

Carr Farm Garden Centre, Meols - Sunday 28th January 2018



Here is part of the main group gathering ready to leave **Eureka Café** bound for **Puddington**, **Burton**, and the **Dee Marsh** path to **Neston**. **Bruce F** was leading the group today.

And here we are (below) starting on the path. As you can see it was not a bad day weather-

wise, cloudy on the whole but with some sun.

Even so, it was very windy especially along the **Leasowe Road** and the sea wall at **Hoylake** - but fitness won and we all made it to **Carr Farm**.



A knot

The sea views and bird life while riding on the sea wall were really wonderful with flights of **knots** (see photo) simmering in the sunlight but some riders were battling so hard against the wind that they never had the opportunity to look up and see them!

We are lucky to have such a wonderful **Wirral Peninsula** on our doorstep, with views of the **Welsh hills** on one side and the **Mersey docks** and shipping on the other, and water all round us, together with lovely undulating countryside in between, be careful not to take it for granted.

We arrived at **Carr Farm Garden Centre** and what a huge place it is now with shops



and large dining area. I remember when it was just a farm and the owner was a member of **Hoylake Lifeboat**.

Fortunately **Bruce** had reserved a table for us otherwise I don't think we could have found a free place to sit - the food was plentiful too and served up quite quickly even though it was very busy.

Soon it was time to get ready for the ride back. We went via **Irby** and **Greasby**, both old **Viking** villages.



I could not continue back with the group but I am sure it went as well as the ride out.

It puzzles me why riders are so keen to push forward to the front at every opportunity and not content to ride in their position, as if they are afraid of being left behind. This particularly happens at junctions but also during a ride - we are in enough danger on the road as a group without the need to overtake each other.

The end of another perfect day, thank you **Bruce**.

David Collinson.



Alternative Group



Three of us set off to Carr Farm in a select little group of three - Peter W, Glennys and Roy B. By chance we met up with the main group near Heswall.

Carr Farm GC

Unfortunately, Roy wasn't feeling so well so we diverted to the White Owl on Station Road, Thurstaston. After locking our bikes up, entering the cafe and settling down to eat, we were told that they stopped cooked food after noon - only Sunday lunch, teacakes, cakes and drinks were available.



We had a quick coffee to revive ourselves and soon after we set off to G&J's at the bottom of Station Road on the Wirral Way for something cooked.



Hadlow Rd. Station

Hunger assuaged we returned via the Wirral Way to Hadlow Road Station (which wasn't as muddy as we thought it would be), where Peter left us and Glennys and Roy continued to the Eureka.

I'm pleased to add that Roy is ok.

Thank you Peter and Roy for your company.

Glennys