

The Red Lion, Penyffordd - 2nd October 2018

Wednesday Riders' AGM

From Chris L, your Rides Correspondent...

This ride could have been termed "*There and Back Again*" (with apologies to **J R R Tolkein**), there were only three of us who showed up at the **Eureka** for a 9am start - it had been drizzling earlier - what could possibly have put people off?

Perhaps some had viewed **Chris's** published route and sensibly concluded that this wasn't for them - however **Harry** and **I** are usually up for a challenge - this was duly delivered!

A damp chilly start saw **Graham** join us at **Hawarden Bridge** before a leisurely ride to **Flint** and a complicated route through a housing estate to miss out the best (!) of the town centre. The rise generally went up from here following some interesting roads (and tracks).

We didn't need the '*Cyclists Dismount*' advice to circle around various mountains - this

included one or two false starts and reroute around - whilst all the time generally going up (funny how the downs don't seem to last very long!).

Moel Famau appeared a long way in front, gradually getting closer; **Cilcain** was the nearest we got and a scary run down from here before another killer climb. We hadn't realised but **Tony S** was only a few minutes behind us having got to **Eureka** not long after we'd left!



The **White Gates at Leeswood** came and went (another climb) and another "off course" at **Pont-Y-Bodkin** - "*low gear he shouts!*". Eventually more familiar roads (**Lower Mountain, Kinnerton** and there we are! I suspect **Chris** had a previous career in **Air Traffic Control** somewhere and thought he'd use the stacking process to bring us ever closer to our destination. I asked **John F** how many were on his ride - LOTS he said! -as there were loads already at the pub (we arrived about ten minutes late).

The sandwiches and chips were a welcome relief for me. The food was excellent - we thank the **Red Lion** for their perseverance as they don't normally serve food on a **Wednesday**. The **AGM** went well, I've been given an official title now and my first job was to shoot off home as grandchildren duties awaited me. I can't give any details regarding other rides but I must thank **Chris** for his solution to any insomnia I might have had this week.



I did 46 miles (35 out) I'm sure others took a longer route back. My Garmin told me 1018 metres climbing at the pub but when downloaded to the PC it came out at 780! It was still a lot! . Click [here](#) to see a Strava Flyby recording. I was asked this week why I only include the faster groups/rides in these flybys. Well I am keen to include as many riders as possible, but can only use the data available - in this case the recordings made by people

who use [Strava](#). I try to locate as many riders as I can, but if you think I have overlooked you, just let me know - or by joining the [Wednesday Riders Strava Group](#).

The Alternatives

Leisurely discussions about a route took place. [Brian](#) had a couple in mind but we opted for his least strenuous option. A small group of six [Alternatives](#) left [Eureka](#) shortly before the main group, and predictably were overtaken on [Woodbank Lane](#). This is difficult as the lane is full of potholes and we all have to swerve to avoid them. Every time we wonder where it might be on the list of [CWA](#) repairs. We were soon joined by a seventh rider so we were now three electric bikes and four pushbikes (not [Brian](#) tho'). Our route is one we have taken before to [Penyffordd](#) on our way to [Jemolyes](#), a favourite café. We joined the [Greenway](#) at [Saughall](#), came off at [Blacon](#) and went down to the footbridge at [Saltney Ferry](#).

[Lower and Higher Kinnerton](#) came next, [Lower Mountain Road](#) and [Terrace Lane](#) to [Penyffordd](#). The [AGM](#) at the [Red Lion](#) was so well-attended this year - it was clear that the venue had proved very popular - a spacious room and plenty of sandwiches and chips.

Eventually [President Mike C](#) got down to business and people were elected to various roles (not much argument there), but a plea was made to find another word other than 'secretary' for each person as it started to get a bit confusing - the [AGM Minutes](#) should explain all!

After the photo call (happily it was a good day weather-wise) groups set off for their chosen destination. The [Alternatives](#) opted for the quickest way back in time for four to have a drink at the [Eureka](#).

Thank you [Brian](#) for taking charge - yet again! Much appreciated.

Text by Glennys (hope it's accurate).