

Alternative 'Ride in the rain' - May 8th 2011

It had been Graham's 60th party the previous evening (there were some very odd people there),



Graham's 60th party



so allowing for this, an alternative ride was offered. We were not surprised therefore that only 9 members 'surfaced' at The Eureka.

The plan was to lunch at The Locks café, but it rained didn't it? Not really hard until we decided to leave the Eureka and by the time we reached Blacon, all wet and cold, a re-schedule was agreed.



Chester for elevenses and the **Duke of Westminster's** for lunch.

Chester Riverfront



'Two puncture experts'

At Chester we noted that the male riders were in the minority - 7 to 2 in fact!

But with 2 such experienced males, there were no problems expected, with punctures and chains off etc. I mean.

Jill led us via a diverse route to lunch at the **Grosvenor Garden Centre**,



by which time the weather had much improved. So much so, that the staff at the restaurant insisted that large opening doors “were to be kept open” to the rear of our table, “to make it more comfortable for other visitors”. The fact that we 70 year olds were sitting in a cold draft was thought unimportant! Or was it the lycra?

The sun came out on the ride back



The ride home was uneventful and we had the advantage of a following wind along the **River Dee path**.

Lined up in our ‘kit’

Thank you Jill

Bob Witton