

# Benty Tea Rooms, Thursaston - 10<sup>th</sup> February 2019

The 'Official Ride' for Sunday was cancelled owing to adverse weather conditions. However, about twelve brave members turned up at **Eureka** ready to go riding. **Janet** volunteered to lead a ride to **Holt** but I preferred to keep to the original ride to **Benty Tea rooms** mainly so I could be home in time to watch the **England/French Six Nations Rugby!**

So **Peter W** and I departed for **Puddington**, where we were shortly joined by **Brian M** recently returned from **Australia**, and then by **Ian**. Both of them had hoped to join the announced ride, so the four of us enjoyed the ride together.



As we rode down from **Burton** the views over the **Dee Estuary** took your breath away - they were so beautiful on this bright sunny day and maybe because we had been denied them for so long.

On we went past the **Harp Inn** and on to **Parkgate**, which for once was devoid of crowds.

We kept to the planned route through **Thornton Hough**, where the playing fields were really busy - then near **Irby** into **Royden Park** and so to **Benty Tea Rooms**.

The **Tea Rooms** were very busy but we were served a very good lunch without too much of a wait.

Keeping to the route we returned along the **Frank Lewis cycle path** to **Heswall** and stopped at the top of **Oldfield Road** for a History lesson of the 'decoys in the **River Dee**' to divert the bombing of **Liverpool** and the bombs that fell on **Heswall Lower Village** - which we passed through.



At this point we went our separate ways. Wow - what a rugby match with **Jonny May** scooping a hat-trick. That is something to tell his Grandchildren!

**David Collinson**