

Rose Farm, Utkinton – 29th January 2012

It dawned a very cold but bright morning, so Jill was not surprised that her ride to Utkinton was well supported.



In fact, 19 riders including 3 new welcome ladies from Chester, once again took us to a near 50/50, male/female total.



The Eureka was packed out; the counter queue was out to and beyond the door. I counted 35 people waiting at one point.

However, we left on time and were soon bowling along the A5117 cycleway only stopping to offer our help to a lady whose dog had slipped it's leash and run down the centre of the main road. We could be of little help; it was a very fast dog and was last seen heading towards Chester.



That was a near miss!

At least it's following the white line



A quick stand up 11ses was taken near Ashton, during which we were able to observe overhead, the huge Beluga plane which transports wings, made in Broughton, to France where they are added to other bits made in Europe.



The climb to lunch was expected, but never the less, proved tough for some!



The 'outsiders' had to suffer the low temperatures before joining the rest of us in the warm for lunch. It was good to see Glennys and John who joined us, having walked from home!

It must be a couple of years since we have eaten here, so Jill had previously 'negotiated' simple snacks instead of the full standard Sunday roasts.

A long cool descent after lunch, followed by a pleasant ride through the lanes, back to **Two Mills**, was only interrupted for a quick drink at **Pipers Ash**.



Thank you Jill.

Bob Witton

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