

Grosvenor Garden Centre - 6th February 2019

From Chris L...

Quite a turnout at the **Eureka** - the previous two Wednesday and two Sunday rides had all been cancelled meaning a fair few had not been out for three weeks - yikes!!



Richard said he'd take a few on a longer route whilst **Bruce** asked everyone to meet at the bottom of **Denhall Lane** as we were blocking the **Eureka** entrance! A couple went off with **Richard** unaware of the pace and distance - they were waiting for us at **Saltney Ferry**. There were twenty of us at the **marsh path** so **Bruce** split us with **Brian J** taking the second group - I went with

Bruce in the first group but soon lost touch (along with a couple of others) as the pace was a little too hot - 'C' ride this was not!

However I was treated to seeing the **Beluga** landing and the **Dee 'bore'** as I rode down the riverbank - sorry no pictures; I was unaware that this happened here; pleasant surprise!

I left the **Ferry** in company with **John W** just as **Brian's group** was arriving. We then passed the '**Alternatives**' at **Bretton** having their break! We then tootled on to



Pulford stopping to decide whether to go straight to the **GC** or do the straight mile as per the route! We were aware of a rider just behind and surprised to see that it was **Margaret** (on her new ebike) - she'd assumed we were part of the **Alternatives** going to **Cleopatra's** at Holt and trying to keep up! We attempted to explain how to get there but that her group should be along soon - sure enough (to her relief) they arrived (about ten of them) & off they went whilst we did the straight mile and on to the **GC**, still arriving quite early.

Tables had been reserved, service was quick and the food was excellent - once we'd found our way there - bit of a rabbit warren that place (exiting was even more interesting!).

The return route was fairly straightforward; **John** and **I** went back to the **Eureka** for a cuppa where **Peter**, **Mari** and **Paul** had arrived from **Richard's group**. I took advantage of the 50% off helmets as the lining on mine had come away.



Thank you **Bruce**, the **Garmin** route sent out was spot on, there must have been at least thirty-five out today. Around seven with **Richard** (they went to **The Nags Head at Lavister**), ten+ with the Alternatives to Cleopatra's and twenty with Bruce/Brian to the **Grosvenor GC**. Also **Bob**, **Jill**, **George** and **Ada** were there too - a good day (just need to work on this fitness! Thirty-eight miles

