

Cottage Loaf, Thurstaston - 25th November 2012

We have had a lot of rain recently, but, looking back over my reports of the last few years and figures from my weather station, things are not unusually bad for the time of year, in spite of what the media says.

Snow on the Pennines! It was only a few weeks ago that Jill and I were battling over these hills on our **Trans Pennine Trail (TPS)** ride.



The Cottage Loaf

Brian was lucky for his ride to **The Cottage Loaf**- no rain all day.



Members leaving from the **Eureka** had two options: ride with **Brian** or choose a flatter, perhaps shorter though possibly muddier route, with **Janet**.

Parkgate

Jill and I chose to join **Brian's** group in Neston, having ridden there via **Parkgate**, and enjoyed a coffee in **Sainsbury's café**, whilst we waited.





Sainsbury's Cafe



Sainsbury's!

On then via a dug up, and partially closed **Leighton Road** (gas main repairs), arriving in the pretty little village of **Lower Heswall**. (Earlier named **Heselle Welle**).

There's always a good picture of Roy!

Hesle Welle?





Scaling to the heights of **Top Heswall** was a struggle, but the following much flatter road, soon had us to our lunch destination **The Cottage Loaf pub**.

Here we were greeted by our host **Mike**, who also happens to be a **Tuesday Night Rider**! He made us very welcome inside his pub, whilst our own 'sandwich eaters' enjoyed the autumn sunshine in the car park.

Sandwich-eaters



Brian's route back to the **Eureka** was going out to **Thornton Hough** and **Raby**, but we elected to ride straight home, enabling **Jill** to do some winter gardening before the storm clouds over **Wales** heralded yet another wet night!



Thornton Hough and Raby



Storm clouds over Wales

Thanks for the rides, **Brian and Janet**.

Bob Witton

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