

## CTC Cymru Treasure Hunt and Map Reading Competitions

Denbigh - 1<sup>st</sup> May 2010

This year the event Headquarters was Y Pantri, a cafe on Denbigh High Street. In spite of the poor weather forecast competitors started arriving at 9 am, most keen to have at least a cup of tea or coffee before the start. The first riders set off at 9.30am (mainly those keen to get back in good time for the map reading), whilst others had a more relaxed approach. Janet Gregory, who had come by train to Prestatyn and then ridden to Denbigh, had a well-deserved breakfast before heading out to track down the clues.

The route was a rough figure of 8 which went out towards Trefnant before returning to Denbigh via Henllan. The second loop went out past the old hospital to Prion, then through the lanes before climbing back to the cafe.

Most of the ten riders who took part in the Treasure Hunt were from Chester and North Wales. Everyone managed to get well over half of the answers correct.



Mike Batchelor (West London) won scored 34 out of a possible 35,

Alan Mort was second and there was a three way tie for 3<sup>rd</sup> place between Darryl Porrino, Ifor Jones and Peter Scoular (Hereford & Worcs).



Glynn Jones and Anne Jones rode together and won the team prize.



At 1 o'clock the grid references and instructions were handed out for the map reading, and after 15 minutes the riders were allowed to set off. Six riders took part, all aiming to count the number of place names on specific direction signs posts.

Four of the riders managed to return within the 2 hour time limit, Ifor Jones timed it to perfection arriving to hand in his sheet just 5 seconds before the deadline (as timed by the cafe wall clock).



Once again Mike Batchelor (the current Tourist Competition winner) won the event in spite of some confusion over Pentre Llanrhaeadr.

Alan Mort and Darryl Porrino were equal second, followed by Peter Scoular, Ifor Jones and Diane Clarke.



Mike and Pam Cross came to the cafe, complete with camera and chain of office, and presented the prizes outside in the sunshine.



Thanks are due to everyone who supported the event by riding, also to Alun Jones who helped at the control and took photographs during the day.

Lowri Evans