

## Cafe Fresh, Dunham on the Hill - 25<sup>th</sup> October 2015

The weather was cloudy but dry and cold, as the group assembled at **Eureka** (derived from the ancient Greek), there were nineteen riders so it was decided to divide into two groups, one being led by **Janet** and the other by **Andy** and so we departed in separate ways to suit each leader, we zig zagged to add the miles and then dropped down from **Backford** over the **Shropshire canal bridge**, and then up the lump by the **Zoo** to **Upton**, (loved by some and not by others!). Thence by the **Cheshire lanes** and the **A56** to the layby, **Andy's group** had taken a short cut to **Café Fresh**, so we were asked who wanted to go the longer



much of a hill, one member only opted for the shorter route and had a personal escort to the **Café Fresh**!



The Café may not look much from the outside but the service is prompt and quick, it was noticed that the café had 5 stars for hygiene and cleanliness, so top marks to them.

After lunch we dropped down through the lanes, passing another closed pub, and on to **Oil Sites Road**, some of us may remember being able to take a short cut

through here in our cars, closed to the public now, but that may have been before the **M56** was built. The **Beluga** paid us a flying visit on her way to collect some more wings from **Hawarden** and we enjoyed the peaceful traffic free ride for some 3½ miles even if through some of **Wirral's** Industry, it makes an interesting change from the **Cheshire lanes**, We may refer to '**Shell's Stanlow**' but of course it is now owned by **Essar** - another big **Indian Company** with its





headquarters in **Mumbai** and interests in steel and many other industries. We can only hope that this important refinery to our area is not closed down like our steel industry; and so on we rode to **Ellesmere Port** and the **Boat Museum** and to view an Industry of old.



### **Ellesmere Port Boat Museum**

How they make this **Museum** pay is a mystery, but it seems to go on and give pleasure to many - and we always enjoy a visit, ashamed to say, when we don't have to pay! Our leader knew a way through the **Museum** and along paths and byways beside the **M53** and back through the **Wirral** to the **Eureka** via the "missing link". We arrived in good time which gave an opportunity to catch up while having a drink.

With many thanks to our leaders **Janet and Andy**, for an enjoyable ride and a good day on the bikes.

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