

Leigh Arms, Acton Bridge – 21st October 2012

From Brian S...

On my arrival at the **Eureka** on a very foggy morning (early for a change – a special effort as I was leading) there didn't seem to be many of the usual faces. I thought the fog had put people off. People suddenly appeared with lots of new faces from the **Tuesday Group**. There were so many we divided the group - myself leading the first and **Janet** the second. Because of a puncture in **Janet's** group some riders became separated. On arrival at the **Leigh Arms** I was surprised to see how many were there including some of the **Mold Group**. **Janet** with the second group came in later having arrived via a different route. The **Leigh Arms** staff were very accommodating and the food and service excellent.

We continued our ride along the **River Weaver** - the autumn colour making it very picturesque in the sun - crossed over at **Dutton Locks** and under the great **rail viaduct**. We headed towards **Norley** and **Delamere Visitor Centre** for a short stop then on to **Ashton Hays**, **Great Barrow**, **Stamford Bridge**, **Guilden Sutton**, the **Greenway** and back to the **Eureka** in time for a cup off tea. Thanks **Janet** for taking the second group. It's a pity the group became separated.

From Janet...

I wasn't expecting such a huge turnout of riders, and have to agree with **Brian S**. It was rather surprising given the poor weather at the start. Certainly we need leaders to wait at junctions for riders to catch up. Our leading group was disappearing into the mist long before we suffered a puncture. Eventually the day brightened up and we saw some sunshine. **Roy** stepped into the breach and led the separated group to the pub.

The mind never rests here or is it something to do with control? I thought I could add to **Brian's** bit by naming some of the extra faces today who were from **Wirral Cycling Campaign**. Some were, in fact familiar, but just hadn't been out on Sunday for a while. **Chris Harris** was fresh from his marathon success and **Margaret** and **Graham** also joined us. The **Mold** riders numbered 4 (I think) and an arrangement made to meet up with us I'd long forgotten - and no-one bothered to remind me.

The other newcomers are not so new now, younger couples **Helen** and **Glenn** plus **Dave** and **Janet** and yes, they have come to us through the **Tuesday group**. **Chris Hale** re-appeared today having joined **CTC**. I'm adding him now to our email circulation. **Peter Williams** made his own way with his granddaughter, **Olivia**.

From Glennys...

Bob W led a smaller 'unofficial breakaway group' of 6, (including myself) who met up (car-assisted) at the '**Elvis**' café – now **Christine's** (?), and had a very pleasant ride through **Delamere Forest** and **Crowton** (twice or was it three times Bob?) to **Acton Bridge**.

The **official** route was about 55 miles. There are no photos unfortunately. Below is the **Garmin route** for the group led by **Janet**.

Click <http://goo.gl/e1h0e> to see the route.