

## The Plassey (Bob's Birthday Ride!) - 2<sup>nd</sup> October 2011

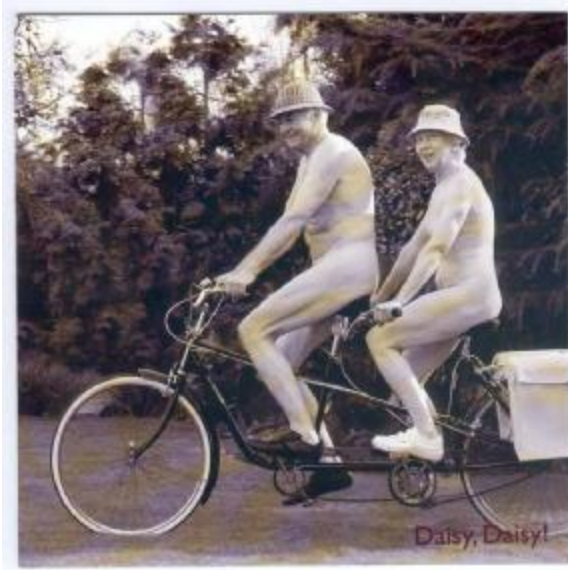
It's been a funny old week: as late as Saturday temperatures were still were they had been for several days. **HOT**.



91° F, or for those that are not familiar with German, 33° C - a record for October.



Sunday however, dawned wet and windy for my annual ride to **The Plassey**, but at **The Eureka** I was presented with a **lovely birthday card**, signed



by many CTC Two Mills members. Thanks, I thought the muscle definition was superb!

Anyway, it had stopped raining by now, so off we went. It is worth noting that the gentlemen were again outnumbered by the ladies 8 to 5! Is this all due to the success of **The Bicycle Belles**, we ask ourselves?



A familiar route led us to a late 11ses at **Pulford church**



followed by a less familiar ride to arrive at The Plassey for 1.00 pm. Lunch. Some ate slowly cooked conventional food; others had a quick sandwich behind the hedge!



But we all joined again to enjoy the splendid l'objet d'art in the garden. An odd lookout tower, interesting tree carvings and a little poem tied to a Mulberry tree.



I didn't get a birthday cake with my lunch (more of that later) but a group photo with suitable banner had been arranged.

Lunch and such frivolities over, I chose a new route home, mixing narrow lanes and a few B roads, just getting us back to **The Eureka** before closing time.



Later that evening, I did get a birthday cake, after enjoying **my favourite meal, a fish curry**, prepared by my son-in-law.



A perfect end to the day!



One quick mention of an unusual present I received: a **photo frame** fashioned from **recycled cycle chain**. I understand other such items, made from chains are available.

Whatever next?

**Bob**

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