

Nags Head, Lavister - 21st February 2018

These reports are becoming more complicated - with comments from four riders!



From Chris L

Harry led to the Nags Head in Lavister this Wednesday. As the group was quite large some felt that we needed a slightly longer route so Chris S took seven of us up some hills for the first time this year (Bilberry wood anyone?); in addition, we passed the Jimi Hendrix tree. We made a brief stop whilst Liz's puncture was assessed (pump only) but still arrived before Harry's group!



The pub was quite impressive having recently been upgraded (whiff of fresh paint in the loos).



Harry had arranged sandwiches at £5 plus some chips to die for - we'll be back!

Again, Chris led a splinter group for the return which took us to a level crossing near Dodleston to see the Wrexham train flying by before a visit to Chester and some very muddy roads via Stoak and home. We did 41 miles and apparently Harry's group did 45.

Thank you both for an excellent ride.



John F commented

"These are some of the best sandwiches and chips that we've have had in any of our pub deals."

Chris S adds

My "longer" route was 41 miles which seemed a reasonable margin over the 33 Harry had planned. However once we got back and compared notes it seems that Harry's group actually did more miles than we did, due to some "extra loops"



Meanwhile Brian L's had assembled a group who preferred the fine dining option at the Red Lion in Dodleston to the more economical (but very good) fare the rest of us planned. He had a

record of 10 for his group this week, some joining along the way. He declared this as a shorter route than Harry's plan, which it was, but only just - they did almost 40 miles!

All three groups arrived back at the Eureka within a couple of minutes of each other. We couldn't have planned that.

Text Chris S, Photos Chris L

Alternatives - Red Lion Dodleston

Our group grew larger as we progressed. Five of us, **Brian L**, **Glennys**, **Peter W**, **Margaret S** and **Carl** set off from the **Eureka**. We were joined by **Tony S** and **Peter J** at **Saltney Ferry Bridge**. **Bob** and **Jill W** joined us at **Pulford** and **Bob W** and **Brian P** were already at the pub when we arrived.



Our route had taken us from **Saughall** to **Saltney Ferry**, **Bretton**, **Higher Kinnerton**, **Pulford**, and finally to the **Red Lion** at **Dodleston**.

We returned via the **Long Mile** - where the snowdrops lined both sides of the road - **Eccleston**, the **Groves**, **Roodee**, the **Canal** and the **Greenway** - almost 40 miles.



Many thanks to **Brian** for leading the ride.

Text and photos, Glennys