

Hare and Hounds at Crowton - 27th June 2018

From Chris S ...



Chris D and Sue S had a large turnout on a sweltering day so they divided the multitude into three groups, one of which I lead. I volunteered to do this based on the Garmin route without having read the instructions clearly enough.

When we reached Acton Bridge we marvelled (briefly) at the 'Daniel Adamson' - the ship, also known as The Danny, was built at

Cammell Laird shipyard in 1903 and is believed to be the oldest operational Mersey-built ship anywhere in the world. It was used extensively on the Manchester Ship Canal before being expensively refitted recently.



Anyway, while we did this and were taking a shortcut under the bridge to avoid the road crossing, we (well I really) forgot we were supposed to be doing a café stop up the road. The result of this was we arrived at the pub forty minutes before anyone else and

naturally enjoyed a refreshing beer. The publican would not allow us any food till the others arrived because he was afraid they (the sandwiches, that is) would dry out. When this was resolved we of course needed more beer! The lunch was very good and everyone seemed pleased with both quantity and quality.

On we went although it seems one of the groups lost their back marker and spent some time looking for him. I don't really understand how this happened so will avoid speculation here! Suffice to say **Strava** shows him arriving safely at home.

The heat continued to increase and some of us inevitably made another stop for a pint at the **Harp**. Never before have I consumed three pints on a Wednesday ride - but it was very hot!



Thanks to **Chris and Sue** for preparing a beautiful route and some great stops even though I missed one of them!

More photos [here](#).

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The Alternatives went to the Grosvenor Garden Centre

Margaret, Brian Peter, Roy and Glennys decided on a flatter, shorter ride to the Grosvenor Garden Centre via the Groves and Eccleston. Brian left us there so that he could cover more (and quicker) miles on the way back and Margaret decided to go back over the marshes. So, we were a depleted group going back to the Eureka for refreshments. A very enjoyable ride on a lovely day.

