

# Caffi Florence, Loggerheads - 17<sup>th</sup> June 2015



With Brian L's injury still preventing him from taking today's trip to [Loggerheads](#), it was taken on board by Chris D who left a very disappointed Sue at home nursing her injuries from last week's crash. The forecast was not bad with a chance of rain later in the day. About fourteen riders turned up and for the

first time there were no women (too hilly?)

Mike the pub landlord arrived after a very long absence but after a brief catch up he explained he was not joining us as he was on his way to work ([Cottage Loaf](#)).

Chris headed down to the marshes where we met up with Dave after we crossed the Dee at the blue bridge - then went left through [Ewloe](#).



After a few zig-zags we arrived in Northop. Chris frighteningly rode towards the Halkins, but thankfully

took the left turn going through [Soughton](#) and past the [Cross Keys](#) Pub. Just when I thought we were going to [Gwernaffield](#), Chris turned left down passed [Theatr Clwyd](#) into [Mold](#). Then a few twists and turns and eventually we did go through [Gwernaffield](#).



A few more miles later we arrived at **Caffi Florence** at 12.30pm. There was a coach party of school children

occupying most of the outdoor seats but we just managed to find an old metal park bench to have our sandwiches.

Arriving just after us came **George and Ada**, back riding together after **Ada's** royal visit. **George** should post **Ada's** photo of the occasion on our website - looking like one of the ladies from **Ascot**.



After lunch we set off for **Cilcain**; you can get home from here with only one hill to climb, but **Chris** found about six. I must say that a valley we went through was so pretty it was well worth the effort. **John F** put the mockers on the day when he said "*it never rains when Chris leads the ride*"; it was looking good until six miles to go when we got soaked. Some chose to finish with the marshes and three of us chose to go down **Woodbank**. I needed to get to a toilet but it was a battle to get through the water to the loo, then I realised it was the 'Anniversary of the same'!. Also on this day **Eddy Merks** celebrates his birthday along with **Ken Loach**. And for those who are interested this is the day **The Statue of Liberty** arrived in **New York** in 1885.

So well done **Chris**, thanks for such a good ride at short notice.

**Chris Byrne**