

Nags Head, Bunbury - 11th July 2018

Wednesday's ride to **Bunbury** was led by myself (hence the lack of photos). Fourteen hardy souls assembled at **Eureka** for a 9am start (this summer's favourite start time) - **Bob W** and **I** were waiting outside at 8.30am but no sign of **Anne** until after 8.35 - she'd been away for a long weekend! The route took us down **Capenhurst Lane** to **Ellesmere Port** but we had to divert off **Oil Sites Road** (as this was closed at the far end), and go via **Cheshire Oaks** and **Stanlow** to get to **Café Fresh** (I hope no one went to **Loggerheads** to meet up with us - wrong café in email)!

This ride was really a tale of coffee, tea and cake stops (**CTC**) - far too hot for serious stuff. We met **Mike M.** here who'd already ordered his food but the service was excellent as expected from **Café of the Year!**

From here we headed out towards **Mouldsworth** - again diverting around by the station to avoid more road closures (spotted this one on reccy). I eased the pace here (did anyone notice?) so as not to arrive too early - we needed regular water stops (hot and hilly!).

The car park was heaving at the pub but it seems this was nearby builders using it. **Sandwiches and chips** good as ever, beer excellent (stuck to one pint this time). **Bob and Jill** were there - nice to see them again.

From here we cycled to **Meadow Lea** for more tea and cakes or ice cream - although this was a much flatter route back - before heading up the **Greenway** and back home.

Thanks to all who came (just short of sixty miles). I'm in **Northumberland** this week (testing the **Cheviots**) and will be cycling off to **Paris** the following week with **Harry F, Chris S, Bernie and Colin** - see you in August!

Text Chris L

The Alternatives

After a democratic nod to **Brian's** suggestion of **Jermoleys Café** at **Penyffordd**, as our venue, five of us - **Brian L, Peter W, Andy B, Glennys and Dave** set off via the **Burton Marshes**. At some point (I can't remember the exact place) **Tony S** joined us.



Outside the **Quay Tea Rooms** at **Connah's Quay** we stopped as I was amazed to see my previous car that I had exchanged for my current one two years ago - same number plate - so I just had to take a photo.



We started our climb via **Northop** and **Paper Mill**

Lane, **Alltami**, **Buckley** and finally, **Penyffordd**. There was some jokey chat about passing **Tony's** house and calling in for coffee but **Jemoleys** was calling us with a promise of a good feed.



The food was excellent at **Jemoleys** and I have to say, quite upmarket for a café. Three of us opted for smashed avocado on toast with a variety of toppings. Graciously, they also filled our water bottles before setting off.



Tony left us at **Penyffordd** to return home by a different route. We had a good run back via **Sandy Lane** to **Higher Kinnerton** and **Saltney** passing the **Donkey sanctuary**.

Dave and I thought that there was more than the normal amount of road kill and we saw several, including one hedgehog, two badgers, a couple of pigeons and a chicken.

The ride was forty miles to **Eureka** and back - three of us calling in for tea at **Eureka** where we bumped in to **Roy B** who had opted to ride to **Old Ma's** with a cycling mate.

Thank you **Brian** for suggesting and leading such a good ride.

Text and photos by Glennys