

The Bull, Shocklach - July 8th

Shocking weather for Shocklach

Considering the weather forecast for rain, the turn-out was remarkable as twenty-two keen cyclists lined up for the start. **Graham and Jane** our joint leaders split the group up in two as we set off for **The Bull** in **Shocklach**. The most popular waterproof was yellow - we must have looked like a yellow line for 'no parking' along the edge of the road.

The one thing that made the rain bearable was that the wind was behind us - much appreciated as we followed the river to **Saltney Bridge**. There is a new cycle path from here to **Bretton**, a really good improvement. Then it was through **Kinnerton** on the way to **Rossett**. By now the rain was easing up, and comparisons were being made with last Wednesday's ride billed as the hottest day of the year.

The pit stop in **Rossett** allowed the two groups to join up again although we nearly lost a couple due to comfort stops. As we arrived at **The Bull** we heard that unfortunately **Roy** had had a puncture, and another incident was when **Jane** was giving a warning of oncoming traffic lost her balance and fell awkwardly aggravating a previous wrist injury. She's concerned it may affect her **Vets 100** ride on Sunday.

It was good to see **Bob and Jill** in the pub who had recently returned from a month's tour of **Italy** in a hired car. As they recalled some of the places they had been, it sparked others to relate their times spent in that wonderful country.

Glennys also made an appearance riding on her own from home, it was good to see she is back on the road.

Dreading riding into the wind we set off for **Tilston**, but it wasn't that bad but there were some sudden side-on gusts. We went through the grounds of the **Carden Park Hotel** and on to **Clutton**. When you reach **Tattenhall** you know you are on the last stretch home with only the jelly babies to look forward to. Thankfully **Sue** is fully recovered from her spill.

So what started off in drab conditions ended up as another enjoyable ride thanks to **Graham and Jane**. It was nice to hear that **Barbara Smith**, looking well, was seen out with a group of ramblers.