

Railway Inn, Meols - 19th February 2014

This is my first attempt to report on the **Wednesday Riders'** activities: it is not going to be easy following in the ink blots of **Barbara** - who I am trying to emulate. I would also like to say we will miss her and **John's** hospitality (and mince pies) as we find another venue to plan the year's rides. It's looking like there will not be a **Link** magazine until the end of the year, so apologies to those without a computer who can't read this... that doesn't make sense! It would be great if we could have our own slot on the website (*ed. course we can*). I can't cover every ride but hopefully I'll cover some of the best ones. It's nice to see members stepping up to the plate since the year started, to lead '**make your own way**' rides (**MYOW** in the rides list) especially as we've had some big turn outs and some new members which goes well for the future of the **CTC**.

It would be remiss if we did not mention **Dorothy's** passing. At her funeral there were some nice tributes to this wonderful woman, a sad occasion but lightened by one story. It recalled that as her birthday was the 6th of June (D-Day) she grew up thinking that the D stood for Dorothy. Listening to the list of her involvements I don't know how she packed everything into her lifetime, she also left us on a well known day, although it is known as Burns night, these two dates will always bring memories of a wonderful woman.

John Ferguson led our ride to the **Railway Inn at Meols** on the 19th February, and he came up with a really interesting route through the **Wirral**. There were members who for different reasons could not ride to the pub: **Brian Lowe** recovering from a pelvis injury when he tried to do a triple axel on ice, **Charlie** on the mend after thrombosis, and it's always good to see **Noel** and **Hazel**. Big **Peter** led a smaller group, so we filled the back room giving it a great atmosphere. We also had a special guest, **Sue Booth**, who rides mostly with the Chester Fabulous Ladies. It happened to be her birthday making it a party celebration. A conversation that took place on an earlier ride, I think, is worth retelling. **Bob Williams** told me - very modestly I would add - that when he was a novice (under 18) he won a 10-mile time trial - years later his son won the same time trial, then incredibly his grandson recently won the same trial. So congratulations to the Williams team. It is good that we are getting new members coming along but we want to see one of our regulars back, so we are keeping a spot for you **Tony Small**. So 'hasta la vista' Tony.

Dorothy Clift



In Loving Memory

Chris Byrne