

ICE CREAM FARM – 28th April 2013

“Spring is sprung, the grass is ris. I wonder where the cyclists is?”

Well, about 100 of them were in the **Eureka Café!**

For various reasons, our ride was lead by two people in



separate groups to the same destination.

Annabel took the ‘C’ ride, of some 14 members, whilst **Roy** led a faster team by a longer route.



So, after a quick ‘con-flab’ near the ‘bus stop, **Roy** took off first.



Annabel then led the rest of us by a familiar route,

stopping only briefly for 'stand up 11ses' in **The Street**, near **Mickle Trafford**, before proceeding to the ICF, which was 'heaving' when we arrived at 12.30pm.

The clue should have been the overflowing car park and the noise of screaming, happy children, taking advantage of the new bumper car attractions.



As usual, the service was excellent and the food good value for money.

The fine weather had attracted many motorists to the local lanes and roads along our route home.



From my allotted vantage point as 'Lantern rouge', it was again very obvious, that with groups of this size(12/14), it is too many to ride without a considerable gap to allow even considerate and patient motorists to over take safely. Even 'singling out' with a large group is unsatisfactory in a winding road or lane. It just takes the car/lorry/bus, longer to overtake.



Annabel

With the ever increasing popularity of our rides, I would strongly recommend that leaders restrict group sizes, without a large gap, to a maximum of 10 riders on most of the roads we use.

Thank you **Annabel** and **Roy** for an enjoyable day out.

Click <http://goo.gl/yy1d5> to see Roy's Route.

Bob Witton.