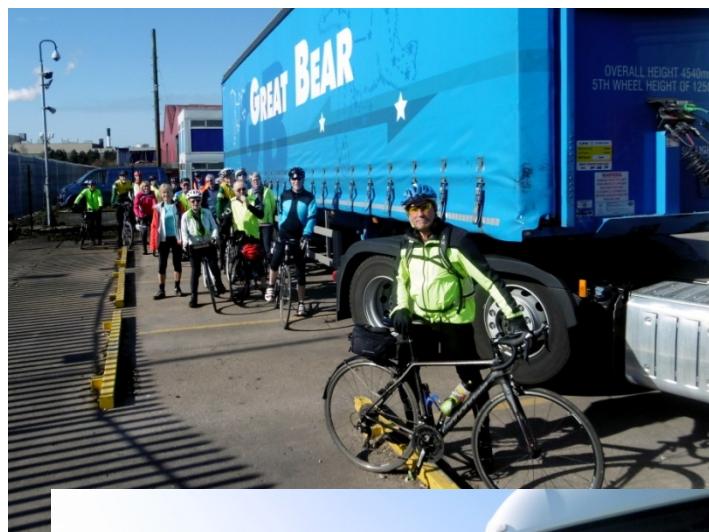
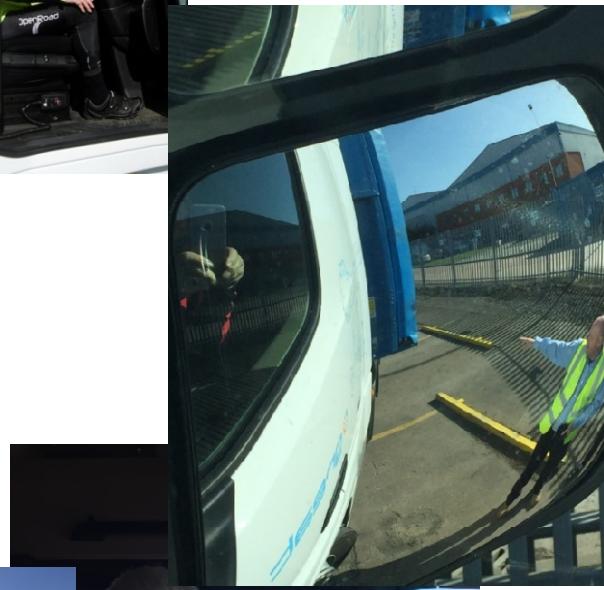


Lester's Farm Shop Café, Great Bear Distribution visit - 15th March 2017

Today in brilliant sunshine we are off to Drury it's a new venue called Lester's - a cafe/garden centre - our leader is Jane M and the forecast produced a good turn out with about twenty riders. Jane marshalled us into two posses before heading down to the marshes.



It was pre-arranged for us all to call in to the Great Bear Distribution in Deeside. Five others left the Eureka a bit later and joined the main group at Great Bear. The aim at Great Bear Distribution was to get a better understanding of the problems that LGV drivers have in seeing cyclists in their mirrors. We were invited to climb into the cab and see for ourselves.



Chris D was first up and this proved to be a big mistake - he must have thought he was on **Top Gear** as we couldn't get him out - is he the **Stig** in disguise?





The drivers were great and very informative, I learnt how to find **Ursa Major** in the night sky as well.



We left and headed to the **Blue Bridge** to ride along the **River Dee**, a safe cycle way and quite long but on this occasion a very interesting event was taking place. The incoming tide was causing a '**bore**'. (I know I'm going on about it). We caught up with the mini tsunami just before we crossed the bridge (see photo above).



By an amazing coincidence on this date in 44 B.C. **Julius Ceasar** was stabbed in the back, creating the saying "*Beware the tIDES of March*". On the other hand **Jane** was making sure the ride was not boring as we rode through all kinds of twists and turns.

Once we had passed the **Choc's Away café**, there was a do-able climb up to the **Hawarden Garden Centre**. The lead group had left us but **Chris S** said he knew the route. It took us through **Burntwood**, **Ewloe**, **Buckley** and a bit up and down till we reached **Drury**. **Bob** and **Jill** were already there. **Tony S** thought the queue looked a bit long and went off. Everyone needed to cool down but the only space to eat was in a greenhouse - the **Lester** said about that the

better - tomatoes were o.k. though. I only had a scone so can't comment on the food - the Drury is out on that one.

On our return home we passed a pub called the "**Top Monkey**" and it reminded me of a story I had heard about this bloke who said his wife told him she had bought tickets to see the **Monkeys in Switzerland**, he said "*I don't believe you, but then I saw her face now I'm in Geneva!*" After a few zigs and zags we were down to **Shotton** and the **Hawarden Bridge**. Some chose to ride the marshes, others the Greenway to the **Eureka**.



I missed the chance to thank **Jane**, so I will now - it's always good to ride over new ground - thanks **Jane** and also **Chris S.**



On this day:

1493 Columbus returned to Spain after first visit to the Americas

1892 L.F.C. founded

1916 America sends 4,800 troops across Mexican border to pursue Pancho Villa (no walls then)

Born:

1947 Ry Cooder

1993 Paul Pogba

Chris Byrne

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