

Old Ma's Café - 30th October 2011

I had a bad day on Saturday. I had been 'deleted'. Yes, because my library card was 3 years old, I was out of date, expired and had to be 'struck off'. Eliminated!

All these words and more, were used about me by the young man behind the counter, until I pointed out to him that on the identity card he had on a cord around his neck, was a very old expiry date which meant he should not have been able to enter the building. Things changed after that because his manager was standing next to him!



Obviously previous successful rides led to the large (over 20) turnout for **Roy's ride to Old Ma's café**. Either that or people had thought: " Well, I forgot to alter my clock last night and I'm up now, so I might as well get the bike out!"



So in a very long line we went west for a time before turning east to the very end of the **Greenway** -



11ses at the end of the Greenway



where we halted for **11ses**.and **visits behind the hedges**.

Experience has shown that the service at Old Ma's can be slow. Time seems to come to a standstill.

We do look disappointed!



This visit was no exception: for although Roy had phoned to say we were coming, the 1 ½ hour wait for several of the ordered meals was a near record.

And so do they!

There did appear to be an ordering system and the lady and her elderly helpers (mother and father?) did their best, but the end result was, to say the least, disappointing.



My choice, a simple one of cheese on toast, took an hour to arrive. On one slice the cheese was reduced to a gluey, chewing-gum consistency and on the other to a biscuit like coating that defied a knife and fork.

On leaving I spotted a notice which invited coaches to pull in for food. I hate to think what would happen if about 30 passengers arrived unannounced.

Time ticking by...





Leaving Old Ma's

The ride home was an example of warm autumn sunshine, wonderful cloud effects and brilliant leaf colours,

only interrupted by a **rear wheel puncture** near the **Chester water tower** -



and a long delay for **145 cows** to cross our path nearer the **Eureka**.



Another good ride **Roy**, under the circumstances, you remained cool, calm and collected!

Bob Witton

Click <http://goo.gl/bW9nb> to see the route.

