

# Farmers Arms, Ravensmoor - 25<sup>th</sup> June 2014

## Ride from The Eureka

Today's ride is to a new venue - the **Farmers Arms, Ravensmoor**, near **Nantwich**. **John F** had planned a route that required a 9:30am start from the **Eureka**. There was also a car-assisted ride from the **Ice Cream Farm** at 10:30am led by Mike Cross.



**John's** route was estimated to be 40 miles outbound with a stop at **Rose Farm Cafe** in **Utkinton**. **Brian L** and **Roy** thought 40 miles was too long before lunch and so set off to find a shorter way. The nine riders in the long-distance team would become ten when

**Jane** met up at the cafe after a car-assisted from **Christleton**. The route was on familiar roads that took us to the cafe, but after **Tarporley** there were some new lanes making the ride a lot more interesting.



On our arrival at the **Farmers Arms** about 1:15pm the car-assisted group were already eating - they had clocked 20 miles. **Brian** and **Roy** had been there for half an hour, **Brian**

having to repair a puncture before setting off. The pub is set in very nice grounds and there were good reports regarding the food. **John** reckoned we had done 36 not 40 miles, with **Brian** and **Roy** doing 33.



After a photo under a giant willow tree we set off. I had said to **Brian** before he left with **Roy**, "let me know of anything interesting on your ride for the blog". He said "**Chris** - I'm with **Roy**". It's a good job **Roy** knows him well.



After a few miles we came into **Wrenbury**, crossed the canal, and had to ride for a further two miles along a recently tarred

road with chippings - which I'm sure caused some damage to our bikes' paintwork.

We went through **Tattenhall** and were heading to **Scott's Bar** (newly opened) at the **Tattenhall Marina** for





tiffin - the Marina is accessed via the **Ice Cream Farm's** car park.

We were sitting outside enjoying the view of **Beeston Castle** and the flotilla of boats when **Sylvia** kindly shared her fudge (handmade) - she had bought it from the **Cholmondeley Castle**

shop - it just finished the day off a treat. Can we go back to jelly babies?



So it was finally through **Waverton** and **Christleton**

and on to the [Greenway](#).

Well done [John](#) - two new venues - a good day's ride of about 70 miles.

**Chris Byrne**

Photos by John Ferguson

### **Car-assisted Ride from the Ice Cream Farm**



Ch&NW President [Mike Cross](#)' car-assisted group of cyclists met at the [Ice Cream Farm](#) at 10am for a special occasion - a presentation to the [Country Kitchen](#) cafe of a [Chester and North Wales CTC Certificate of Appreciation](#). The manager, [Melanie](#) (and her staff) was presented with the certificate and was quite overwhelmed. She praised cyclists as her best customers - never giving trouble, and who have supported the [Country Kitchen](#) over many years throughout the lean times of the winter months. Riders were all given free drinks and a cake.

[John](#)'s faster/longer group and [Mike](#)'s group met at the [Farmers Arms](#) in [Ravensmoor](#) and were given a room to themselves for lunch. Hopefully, the venue will now go on the group's 'regular' rides list, as being very welcoming to cyclists. [Mike](#) led his group back via [Bunbury](#), calling in at [Tilley's](#) to round off the day.

Thank you [Mike](#) for a good ride to a new venue.

**Mike Cross**

Photos at the Ice Cream Farm by David Ackerley