

Picnic Ride to Thurstaston - 1st September 2013

Thirty-eight riders gathered in the layby opposite the **Eureka** on an unexpectedly chilly day at the beginning of September. For the sake of safety the assembled riders were divided into three groups ably led by **Andy, Peter and Janet**.

After a welcome coffee stop at **Net's Coffee Shop**, Burton Marshes (near Neston), when the sun briefly shone, the groups proceeded along the **Wirral Way** to the picnic stop at **Thurstaston**.

Brian and Sylvia, our hosts, had organised a wonderful spread of food and refreshments, including a cream and jam scone and the new club tent protected the food in case of rain which luckily didn't happen!

Highlight of the day was a superb, large, 70th birthday cake which was presented to **Peter** by **Andy** and which was subsequently generously divided and shared with all the riders. With Janet's assistance, Andy listed Peter's many achievements on behalf of the club and which may benefit the wider cycling community.

Peter's achievements:

Peter is a **CTC Right to Ride Representative**. His campaigning includes: the **Burton Marshes route** and safety on the **A540**; he was awarded **CTC Volunteer of the Year for the North West Region of CTC** earlier this year; he is a much valued volunteer for our local **Sustrans** group, a member of **Chester Cycling Campaign** and the **Wirral Campaign**, and a qualified **Bikeability** instructor. To cap it all he is a **very popular ride leader**.



Many of the riders who joined the picnic ride are newcomers to **CTC**. We hope they will join our more regular cycling events in the future.

Many thanks to **Janet, Brian and Sylvia, Andy and Peter** for organising such a great event.