

## **The Triennial Veterans' 100 – 4<sup>th</sup> July 2010**

The above circular ride was held on 25<sup>th</sup> July 2010 based at Higher Kinnerton, near Chester. The weather was fine, but conditions were difficult for the outward trip with a strong SW headwind.

114 entries were received, of whom 12 cancelled prior to the event due in most cases to injuries, such as crashes and pulled muscles received whilst cycling; as we are dealing with veterans, perhaps this is not so surprising. Of the remaining 102 entrants, 7 failed to come to the line leaving 94 who completed the ride. The 1 remaining entrant was a physically handicapped man who managed 67 miles riding his recumbent. As he had never ridden more than 25 miles at one go before, this was a considerable achievement. The riders seem to have enjoyed the rides, with many saying that the excellent food at the lunch and tea stops alone made the effort worthwhile.

Despite the considerable amount of work that goes into the organisation of the ride, the level of enjoyment that the riders have is largely governed by the group leaders, and how they carry out this vital job. I'm happy to say that the way the leaders carried out their duties has been commented on very favourably by many of the riders.

It would be remiss of me not to mention the invaluable help I received from the team of people who assisted me with 11ses, car parking, the sagwagon, photos of the event, and refreshments at the Scout HQ. I have received several letters from riders who asked that their thanks to these helpers and the group leaders should be passed on, and I have much pleasure in doing so here.

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