

BANGOR-on-DEE - 10th OCTOBER 2010

There was a good crowd at The Eureka Café. Mostly 'racing' men and girls, hoping to enjoy yet another forecasted fine Autumn ride, or was it perhaps that they had heard that a bike manufacturer was to be showing his machines at the café that morning?

There was great interest in the wide range of bikes on sale.

One even had mudguards fitted!

Jill led the first group of 10 riders off right on time; I elected to be the 'Lantern rouge' and followed with another group of about the same number.



The continued closure of a section of Route 5 around Chester, which again has no diversion signs, meant a main road route through the city, but we still managed a 'stand up' 11's at our usual spot near Farndon.



We even had a private room!



The good lunch at the Buck Inn was, it emerged, a very much pre-arranged affair.

Lunch at 'The Buck'

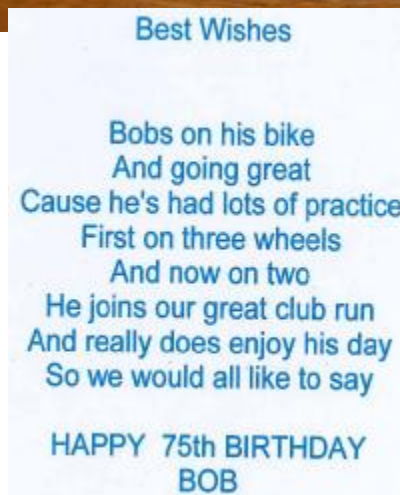
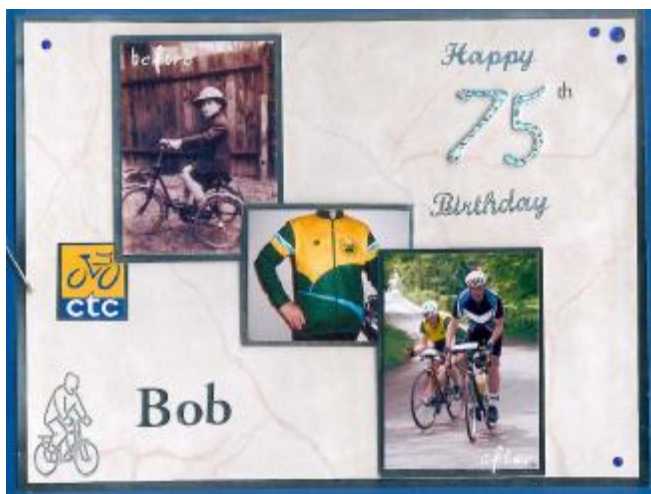
I was not party to these arrangements, and it was not until, in my usual helpful manner, that, thinking that lunch was over, I attempted to get people back on their bikes, that events unfolded.

For it was then that the entirely unexpected happened.



A decorated and be-candled 75th birthday cake was placed before me.

This, together with some wonderful cards, including one for our recent **50th wedding anniversary** both made by Chris's wife Val, all signed by many members.



Thank you all so much. I was at a loss for words. Unusual for me?

The fine weather continued for our ride home through familiar lanes to Wirral.

Thanks to Jill and everyone involved in this 'celebratory' ride.

Bob Witton.

