

## AGREEMENT AT LOGGERHEADS – 10<sup>th</sup> April 2011

On a glorious sunny day a dozen of us set off for Caffi Florence at Loggerheads.

### Caffi Florence - Loggerheads

You had to wear shades to shield your eyes from the glare of bare white knees, after the winter hibernation. There were a few rare faces to be seen for a while - Maurice, Paul? But it was great to welcome back to Glennys since her scary collision with a ladder.



The route took us along the cycle track to the **Hawarden Bridge**, then along the A548.



On this stretch it was as if every motorbike in England and Wales had been diverted from the Isle of Man to overtake us before Papermill Lane.

This was the first hill to test everyone, and I'm glad to say all we needed at the top was a banana and a drink - nobody required oxygen.



Northop was now in our sights along the B5126. I'm sure a few hearts missed a beat when we turned into the Green (it leads to the Halkyns) but we took the first left and headed to Soughton.

A long downhill brought us to the A541. We crossed over, taking in as much air as possible for the climb up to Gwernaffield. It's a test of both bike and rider. We had two mishaps half way up the hill - we heard "chain off", followed by "so is mine", I'll avoid the obvious about chain reactions! After a short delay and grubby hands we were on the run in for lunch.



What a pleasure it was to sit outside in such a lovely setting on a sunny day. For some of us, bacon butties added to the occasion.



**Bacon Butties and The Rainbow Inn**

After lunch we had a short uphill to **The Rainbow Inn** - then some of us went for the world's fastest downhill record in Mold. We had another short uphill past the **Clwyd Theatre**, then a hop south to **Northop** and over the **River Dee** to good old **Blighty**. After a long and very cold winter it was a great reminder why we all love what we do.

(Photos from the Internet - no-one brought a camera!)

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