

"Momma" Rides - Saturday September 3rd 2016

Once again we were unlucky with the weather which remained wet, cold and windy into the afternoon - to the extent that some 137km riders turned back from **Chirk** rather than continue.

Fortunately the weather relented later on, which allowed the 200k riders to dry out on their return from **Llanfynydd**.

There were a large number of DNS due to the bad weather, so well done to those riders who turned up and persevered in the cold and wet.

We should also give our best wishes to **Brian, Old Ma's husband**, who was in bed with an infected knee and possible blood poisoning at the time of this event. **Brian** has always been a stalwart supporter of our event and cycling in general, so our best wishes go to him for a speedy recovery. Thanks go to family members and cafe staff who rallied round to help us from 7:15am to 9:30pm on the day.



Pistyll Packing Momma 209km; 3500m ascent

A tough ride made worse by the conditions. **Tim Rusbridge** of the **Macc. Wheelers** came off on the notorious s**t slide near the waterfall. Fortunately there was no injury to himself but the rear mech. on his bike was damaged



and he could only select one gear which then kept jamming. Considering that **Tim** had ridden

from **Macclesfield** to the start, finished the ride within time and then rode back home (arriving at about 02:00) this is definitely the heroic ride of the day!

There were 17 finishers (no DNF) with **John Wikie** being the sole **Ch&NW CTC** representative. A special mention is also due to **Seamons CC** from **Altrincham** who fielded 7 successful riders - part of their quest to achieve the difficult 200km **Audax "Round the Year Challenge"**. (a minimum 200km Audax ridden, at least once a month, consecutively for 12 months).

Momma's Mountain Views 137km; 2000m climbing



No views today, just murk and mist.

Of the 22 riders who set out - 16 finished the ride successfully with 6 DNF. (No accidents---just fed up with the conditions). Three finishers were declared as **Ch&NW CTC**; **David Bennett**, **Terry Davies** and **Paul Mills**. Well done to all those who persevered to the finish.

Momma's Leafy Lanes 50km; flat

A wet day out on this relatively easy ride. Nine riders started and finished; the **3 Ch&NW CTC** riders were **Phil Blackman**, **Glennys Hammond** and **Dave Statham**.

Well done to all for riding on such a challenging day. Special thanks go to the staff at **Old Ma's**, **Margaret Matthews** (handing out brevet cards at start) and **Glennys Hammond** (car park and photos)

The Event is scheduled again for Saturday Sept 2nd 2017. Let's hope for decent weather!



David Matthews - Organiser