

Picnic Ride – 21st August 2011

“C. T. C - Stands for coffee, tea and cake doesn't it? Well the thirty six or so members and friends who gathered at the **Eureka** on a sunny Sunday morning obviously thought so and they were not disappointed.



A dozen or so of the **Wirral Bicycle Belles** attended, (prompted by Janet the previous day) and posed for a photo by the café entrance.



Outside the Eureka



Due to the numbers involved, **ride leaders Andy Blomfield and Peter Williams** split the group in half and sensibly left a sizeable time gap on departure between each group.



Both Groups on the way



A very easy paced ride down to the **Dee at Chester** followed where tea, coffee and biscuits were dispensed near the **Bandstand**, much to the bemusement of the Sunday morning crowds, by part of today's catering crew, **Margaret Blakeborough and Graham James**.



11ses on the river front



All the hot water seemed to be coming from a selection of thermos flasks, yet there was ample tea and or coffee for everyone. How did they do that?

Suitably refreshed, both groups moved on via the **River Dee path** and **Greenway** to the designated picnic site at **Guilden Sutton** in a farm field down a track (organised by Graham), where the rest of the catering crew, **Debbie and Keith Taverner** had set up trestle tables under a gazebo, groaning with a tasty selection of salads, sandwiches, quiches, sausage rolls, bread rolls and cheeses,, and a seemingly endless supply of tea and coffee as well as bottled beer and water. If that were not enough, a mouth watering selection of fruit and cake together with scones with jam and cream followed.



Enjoying the scrumptious picnic

Chatting and munching



The catering team had certainly pulled out all the stops and we were more than content with the end result.

Our **President Mike Cross**, in attendance with his wife Pam, addressed the assembled cyclists, formally welcoming everyone to this, by now annual event and adding in a couple of “commercials” of his own concerning forthcoming cycle events, especially the **“President’s ride” scheduled for 11th September 2011.**



The weather remained kind with warm sun throughout the proceedings, and an earlier than usual return to **Two Mills** at 3pm saw an almost exact 30 miles covered. The whole event ran like clockwork and once again our grateful thanks to the catering team, ride leaders and all who contributed to the day’s success.”

Brian Joyce