

The Crown Inn, Llay - 17th August 2016

Although many riders were away on the **Birthdays**, or on the other one in **France**, **Alan's** personality, charm, and suaveness attracted fifteen riders to head to **Wales** - the good weather helped as well.

I could bore you by repeating the course but if you did it you know it! If you were away celebrating a **Birthdays**, or eating snails you missed an interesting ride.

It bordered on being a hard ride. **Alan** is very adept at finding cat.1 hill climbs. There was one call for pistol which had about ten of the peloton walking and feeling '*pistolled off*'. The effort was worth it for some of some of the really nice lanes **Alan** found to reach a nice pub called **The Crown** to enjoy our lunch, either inside or outside.



Our return was good until we reached the end of **Lower Mountain Road**. I thought that over the pedestrian bridge and down the dingy dell into **Hawarden** you are nearly home. **Alan** had other ideas - bypassing the bridge he headed to **Buckley**.

By now I was reserving my judgement, but the jury wasn't out, because we went through it. (Jury) Ok **Northop**! I thought **Alan** lives here he will probably drop off, but no!! He wanted us to check out **Northop Hall**. I said to **Bob Williams** "*please inform our crazed leader, I'm off down **Paper Mill Lane***"

Now that I have recovered my dummy, I can reflect on what was an enjoyable ride.

Thanks **AL**

Chris Byrne