

The Nag's Head, Bunbury - 21st June 2017

Last week's rides - June 21st Money saving day!



John F led us to the Nag's Head at Bunbury. Although John offered an alternative longer start part of the ride for any stronger riders, there were no takers. There was however a small group who set off at 9:45 for a shorter route with Brian L.

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Around fourteen of us set off with John, grateful that the temperature was lower than it was on the previous two days. He had promised a steady sociable pace and this was certainly how the ride started, although it seemed to me to accelerate a little as the day went on and the temperature went up. The route didn't climb any higher than 400ft but had, as John put it, "lumpy" and the total climbing for the day was 2000ft.

As we neared Tarporley, John punctured - I can't recall the last time a leader suffered a puncture. It turned out that it was an uncommon type of puncture in that it was caused by the failure of a stick on patch - presumably due to the uncommon heat that day.



St. Mary's Church Thornton le Moors



We had all stopped at a narrow road section so I offered to lead a group on to the venue whilst a few people stayed with **John**. However when **John** mentioned he would take a short cut to **Bunbury** there was a sudden increase in the number who thought they should stay with him! Six of us set off to **Tarporley**, where one hesitated while five continued uphill from there (he was

rescued by **John's** group). We were rewarded by a particularly beautiful section through **Eaton** and **Tilstone Fearnall** to **Bunbury** where we met the other two groups.

Sandwiches and chips were soon delivered and eaten at the remarkable price of £3 per head. I sat outside to eat mine and was engaged in conversation with a local who told me he had ridden three miles on a bike, felt exhausted, and promised never to do it again. Mind you, he said this was probably because he had reached the age of 59! I refrained from suggesting it was



probably due to the cigarette consumption he was demonstrating.



I did suggest that he looked at the group inside to see what ages he thought we were - he responded thoughtfully that one of our riders had already told him he was over 80 and suffering with dementia but enjoying the ride.

Near Manley Mere

Off we went, but soon stopped at **Tattenhall** for an ice cream (not at the farm) since it was by now very hot. **Richard** noticed that whilst the price of "Just One Cornetto" was £1.80 near the till, the freezer section had them at 4 for £1! What a money-saving day it was - **Martin Lewis** eat your heart out. A two course lunch for £3.25!

Refreshed, we made our way home, with the group thinning out as people made their way by different routes - some going for a train from **Chester** due to the heat. On such a hot afternoon, I couldn't resist a refreshing beer at **The Harp** as I passed in **Neston**, even in the absence this week of the other **Neston riders**. Its not often I have two pints on a single ride - but it was hot! On second thoughts, it wasn't such a cheap day...

Chris Smith

The Easier-paced ride

Brian L led an easier-paced ride of four to the **Nag's Head** where the group arrived not long before the others. We had agreed to have the sandwich and chip deal which was excellent. Even though we arrived earlier than the others we had to wait quite a while for the food to arrive. Good fillings and fresh chips. We had an excellent ride thanks to **Brian** - no photos of the group though.

Glennys Hammond