

Leigh Arms Acton Bridge - 30th May 2018

Main Ride

There were seventeen of us assembled at the bus stop (what bus stop?), forecast not so good and sky dull. So **Chris and Sue** split us in to two groups, nine going with **Colin** and the rest of us leading off with **Chris**.

It was a fairly uneventful but pleasant ride to **Mickle Trafford** when some of us realised it wasn't as cold as expected and some top layers came off



The route followed the **A54** past **Morley Bridge** to the usual turn off for **Manley** to find a "**Road Closed**" sign - a young contractor (trainee jobsworth) insisted we couldn't get through! Next we encountered a detour to **Dunham-on-theHill** and we were back on the route; we passed **Ruth and Julian** here only to pass them again further down the road! '**Hare and Tortoise**' here - although I don't remember having a doze at our banana stop!



The next few miles was a comfy descent through **Kingsley** and **Crowton** to the venue where some very kind

roadworkers helped us across the normally very busy [A49](#). Some very efficient service at the pub was matched by the quality of the food and drink. Word gradually spread that the forecasted rain had caught up with us; fortunately everyone had some wet weather gear with them; this took a bit longer for all to get ready before a damp ride along the [Weaver](#), crossing at [Pickerings Lock](#) to [Hatchmere](#) and through [Delamere](#) (the canopy giving us a bit of shelter). Sue dished out some [jellybabies](#) which were thankfully received (sugar boost needed).



We backtracked through [Manley](#), viewed the roadworks which we weren't allowed to see on the way out (unlikely to have stopped us) and started losing riders at [Mickle Trafford](#) at the [Greenway](#) where a few more took the [Saughall](#) route to the [blue bridge](#), [Woodbank](#) and home. Thanks [Sue and Chris](#) 49 miles, 1980 ft elevation.

Alternatives

[Glennys Brian L Alan O](#)

There were three of us who set off from the [Eureka](#) for the same destination as the main group. At [Brian's](#) suggestion (and we were only too happy to agree), we rode via [Great Sutton](#), [Mickle Trafford](#) and the [A56](#). I was already aware of the road closures at Barrow so we diverted to [Dunham-on-the-Hill](#), and via [Ashton](#), [Delamere Forest](#), the [Weaver River path](#) to the [Leigh Arms](#), arriving just before the main group (the intention being to get served first!). At this point the weather was good, or dry at least. After a satisfying lunch the heavens opened; there was no point delaying departure as the rain looked set for the rest of the day. Our return route was much the same as our way out except for the final leg on the [Greenway](#). By this time [Alan](#) had left us to make his own way so it was [Brian and I](#) who arrived at the [Eureka](#) for final refreshments. Thank you [Brian](#), 38.4m, 1574ft elevation.

[Text Chris L and Glennys](#)

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