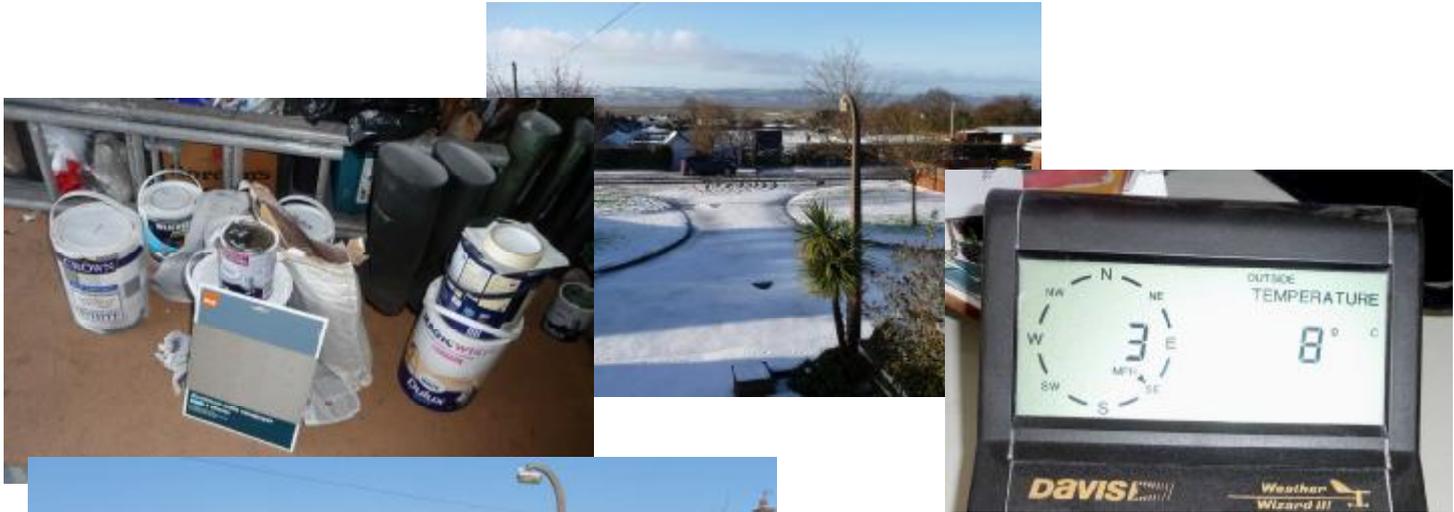


# Wirral Circular Trail – 17<sup>th</sup> February 2013

What with the snow, ice, rain and wind, plus family illnesses and necessary decorating, Jill and I have not ridden for some weeks.



So, we were very pleased when Peter offered to call for us en-route on his Wirral ride.

The morning was bright and dry when twenty-five riders arrived in Bromley Close around 10.45am, having started from the Eureka.



The short ride to Thurstaston Station for 11ses was enlivened by an altercation with two pedestrians who, with other abuse, accused us of forcing them into the hedge. Oh dear!!

We followed the **Wirral Way** to **West Kirby** and **Hoylake** and on to the promenade at **Wallasey**.



**New Brighton** was the chosen venue for lunch, but owing to the large group, we split to two locations to eat. Some of us opted for the cheap and cheerful **Morrison's café**, whilst others chose the more salubrious restaurant at **The Floral Pavilion**.



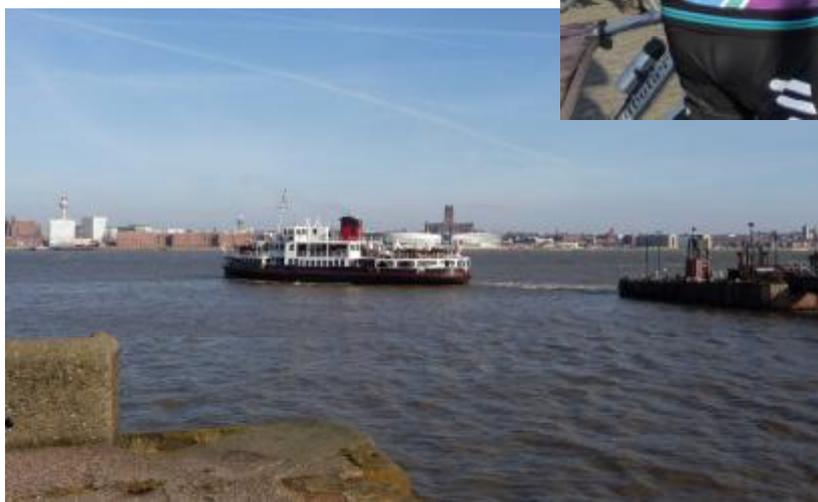
Here they were entertained by a lady pianist! At no extra charge?



Lunch over, we re-mustered outside The Floral Pavilion and continued up the Mersey shore line - taking in the 'shipwreck' made of driftwood and on to Seacombe and Woodside ferry terminals.



Views across the river included the visiting battleship HMS Illustrious and the ever-changing Liverpool skyline.



Along the River

Near **Morpeth Dock**, **Peter** related the story of 'The One O'clock Gun', which, from 1867 to 1969, was electrically fired from **Bidston Observatory** at One O'clock each day.



**The One O'Clock Gun**

Eventually, we left the riverside and headed inland, following the intricate, but quite well signed route after **Birkenhead**.

Several riders, who had no need to return to the **Eureka café**, then wended their own way home, having enjoyed another excellent and well planned ride.

Thank you **Peter**.

**Bob**

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

Photos by **Bob** and **Peter**