

# Grosvenor Garden Centre (Café Fresh) - 29th November 2015

The plan was to ride to the **Grosvenor Garden Centre**, but owing to either Black Sunday or the forecast or both, only five riders turned up, the **Fearless Five** under the guidance of our leader.



**Andy** decided to change the plan and keep inland so the destination was changed to the **Café Fresh** at **Dunham –on-the-Hill** - a wise choice, and off they bravely went down to the **Dragon Blue bridge** and onto the **Greenway**. The pace was quite easy helped by the tail wind - there was a strange absence of pram pushers and even those dog walkers out with **Fido** looked as if they wished they were somewhere warmer. There was a little

rain so we stopped under one of the bridges to put waterproofs on, but in the event, that was all the rain we had for the whole ride, so we were soon taking them off again. It was an uneventful ride but noted for its speed, not forgetting that this was a CCCC ride. To ride along the **A56** and go up and over the railway bridge at over 20 mph+ was a very satisfying experience, so we arrived at **Café Fresh** at 11.30am in time for breakfast, coffee, or lunch, which ever you fancied. As always, the service was prompt and the food good - we hoped that **Bob** and **Jill** were not waiting for us at the **Grosvenor Garden Centre**!

Here are the **Fearless Ones** surprisingly enjoying a little sunshine (you know who the sun shines on). We knew the ride back into the wind was going to be stiff, but worse for the leader in the front - while the rest of us kept in his wind shadow. Never-the-less the average speed on the way back was 10.6 mph well within a CCCC ride. There were strong gusts of wind not sure how strong but at the corner where you turn off the **A5117** and turn right for **Capenhurst** the gust was so strong that all five ended up facing in different directions. We soon regrouped but were faced by a road covered with branches and twigs and fallen bushes. Thankfully, no trees and no accidents and so we returned to **Eureka** at 1.36pm ready for some more nourishment and full of good fresh air, having enjoyed a splendid ride with thanks to **Andy**.



**David Collinson**

**Text and photos**