

## “Momma Rides” Report - Sunday September 15<sup>th</sup> 2019

These rides were originally scheduled for the Saturday - but due to the “[Tour of Britain](#)” circling the [Manchester](#) area on that day, the rides were re-scheduled to Sunday. Unfortunately this meant that we missed the glorious weather of the past week and had a dull, wet day for all three events.

### 'Pistyll Packing Momma' 209km; 3400m ascent



(Is your organiser still the only person old enough to remember the early 60's song “[Pistol Packing Momma](#)” by [Gene Vincent](#)?)

This was a tough ride on the day - 10 out of 14 riders completed the route.

Unfortunately there were three accidents during this event which led to the DNFs. One rider slid off near [Pistyll Rheader](#), so took a shortcut home along with his companion. One rider crashed whilst descending the [North Hirnant](#) and ended up in [Wrexham A&E](#) with a broken rib. A third rider crashed very close to the finish in the rain and darkness when hitting some feature of the bad road surface hereabouts, fortunately without serious injury.

A full report of all 3 accidents has been sent to [Audax UK](#) along with the event returns. A copy of this report has also been sent to [CTC National Office](#) for information as this is a joint [AUK/CUK](#)

event. The 10 riders, including **Phil Scott** from **C&NW CTC**, who completed the event, were as complimentary as ever about the quality of the route and scenery - just wishing they could see more of it on the day.

## **'Momma's Mountain Views' 130km; 1750m ascent**



This was still a tough ride with three very steep climbs between **Chirk** and **Ponderosa Café** including the **Old Horseshoe pass** - and then steeply up **Hope Mountain** out of **Llanfynydd**.

22 of 26 riders completed the route. **Graham and Vicky Payne**, **Mark Walsh** and **John Wilkie** represented **C&NW CTC**.

The route name should have been “**Momma's misty lack of views**” on this occasion as the cloud was well down - but this did not detract from the quality of the route or the steepness of the climbing.

There have been a number of changes to the route sheet for this event over the last year, which has led to some minor inaccuracies relative to **GPS**. The route sheet is always the primary reference in **Audax** but the route sheet is to be better coordinated with **GPS** and hence the brevet cards in time for the 2020 event.

## 'Momma's Leafy Lanes' 62km

This is now a super social event and used as an introduction to **AUK** for newcomers or a rest home for the elderly. The weather was poor but we all enjoyed the ride. 19 riders started and 14 finished in the allotted time. 4 riders were from **C&NW CTC** and 2 from **Chester Easy Riders** getting their first taste of the joys of **Audax** riding.

Thanks to all the cafés and controls for their help and especially to **Andy Whitgreave** for manning the **Old Ma's café** control through most of the event.

Next year the event is to be taken over by **Brandon Edgely** who is now an experienced and accredited **AUK Organiser**; provisional date **Sunday September 6th 2020**.

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