

Okells Garden Centre Cafe - 10th January 2016

The Ride was led by **Christine Mudd**, her first ride as leader, and maybe because we had a good forecast fifteen members turned up ready to ride. It was a beautiful crisp winter's day with occasional blue sky and sunshine at last; the temperature was cold at only 5^o, much less than we have been used to.

Christine informed us at the start that **Dunkirk Lane** was closed to traffic but she had been advised that it might be open to cyclists, so off we went in high hopes. We split into two groups to reduce the size, with both travelling at the same pace.

Soon we passed **Holy Trinity Church** at **Capenhurst** as we often do; this Church was built



between 1856 and 1859 but the tower was added in 1889 to 1890. I am not going to write much about this Church as you can look up the details on **Google** if you so wish - except to say that in the Churchyard there are two graves from **WW1** and one from **WW2**. The top of the tower is covered by small **Lakeland tiles** which is why it looks green.

We had not gone far before coming to the **Road Closed** sign - still that was no surprise, and we were able to continue through on our bikes. We passed the lovely old **Church** at **Stoak** with the **one-handed clock** and so to the 'T' junction without a sign post. When with a group you might not notice that, but on your own you do.



Come on Cheshire West and Chester, **WW2** finished seventy-one years ago, it's safe to put the signs back now! We continued on to the very dangerous crossing with the A51 -

cars come down both sides so fast it is often only owing to a courteous motorist that you are able to cross safely. I had to leave the group here but I hope the rest of the ride was just as enjoyable as it was so far, and that **Bob** and **Jill** were waiting for you all to arrive at **Okells**.



Dunkirk Lane - ok for cyclists!

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Our thanks to **Christine Mudd** for leading the ride.

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