

## Eureka and Ch&NW CTC Audax rides - Saturday April 25<sup>th</sup> 2015

This is the third year I have organised these rides starting and finishing at the Eureka Cafe. A number of changes were made based on the experience of the second rides in 2014 - in particular, the 100km was changed to a completely new 135km ride visiting Prospect Tea Rooms (thus avoiding a clash with the 200km riders at the Bunbury Control). Parking arrangements included the use of the Urenco car park for 135km and 60km riders. This released space at the Tudor Rose to accommodate the 60+ entrants for the 200km ride.

The weather forecast at the start of the week was indifferent but gradually improved day by day - so on Saturday we were blessed with mostly dry weather.

A cold wind chilled the 200km riders on the way home from the last control at High Legh.



### Eureka Excursion 215 Km

This ride was originally 230km long in 2013. it was changed to 215km to accommodate the 'powers that be' at Audax Towers to ensure that the route covered a straight line minimum of 200km between controls. However, changes were allowed after reviewing the first event which resulted in a superior 215km route, travelling to High Legh rather than Wilmslow and the Manchester conurbation at the Northern end. This year the 200+km event was run to the strict BRM (Brevet de Randonneur Mondiaux) rules which allows a maximum time limit of 13h 20min.



### 215km riders leaving the Eureka

Fifty two riders started this event of which 11 were registered as Ch&NW CTC members. Forty eight riders completed the full distance; one rider opted for the 130km route after a series of punctures early on. Another rider fell off at Bunbury, but was pronounced fit to continue after being checked out by the paramedics. (Note: the rider was not wearing a helmet and was lucky not to be more seriously hurt; he has vowed always to wear a helmet in future!)

All finished well within the time limit.

### **Tea in Prospect 135k**

Following the congestion problems at Bunbury in 2014, this new ride visits the Prospect Tea Rooms above the Panorama and then returns to



**John Lyth approaching Prospect**

C&NW CTC. 28 finished in good time and we have gained a few new recruits to Audax who enjoyed the ride so much they are to join up in time to catch a few more local rides.

### **Abraham and Amanda Wilson at Prospect**

### **Two mills Twirl 68k**

Eighteen riders entered of which 7 were registered as Ch&NW CTC members. All 18 riders finished in good time.



Cheshire via Ruabon. This routing ensured virtually no overlap of this and the 215km rides.

The revised route is significantly harder and 30k longer than the original 2 Mills Tour which resulted in a lower entry than 2014 (51 entries). 28 riders started this event of which only 1 was registered as

Thanks are due to Graham and Vicky Payne for their assistance with the Car Parking and Andy Whitgreave for handing out the brevet cards. Especial thanks are due to Anne Peek and the staff at the Eureka Cafe for putting in a shift from 07:00 to 21:00 to serve food, drink and cheerfulness to all our riders from start to finish.

The Event is provisionally scheduled for Saturday April 23 2016. I Look forward to seeing you there.

**David Matthews 2015 (Organiser).**