

Cleopatra's Bistro, Holt - 27th February 2019

From Paul M...

At 09:40am it looked like it would be a dozen or so **Wednesday Riders** for the run to **Cleopatra's** but then all the riders coming into **Eureka** seemed to be **Wednesday Riders** so much so the queue for teas and coffees meant a ten-minute delay for some of the starters.



Dave W arranged for the longer group to set off first - we followed the route towards **Mickle Trafford** where we were met with a closed-road diversion sign.

Carrying on as is expected we approached barriers and an HGV blocking the route but we were very kindly allowed through with the advice to take it slow - and a request to walk past the actual work going on. Although one of our number denied hearing this and rode on (scooted he said!), the rest of us got off and walked by for twenty yards.

Further on into **Tattenhall** and we followed the route past the church and walked down some steps, not sure if this was the intended route or a **gpx** glitch, it probably won't be a regular route for us in the future.

A further **gpx** glitch would have sent us over a stile and across the golf course at **Carden** but this time we chose to ignore it and carry on along the road, stopping at **Stretton Mill** for today's cultural talk but **Richard** was not quite getting the group's attention (was there some mention about it once being a brothel or did I miss the gist of the conversation?)



On to **Wetreins Lane** and at the end we had a discussion about the accessibility of following the published route; most of us took this option which today was perfectly ok but probably would not be on a wet day.

Thence to **Cleopatra's** the newly voted **Café of the Year 2018**, and the bountiful sandwich and chips deal.



The return ride started off with all the groups together and whatever was intended some riders were left behind and ended up changing groups to get back. Over the river at **Saltney** and the group started to divert its various ways

home.

Three of our group went back to the **Eureka** where we saw that **John** and **Ian** were already back - (they must have used turbo power), shortly followed by **Dave W's** group to half fill the café with **Wednesday Riders**. Thank you **Dave**.