

# Ice Cream Farm, Great Budworth - 3rd August 2016

## 'A' ride led by Chris Lamb

Question = *Where is the Tigers Head?*

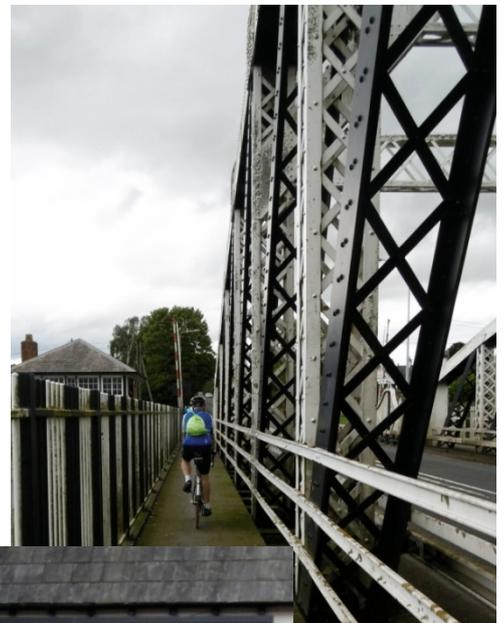
The day started well when we saw **Martin** and **Sarah** in the **Eureka**. **Martin** was telling us that he had been back on his bike for a week, which is pretty amazing considering that he has only had his new hip fitted six weeks ago.

**Chris Lamb** led nine riders on a great route of about seventy miles to the **Ice Cream Farm** in **Great Budworth**. Once we were past the **Leigh Arms** at **Acton Bridge** we cycled through some wonderful **Cheshire** lanes that we only visit once a year.



We often complain about the bad behaviour of motorists. However we were overtaken by a large group of cyclists on the **A56 at Bridge Trafford**. They took up the whole of the lane on our side of the road and when a car that was behind them blasted his horn one of them gave an obscene gesture to him. *Yet another cyclist hating driver*

*created!*



**Acton Bridge**



**Norley**

I left the **Ice Cream Farm** a few minutes early so I could take a picture of our group riding past the **scarecrow festival** in **Great Budworth**. I was leaning on the wall while waiting for them to arrive when a dog walker went past. When I said "hello" he jumped and said he thought that I was one of the scarecrows in the festival. I must admit my self esteem took a large knock.

### The 'B' group



Our return trip was via **Little Budworth** which is ten miles from its big brother. Is this the largest distance between two villages in **Britain** with the adjectives 'Great' and 'Little'?

Thanks **Chris** from all of us for a long fast A ride that certainly stretched the legs.

**Answer = 4 foot from his tail** (only those of you who are old enough to remember Lonnie Donegan will understand this!)

**John Ferguson - text and photos**

### 'B' Ride led by Brian Low



A group of eleven riders assembled at **Delamere Forest Visitors Centre** for the ride to **Ice Cream Farm** at **Great Budworth**. **Brian** had devised a great forty mile route to include **Norley** and the **riverside path** to the **locks at Acton Bridge** where we had a photo call. As **John F** said previously, the lanes round

here in **Cheshire** are some of the most picturesque especially at this time of year.

Our route took us through Crowton, the **Weaver Navigation path**, **Little Leigh** and a big loop via country lanes through **Appleton Thorn**, **Bate Heath** to the **Ice Cream Farm at Great Budworth**. As the weather was still mild (only a smidgeon of rain before we arrived at the ICF) we were able to eat lunch outdoors.



On our way out through **Great Budworth** there were many interesting scarecrow effigies produced for the annual **Scarecrow Trail**. The **ICF** scarecrow is on the left. After the recent bad publicity about cyclists passing through the village (not us) we were careful to mind our Ps and Qs.

Just before we left the A group arrived by which time the sun was shining. Our return was via **Anderton**, **Winnington**, **Weaverham**, **Norley** and **Delamere** where three of us who remained had tea at the **Station Café**.

**Thank you Brian for leading such a good ride.**

**Glennys Hammond - text and photos**

