

Flavours café, Tiverton

Well, it wasn't quite St David's Day, but it was Brian's Day to lead 8 of us to Flavours Café, the re-named Lock Gate Café.

Rain was forecast, and it did heavily overnight, but fortunately for us, it was only 'a little damp' until lunchtime.



Brian



We rested for 11ses at

Christleton pond, where we observed Cormorants catching large numbers of fish, and Swans making elegant landings.



(What is the significance of the wall plaque on the building behind the pond please?)



Whilst it was obvious that other cycling clubs, like ourselves, had pre-booked lunch, no effort had been made to warm the place up, and even with **the radiator set to its maximum**, no heat was forthcoming.



Glennys was OK. She arrived by car and was well wrapped up in thick leather coat and warm scarf.

Brian was a little put out and was later seen outside, where it was warmer,



commiserating with the locals, who seemed more attuned to the temperature.



However, after a warming meal, we turned homeward, enjoying the fine spring sunshine, passing such places as Beeston castle, a very busy Ice Cream Farm and a very quiet Old Ma's Kitchen. Here it was noted a sign stating 'Coaches welcome'. Forty plus potential guests without notice? I don't think so!

A little further on, at a much 'posher' restaurant, they now offer 'Take away meals'. Can it be that the recession is beginning to bite even in Cheshire?



We paused near Bruera for 3s, where a 1st sign of spring, a display of **Snowdrops and Crocuses** occupied our attention



3s at Bruera

as did an appreciative glance at my **40-year old winter machine** What a friend she is! Soon she will be having her summer rest.



Onwards then, picking up the signed Chester Black Cycle Route and then the Brown Route around the city environs. (These and other colour coordinated routes and excellent maps, are available at The Eureka Café, local information centres and libraries.) We

arrived back at Two Mills after an enjoyable 45-mile ride. Thank you Brian.

Bob Witton

PS Click <http://goo.gl/cJ7X7> to learn all about the Plaque at the Christleton Alms Houses.