

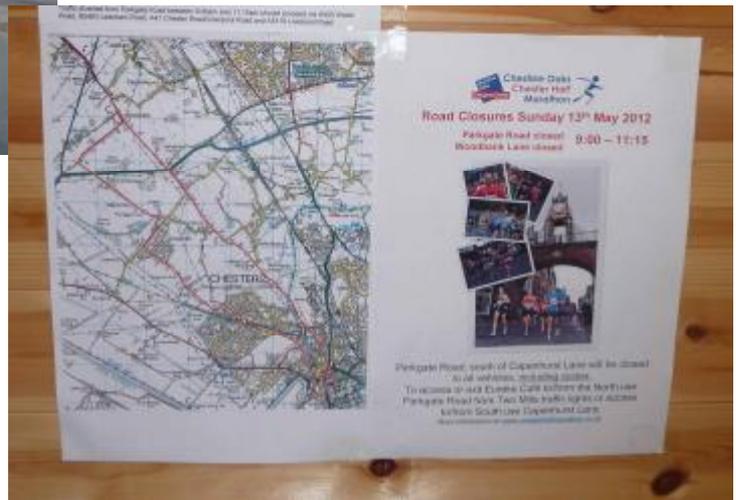
BANGOR-ON- DEE - 13th MAY 2012

With the barometer reading 1040 millibars (highest of the year), a good forecast and a popular destination, we looked forward to a good day's ride.



Things did not start off too well however: we were greeted with a "Road Closed" sign on the Chester Road, just before the Eureka café.

Fortunately, full information for the road closure was posted in the café; a half-marathon, starting just after Chapel Lane, so Woodbank Lane and our normal routes to the cycleways were inaccessible. Roy, our leader, had no alternative but to re-route to the north of Chester before turning south towards Bangor.



A much needed and belated 11ses at Saighton enabled us to watch another cycling road race pass us: at least two bunches and a breakaway up the hill.



A very enthusiastic crowd of local supporters from local clubs completed the picture.



On then we rode to The Buck Inn, where we were greeted by a large number of potential customers, who had obviously arrived well before us.

“Will there be enough room for us?” asked Roy. (It’s worth mentioning here that ‘us’ were 9 people, 5 female and 4 male. Is that a record?) “Oh yes” replied our host.” It’s the prize presentation for the local football club, so we had organised a BBQ in the tents for them.



Tents for the B-b-Q at The Buck



Setting off home across the bridge

You have your usual room off the bar”. So that was a relief!



After lunch we dutifully walked across the narrow river bridge before posing for a photo. A very pleasant ride home through the lanes on a perfect afternoon, helped by a strong following wind, completed an excellent day.

Thanks Roy.

Bob Witton

Click <http://goo.gl/KBt0m> to see the route.