

CTC Two Mills (Wirral) Early Season Challenge Ride – Sunday 29th March 2015

It was a memorable ride this year. As popular as ever, with over 200 people registered, the numbers fell on the day along with the rain! Despite the poor weather forecast and the hour lost due to the start of British Summer Time, 137 cyclists still set off from Farndon Sports and Social Club on either the 50 mile or 50km course. And there was the added confusion of the West Cheshire Time Trial event which was happening on the same day from the same venue but whose riders wore strange pointy hats and headed far more directly along the main road for a mere 10 miles.

Lunchtime saw our cyclists return soaked through. Finding the little card to swipe back-in proved a challenge for some given wet layers and cold hands. Hot soup, quiche, sandwiches and cake all very welcome but then the tough call, do I go back out for the second half? Almost 40 did pack at that stage.

By 2pm, as riders returned to the control for the final time, the rain did ease although strong gusting winds continued to add challenge. I am pleased to report that 98 completed the course safely. A dozen or so still managed it under the magic 4 hours. Well done participants and big, big thanks to:

- Our team of volunteer helpers who worked hard to make everyone welcome on the day
- Mark Watson for catering arrangements
- Graham from Merseyside CTC for handling the on-line registration and payments.
- John Ferguson photographs

See you next year in better spring weather, hopefully!

Janet Gregory

Event Organiser

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