

CTC Cymru Treasure Hunt & Map Reading Competitions

May 2nd 2015

The events were run from the Crossroads Cafe in Trefnant on a rather damp bank Holiday Saturday. Although the first event started at 9.30 riders were already at the cafe by 8.45. The wet weather may have reduced the field as there were only 11 riders for the treasure hunt; (9 riding as individuals and one team). After a cuppa riders were given two question sheets (in case the first sheet got too wet), and then they somewhat reluctantly ventured out into the rain.

Many did well on first section of the course through Tremeirchion & Rhualt; but the search for an elusive milestone had riders wearing out the tarmac as they rode to & fro on the way to St Asaph. In Rhuddlan riders had to find the two CTC winged wheels (difficult to spot as they are both painted black). At this point several stopped to have a hot drink in one of the many cafes.

On returning to Trefnant for lunch, warmth and recovery the riders tried to produce sheets for marking. Sue Booth's strategy of photographing the answers then transcribing them at the cafe worked well; others carefully sorted out answers from small piles of piles of papier-mâché.

Congratulations to Andy Polakowski for gaining 36 points to win the event (and add to his growing collection of CTC Cymru mugs).



Sue and Lowri - 2nd place TH



Andy and Lowri - 1st place TH

Sue Booth had a great ride to collect 32 points and get back well ahead of the rest of the field. Unfortunately other commitments meant she had to leave before the presentation of prizes.



Mike Gilbert was 3rd (on the right) with 30½ points followed closely by Martin Brooks on 29 points.

Martin 4th Place TH

The team of Ben & Steve Larwood collected 35 points and were by default the 1st team.



**Steve, Ben with Lowri & Glennys
1st Team TH**



Position	Surname	First name
1	Polakowski	Andy
2	Booth	Sue
3	Gilbert	Michael
4	Brooks	Martin
5	Jones	Ifor
6=	Hamill	Sarah
6=	Statham	David
8	Jones	Alun
9	Jones	Anne



Sarah



Steve and Ben

At 1pm the grid references were handed out to the riders for the map reading. People gently plotted the location of water hydrants, although there was an unusual lack of urgency as few relished the thought of more wet and windy riding. Mike Gilbert managed to raise an astonishing degree of enthusiasm and was out of the door promptly; others lingered in the warmth of the cafe before reluctantly setting off. Unsurprisingly riders didn't incur penalties for exceeding the 2-hour riding time limit; it was rather an event of attrition.

Mike Gilbert gained a well deserved 1st place with 40 points after riding for 1 hour and 55 minutes; a popular win as he has been placed in these events several times over the years but never before been first.



Mike and Lowri-1st place MR



Ben and Lowri-2nd place MR

Position	Surname	First name
1	Gilbert	Michael
2	Larwood	Ben
3	Polakowski	Andy
4	Larwood	Steven
5	Jones	Ifor
6	Brooks	Martin
7	Hamill	Sarah

Ben Larwood was second with 25 points, a great performance in his first attempt at the event; he was also the youngest rider of the day. Third place went to Andy Polakowski with a creditable 18 points.

**Andy and Lowri
3rd place MR**

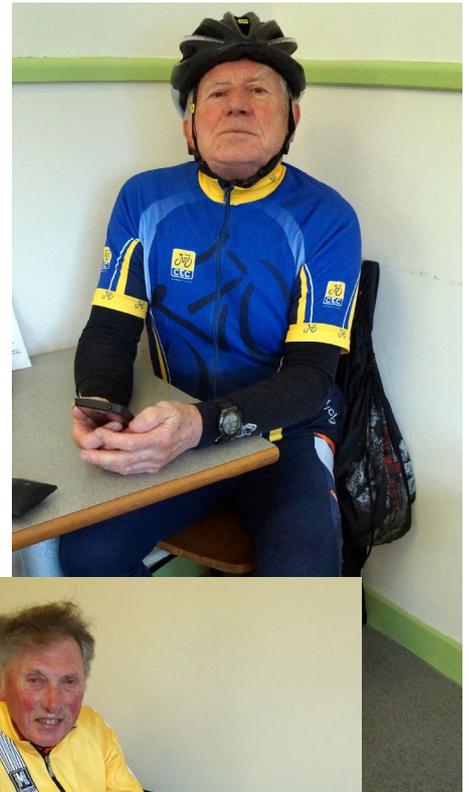
Prizes were awarded by C&NW CTC Vice President Glennys Hammond and Lowri Evans (Organiser) and photographs were taken by Glennys and Andy Polakowski. Thanks to everyone who supported the day; Glennys Hammond for presentations, results checking and



photography and all of the competitors for being sporting enough to take part in the rain and retaining such good humour!

Anne and Alun Jones (below)

Dave Statham



Ifor Jones

Sarah and Mike

Thanks also to the Crossroads Cafe for their warm welcome

Crossroads Café



Lowri Evans - Organiser

Photographs by Glennys Hammond