

The Alyn, Rossett - 25th March 2015

As **Brian S** and I approached the **Eureka** about ten of our cycling buddies were setting off to the **Alyn pub in Rossett**. It looked like **Colin** was the lead rider. There was no time to say good morning as the main group of twenty were already on their way down to the marshes. Chris L was keeping

us in two groups of ten.



The weather was true to the forecast, sunny with very little wind, spot on for cycling hence the big turnout. We left the marshes and headed for the **blue bridge** - our first climb was going up to **Hawarden**. Being unable to get a break in the traffic the peloton was split up - and I think we used all the various ways of getting to the top.

The recovery time varied and some set off for the cat. 1 climb up **Dingle Dell**. They agreed to meet at the summit for a banana stop, but on arrival all we found were banana skins.

Brian L kept in touch with Chris with regards to the route, although Brian was confident he knew it. I thought we would go down Lower Mountain Road but we took a right turn through the woods - the route covered a mixture of various courses and was full of surprises. Somebody sounded very surprised and was overheard saying "Golly look where we are". I took it in my stride - I knew where we were - the lanes around here are brilliant.

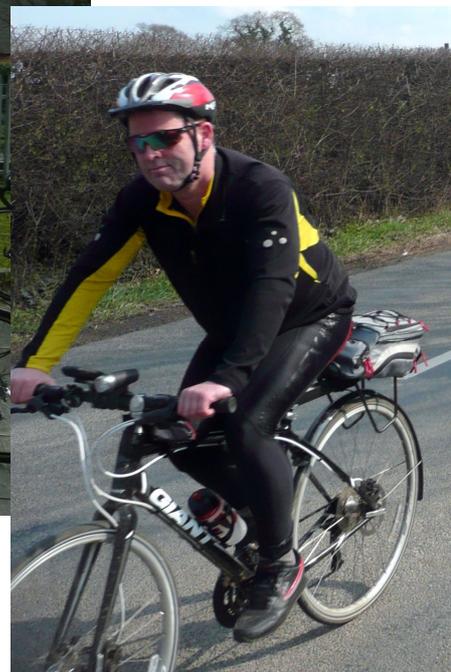


There was more

controversy when we got to the pub, the manager was irate saying he was not informed that we were coming. Eventually he had to apologise as our calls were taken by his staff and they did not relay the information.



I reckon you could get deep fried staff "cajones" the next day.



Joining us for lunch was **George** (in shorts) and **Ada**, **Mike C** and **Bob Williams** who rode back with us - I'm not sure who was leading us but we went back via **Kinnerton** and **Saltney**.



We stayed with the river - with the view of the Welsh hills in front, it always makes me think of the **Tina Turner** song '*River Dee Mountain High*', a great song deserves a **Turner prize**.

At the end of Woodbank Lane **Chris and Brian** were thanked for our interesting ride. When **Glennys** returns from holiday, last week's and this blog will be my last one as I am off to **Egypt** for two weeks visiting my youngest lad and his family.



The forecast for Sunday's Spring Challenge doesn't look great. I hope it's not that bad. If you are reading this and you have done it - well done!



Chris Byrne

Photos by John Ferguson.

