

## Foresters Arms, Tarporley - 23<sup>rd</sup> March 2016

Today's ride is to the **Foresters Arms** in **Tarporley** with our guide **Chris Lamb** leading another big turnout of twenty-four riders. The forecast was dull and cloudy, a slight wind, and a chance of sun later in the day. After making two groups of twelve **Chris** led us on a circular trip starting in **Ledsham**, **the link**, and **Eastham village**.



My day started with a disappointing phone call from **Brian S** to say he wouldn't make the ride as he didn't feel so good.

As I was riding to the **Eureka** along **Capenhurst Lane**, **Mike K** was on his way home with his left leg of no use - not the best of starts. Once through **Eastham** we went past 'Stalag' **Vauxhalls** and on to the **Shell road** or should that be the **Essar Road**. The next road always brings back wonderful memories of very enjoyable Xmas lunches as we went past **Trafford Hall** then on to **Morley Bridge**.

The next section goes along some of our best country lanes for about six miles eventually arriving in **Kelsall**. Some bits we did last week but are still enjoyable - then came the lumpy bits around **Utkinton**, leaving the steepest climb last as we entered **Tarporley**. At the start of the last climb **Tina's** heart monitor was telling her to take it easy. She had a break and was fine.

I shared a bench with a few others who also had sandwiches, this was followed with tea and scones in the **Fire Station Café** - no one else came in and I felt like Billy no mates.



When I called in to the **Foresters Pub** half of the team were still eating, so I thanked **Chris** and SHEEPISHLY said I was leaving with a few others. **Wally** said he was with us but then disappeared. It was like something from a film Looking for **Wally**. I noticed **George and Ada** in the pub, and **Julian and Ruth**.

The return ride went through **Waverton**. **Dave** took the **Greenway**, and I headed to **Stoak** and the **Wheatsheaf**, but with no drinking partners gave it a miss, ending on a sad note.

Two people who probably had a pint because it was their birthdays were **Chris Hoy** and **Jason Kenny** - also another top bloke, **Mo Farah**.

**Chris Byrne**