

## The WHEATSHEAF, DUNHAM-ON-THE-HILL - 9<sup>th</sup> December 2012

This should have been **Andy's** ride but **he and Joan** were still off 'Honeymooning' in the southern hemisphere, so **Janet** led 12 of us into the much cooler northern hemisphere.



Early on, un-forecast rain obviously deterred many people, but mindful of the time, **Janet** was away soon after 10.00am along a well planned route to **Dunham**, only stopping briefly for 11ses in the **Cotton Edmonds** area.



The **Wheatsheaf** was quiet until we arrived but we increased the noise level when, for some reason, our conversation turned to the **English Civil Wars**. This could have followed a discussion about the recent **TV programme on Road Wars between cyclists and motorists**. Yes, a bit 'them and us',

However, the **17<sup>th</sup> Century** did see **Chester** and **Liverpool** both besieged and attacked. The **Cheshire Cat** pub was a battle site and **Flint castle** saw action by both Royalists and **Parliamentarians** - but news about **Wirral** is sketchy (answers on a post card please). I know **Birmingham** was bombarded from **Canon Hill Park!** Or is that a local joke?

Our afternoon ride was nearly all downhill or flat along the **Shell Road** (have they re-named that yet?) and to the **Boat Museum** via a (new to me) cycleway.





An open canal bridge required a difficult, if a little dangerous traverse over some lock gates (risk assessment Janet?) But with all of us safely across, we were soon back at **The Eureka**.

Nice ride - thank you **Janet**.

### **Bob**

N.B. Having forgotten my camera (it's an age thing) I am indebted to **Brian** who took all the photos using his modern technology. Is it a phone, a camera, an i-Phone, or what?



Click <http://goo.gl/ZE0yx> to see Janet's route.