

## The Alyn, Rossett - 19th March 2014

Today's 'make-your-own-way' (MYOW). ride was to the **Alyn pub**, (strangely enough it's on the river Alyn river in Rossett!). When the river floods the pub is in the river.

**Colin Bell** stepped up to the plate to lead on a route gleaned from his GPS. Usually we split up into two groups for safety reasons if the numbers are large. The route can vary to accommodate faster riders who want a few hills and shorter rides for those wanting a more leisurely pace. The weather forecast was bright and breezy, sometimes dull and with ferocious gale force winds.

About fourteen riders in **Colin's** group crossed the **blue bridge** at **Queensferry** and braced themselves for the north face of the **Ewloe hill**. Many times I have ridden to the top. This time I managed the climb but the effort into the wind took its toll - so with apologies to our leader I did a u-turn and went back to the blue bridge.

With no chance of catching up with the other group led by **Brian Lowe**, I headed along the **River Dee** path. I was surprised to see that the wind and high tide had created a surge of about four feet moving towards **Chester** at about six mph. (Any more info and this report could become boring.)

**Brian's** group were already in the **Alyn** when I arrived at 12:30pm. **Colin's** team came in at 1:00pm looking like they had survived a hurricane. **Colin** had a problem with a pedal and stopped in **Buckley** to have it repaired, **Mike K** and **Malcolm** both knew the route and are in line for an award for bringing everyone through the wind and hills safely.

During lunch **Tony Small** who is on his comeback trail was overheard saying that was the fastest time he had taken to get to the pub on a bike. All was revealed when he took his jacket off - a logo on his T-shirt read "I love my Honda".



Just getting back to **Colin**, I got to thinking is he unlucky? Or a bit careless, he lost his pedal, he lost his GPS, he lost his phone, the best choice for our treasurer? (sorry Col).

**Chris Byrne**