

Tilly's Café, Bunbury - Sunday 12th May 2019

We gathered at the usual bus stop by the **Eureka** café at 10.00am and wondered how much longer we would be able to start our rides here before the café was sold.



There were eight of us, just a good number as most of **Two Mills** riders were on a three-day jaunt to **Lancashire**.

It was a beautiful day but still a little cold so dress varied between longs, half longs, and shorts, full gloves or mittens.

The statistics turned out to be as follows: 48.35 miles, elevation gain 1,085 feet, average speed 11.5 mph. As you would expect from John W it was a well recced ride and a good route.



So off we went along a well-known route **Capenhurst, Dunkirk, A5117, Stoak, Mickle Trafford** and stopped at **Meadow Lea Café** to fix the brakes on **Helen's** bike.



That done by our resident mechanic, we proceeded along and crossed the **A51** with no problem as all the cars were at a standstill, just a long queue of parked cars.



Having passed through **Waverton** and in front of the **Institute**, I hit a series of six small pot holes which resulted in a puncture and a flat tyre, again our resident mechanic came to the rescue but the valve proved

difficult and it took three different types of pumps before we were able to inflate the tyre.

Here we are approaching the **Shady Oak pub**.



Here is **Helen W** climbing up, with **Beeston Castle** in the back ground.

On the way back from **Tilly's** by the **Pipers Pub** - having crossed the **A41**, we stopped for what we thought was the final photo, but nearly lost our back marker - and then, a ride full of surprises along the **Greenway** we found **Peter**

W.

He was with the '**Chester Cycling Campaign** ' group, at a festival to



teach children and the handicapped how to ride, they had entertained the **Mayor of Chester** earlier in the day or maybe he had entertained them riding round with his chain of office on show.



Altogether a day of surprises, but a lovely run in the sun with the birds singing and the **Cheshire countryside** looking beautiful.

On our way back we crossed the **A51** again - no problem - as a **Police car** stopped to hold up the traffic for us. Another surprise.

Many thanks to **John W.**

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