

Eureka Audax/C&N.W CTC Rides - April 21st 2018

We had good, fine and warm weather at last after the long drawn out cold winter.

Eureka Excursion 215km

Forty riders started out at 08:00 (2 from C& N.W CTC) to enjoy the early morning sunshine and windless conditions. The entire ride passed without incident except for one rider who DNF due to a mechanical issue. Times varied from a rapid 9h 07m to 12h 45m.

Tea in Prospect 135km

This ride proved very popular again this year with 45 riders (10 from C&N.W CTC) braving the long hill to the Prospect Tea Rooms above Llangollen.

We had glorious weather up at the Tea Rooms and many riders stayed a while to enjoy the excellent fare and magnificent views over Cheshire. Many thanks to Linda and the staff who successfully manned the control here as well as supplying food and drink to the riders.

The route is designed so cyclists arrive at Tilly's in Bunbury in time for lunch, before a gentle ride back through the lanes to the Eureka Café.

Times varied from 06h-35m to 11h-59m. There were 8 DNFs - no problems; just riders who decided not to take the final check-in at Eureka Café.

Everyone seemed to thoroughly enjoy themselves on this excellent day out.

Two Mills Twirl 68km

Twelve riders (2 from C&N.W CTC) embarked on this short ride to Cleopatra's in Holt. There was one DNF due to a mechanical problem.

Let's hope that some of these riders enter one of the longer routes next---as the purpose of these short rides is to give confidence in moving on to greater things.

Many thanks to the people who helped to make this event such a success---Andy Whitgreave issuing Brevet Cards at Eureka Café and helping check in returning riders; Graham and Vicky Payne who marshalled the car parks before riding "Tea in Prospect" on their tandem; Linda and her staff at Prospect Tea Rooms and especially to Anne Peek and her staff at Eureka café for remaining ever cheerful and helpful through a 13 hour day.

David Matthews - April 2018

