Bob Witton, Sue Booth and Glennys Hammond

(More photos in the Photo Gallery)