

Waterways Garden Centre, Llan-y-pwll – 7th March 2010

A fine Sunday morning, again, with a queue out of the café door, obviously the fine weather contributing to the increased numbers. Due to the absence of Blogmaster Bob and Jill, engaged elsewhere on family business, we had last minute substitute ride leaders in Brian and Sylvia.

Brian and Sylvia



And so it came to pass that 16 intrepid souls, implicitly trusting their new, untried leadership team not to get hopelessly lost immediately they were out of sight of Two Mills, headed South and East towards Wrexham and Hildegard's Café at Waterways Garden Centre, Llan-y-pwll.



A strong Easterly wind held us back along the Dee path but elevenses were eventually taken, just after 11, by Dodleston church where we had the luxury of picnic tables and benches in the children's playground while we waited for Jim, aided by Roy, to mend a puncture in Jim's rear wheel.

Elevenses by Dodleston Church

Onward then through the lanes via Marford and Lavister, and uphill to Hoseley, past the Trevor Arms to the lunch stop where, as promised -

On through the lanes



- when we “reccied” the ride a week previously, we enjoyed the luxury of a separate, and newly decorated and carpeted annex where proprietor (proprietess?) Hildegard Hilfenhaus-Jones (formerly of Bellis’s) looked after us - and all who wished were amply fed and watered.



Waterways Garden Centre lunchers



Over Here!



Group photo

After a group photo in the car park, a return journey (which was slightly longer owing to reports of Greenway and canal path closures in Chester), took us West and North via Holt, Farndon, Churton, Marford, Bruera, Saughton, Waverton and then northwards on minor towards Picton, Stoak and Little Stanney before returning to the Eureka via the A5117 cycleway and route 56.



Saighton towards Chester

An enjoyable day out with a total mileage of 51 miles.

PS in the spirit of featuring one new rider's photo each week, started by Bob last time, we are introducing Emma from Wrexham,

'Bicycle Belle' Emma, and Janet



one of Janet and Sylvia's "Bicycle Belles" who apparently so enjoyed the ride she promised to come back next Sunday!

Brian and Sylvia Joyce