

Dysart Arms, Bunbury - 24th August

Considering **Chris and Sue** had no time for a reccy being away on **The Birthday Rides**, they came up with a very interesting route on the way to the **Bunbury**.



After the beautiful village of **Burton** we headed to the **marshes**. I keep saying what a great situation we have on our door step. Within a few miles we are enjoying views that are the envy of



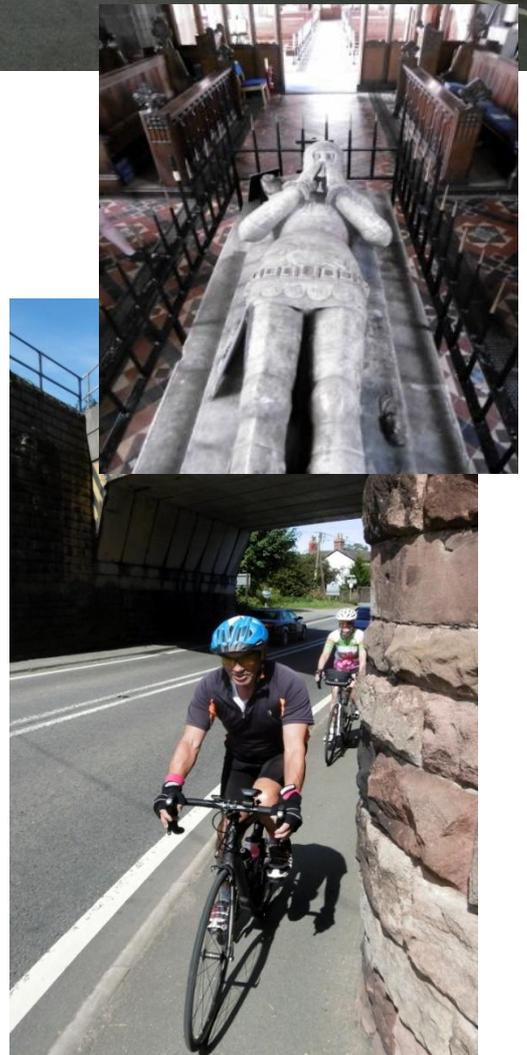
other clubs. Next came an excellent stretch alongside the **Dee**, traffic free on a very good surface all the way to **Chester Racecourse**, for a banana stop.



Andy and Joan said they fancied a trip on the river and they parked their bikes. **Chris** then discovered a route to **Vicars Cross** which mysteriously came out in Christleton. After **Waverton** we realised that we were running a bit late, this led to a small group opting for a shorter route, with agreement that it would ease being served at the pub.



I think there was a split in how many ate in the pub and those picnicking in the shadow of the church. If I was a praying man I would have said one for the disaster that the **Italian** earthquake that devastated the hilltop villages. Along with **Dave and Tony**, I went to the **Nag's Head** in the village to join up with **John F** and **Steve G**. It's a bit more reasonable and could be on our ride's list for next year.



The sign above the pub says “**The Horse and Groom**” This we found out was because of the making of a TV series called Home Fires” I was disappointed to see **Jill and Bob** leaving as we arrived, also **Ruth and Julian and Glennys** about to depart. **John F** has a good eye for what makes a great photo.

As we passed **Beeston Castle** our thought were already turning to jelly babies, but it wasn't until we reached the outskirts of **Chester** that our craving was satisfied.

My wife's sister was 70 on this day and I am always curious to know if anything of significance took place on the 17th August, and it does seem to be a sad date in the Italian calendar as **Mount Vesuvius** erupted, also the **Vandals** began to plunder **Rome**. On the bright side in 1932 **Amelia Earhart** became the first woman to fly non-stop across **America**.

Chris and Sue were thanked for a successful ride.



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