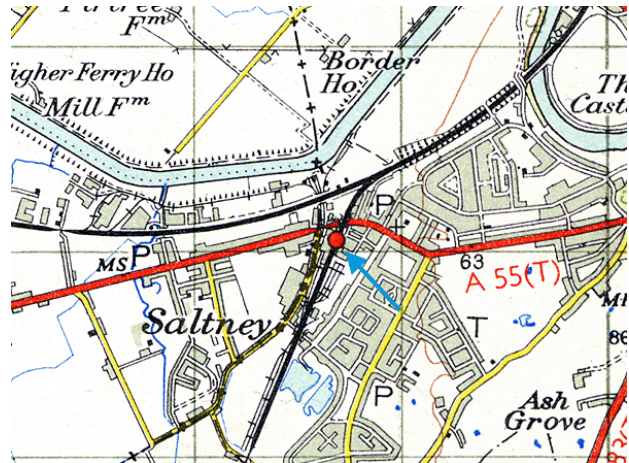


Old Quay, Parkgate - 20th December 2017

Firstly, my apologies for telling you all it was on Wednesday 19th, when it should have been Wednesday 20th! I hope no one went on the 19th!

There was another good turn-out - twenty-four (I think) riders came with me through **Chester**, while another five went on a slightly shorter route with **Brian**. It was a beautiful day, very still, with mist rising from the river. The city centre was very **Christmassy** but not too busy, and we did a circuit of **The Meadows** giving an excellent view of the picturesque buildings on the opposite bank which some of us had not seen from that angle before. Then we looked at the mansions of **Curzon Park**, before the abrupt transition to the bustle of **Saltney** and then back along the river, which, for once, had no adverse wind!

As we neared the **Old Quay**, **Peter L** suffered a tyre failure - a large hole appeared in the tread of his tyre. The tyre was not badly worn so it was hard to understand what had caused it. Even with the use of a boot it could not be fixed, so **Peter** had to return to the **Tudor Rose** by car after he had had lunch.



I think the **Old Quay** served us well, the new menu being much more suitable than when they only had the carvery option. From there, people dispersed in a wide variety of directions!

Chris Smith