

Two Mills Midsummer Treasure Hunt – 21st June 2011

We chose the summer solstice to hold our annual treasure hunt. Dark clouds were threatening, though, as the competitors arrived for the start from 18.30pm at **Pollards pub in Willaston**.



The first to register travelled the furthest – from Ruthin, Wrexham, Anglesey and even London! Collecting points for the CTC Tourist Competition is serious business.



Janet was pretty serious, collecting the entry fee and a signature.



Ann and Barbara were more relaxed over a drink.



So what is involved in this treasure hunt?

Cyclists are spotted reading bits of paper,

Scribbling,

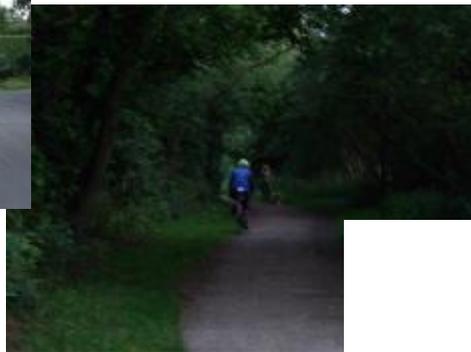


in team
talk,



deep thought,

and, just occasionally, riding a bike,



but very slowly.

The route took in the front at Parkgate and a dramatic skyline across the Dee estuary.



Parkgate



Competitors went to great lengths to look for clues.

Hours later, they returned in the twilight to the pub.



They are still smiling, though



and bikes abandoned in favour of the sandwiches inside,

The answers had to be marked which required a team effort monitored carefully by Ann who had designed the scenic route and those cryptic clues.



What about the results?

It was very, very close. **Mike Batchelor** from CTC West London won the individual competition with a score of 33 out of 35.

Our own **Andy Polakowski** and **Lowri Evans** both scored 32 to take joint second place. Most competitors had paired into teams. **Carol and Mark Morrison** scored 33 and **Bill Neary and Roger Dale** came a close second with 32 points.



The family competition was won by **Paul, Pat and Celina**

They had to abandon early due to homework commitments.

Well done everyone who took part and the volunteers who helped make it an enjoyable evening despite the poor summer weather.

Words here are by the event organiser, **Janet Gregory**. Photographs courtesy of **Tricia Seddon**.