

Tanygrisiau, Gwynedd or Café Fresh, Dunham

10th October 2018

I was glad that eight people made the drive to **Cerrigydrudion** and joined me for my ride last week. The weather was excellent and despite the very hilly ride I think we all enjoyed it. Last year no one did the optional **Stwlan Dam** climb due to the appalling weather, this year five of us did it, hindered only by a monster machine carving up the road!

Our roving reporter was incapacitated this week so no report from him but John F had this to say;

From John F...

Nine turned up for our car assist ride to **Tanygrisiau** today. five of the nine (not me!) even rode up to the **Stwlan Dam**. Despite the 4,800 foot of climbing, including a 19% hill in the last three miles it turned out to be one of the best rides of the year - brilliant views, great route, smooth roads and wonderful weather. **Thanks Chris.**

Richard B (with a little editing) added ...

"Yesterday **Alasdair, Chris S, Brian L, Tony S** and **myself** successfully removed the **Stwlan Dam** from our to-do lists. Having achieved closure our lives can now move on. We were pleased to be joined for the day by **Robin Jones** who normally rides with **the Wrexham Reivers** or the **Café Hoppers**.

Chris S



Stwlan Dam

C ride to Café Fresh, Dunham on the Hill

This **Wednesday** was the best day of this week for weather - warm and sunny although cool to start off with. The forecast was so promising that several people reverted to shorts, even if it was just for the day!

I hadn't sent out the route in advance (mainly because I hadn't decided on one until the day before the ride). This was a good ploy as no-one shot off ahead so losing anyone wouldn't happen.



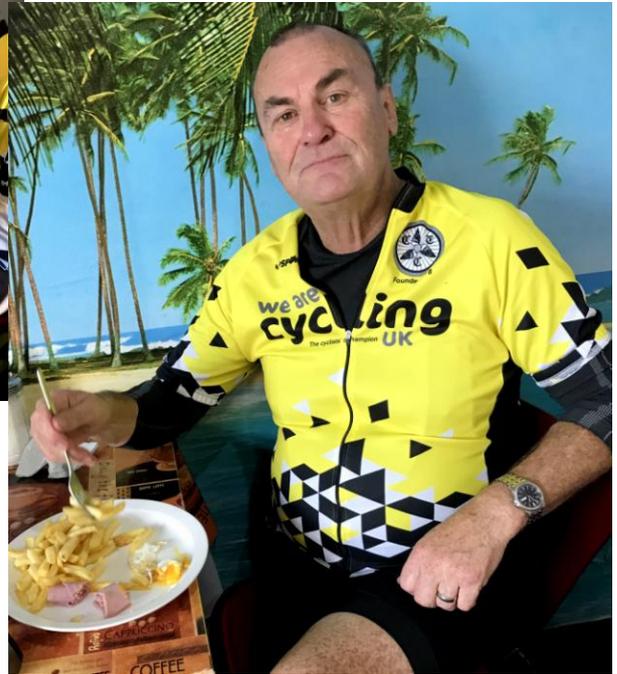
A good-sized group of twelve turned up at **Eureka** by the start time of 10am. wanting to know where we were going. By this time I had a firm route in mind and was very pleased that, as I had a croaky voice **Andy B** shouted out each of my directions to everyone else as we rode along. Thank you **Andy**.

We started off down **Woodbank Lane** and diverted onto the cycle path at the side of the bridge onto the A5117 cycle path. We turned off onto the **A41**, passed via the lanes through **Backford** and **Croughton** and on to **Mickle Trafford** and a drink stop (photo call). We gave **Bob and Jill** a wave as they rode by on their way to the café.

This was only one third of the route for us - so we pressed on over the **A56** and the **A51** to Waverton, the Crocky Trail and again over the **A51** to **Oscroft**. We stopped here for a five minute drink where **Alan O** reminded me of a recent ride where **Julian** and **I** took a wrong turning and for a short time lost sight of the group.



We crossed the **A51** again and went through **Hollowmoor Heath** to **Barrow**, **Barnhouse Lane** and **Dunham**. I almost lost a few of them in **Dunham** as they turned right in the village instead of left. The distance was 26.5 miles to the Café.



When we arrived **Bob and Jill** were already there having also ridden around **Barrow**. We managed to be seated together and enjoyed the welcome food and drink. It's the only place I know where poached eggs means three eggs and three toasts and the price is very reasonable. (I daren't say 'cheap' in case they put the price up!)

I promised a short ride back via the **Greenway** where seven left us at **Blacon** to ride to their various destinations. Five went through **Saughall** and **Woodbank** but **only Andy B, Dave S** and **I** stopped at the **Eureka**. We clocked just under 40 miles which is what I had aimed for.

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