

Bert Bailey Memorial Veterans' 100 mile ride - 1st July 2018



On a very hot day riders began arriving at **Duddon Village Hall** to take part in the 53rd annual **Veterans 100 ride**. Over forty entrants turned up on the day and after refreshments before the ride, they set off in one of four groups at 10 minute intervals. **Glennys** took a photo of each group with our **President Mike Cross** before they left.

As the heat-wave continued, forty-one intrepid cyclists left **Duddon** from 8.00am to begin the 100mile ride in rapidly rising temperatures. Despite the heat, the first group arrived for lunch at the halfway point at **Four Crosses Village Centre** to enjoy another good lunch only four hours after leaving **Duddon**, prepared by **Kelly** and her mum **Janet**.

Water bottles were refilled before afternoon tea at **Overton**, the next stop. Again, **Mark** did not disappoint with his wonderful selection of food.



At **Tilston**, **Farmer John** was waiting to provide the usual drinks, this year even more gratefully received. Again, thanks to **John** and **Sue** for their hospitality.

All riders, (bar one who had to call on the services of **Sean** and his sagwagon), made it safely back to **Duddon** to receive their certificates from **President of Chester and North Wales CTC, Mike Cross**. **David Blake** received the trophy for the oldest male rider and **Doreen Lindsey** received the trophy for the oldest female rider. Thank you to all the helpers who made it such an enjoyable day. Next year's ride is scheduled for 7th July 2019.



Trophy winners



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