

Waterways Garden Centre and Barbara's Birthday

20th March 2011

Talking of old things: there was a meeting of **Veteran cyclists** and their **vintage machines** at The Eureka Café this week. We had left before most had arrived but one machine had a shaft drive and a **candle burning front lamp!**

Jill was again leader this week, very popular, 25 or so followers rode via a new, flatter route to Hildegard's Café at Waterways Garden Centre, Borrás.



HILDEGARD'S CAFÉ

We were pre-booked for a **75th birthday lunch for Barbara**. So, once 'the sandwich eaters' had finished their lunch in a garden pergola, they joined us in the café for the cake and card presentation.



**'The sandwich eaters'
in the pergola**



Barbara



and her Birthday Cake

Hildegard had made a special cake and proceeded to cut it into moderate slices until it was all gone.



**Everyone had a taste -
down to the last crumb**

Hildegard's cake



Barbara's busy life – cycling, flying and nursing

ODE TO BARBARA

Now this card is handmade and not at all bought,
So can be used to record your life history of sport.

Whist riding a bike from when you were five,
You've mixed it with flying and taking a dive.

Your racing days have long since gone,
But then young John came along with his caravan (Sorry!).

At climbing steep hills you always excel,
But sometimes admit to it "Being like hell!"

Now at nursing and knitting you were really quite hot,
But come to computing, well, you do lose the plot.

May this your 75th year be your very best,
And with both Good Health and Happiness let it be blessed.



Barbara's busy life – again!

The festivities over, we descended from the heights of Borrass to the Dee valley and so back to Two Mills for tea after a delightful ride.

Thank you Jill.

Bob Witton