

A bright but frosty morning greeted us as we made our way to Garswood Station for a 9:30am meet.

Eight people made the event and we managed to get everyone on board the 09:49 train for a 30 min journey to Liverpool. Changing at Lime Street we caught the underground to Hooton, the starting point of our ride. The morning sunshine broke through as we made our way to the cycle trail, only a matter of yards from the station. Off we set on our journey along the purpose made trail across the peninsula towards Neston passing through open countryside, with views of the Dee estuary, and a couple of golf courses on our way to West Kirby for our planned lunch stop. A couple of punctures slowed our progress, but we arrived at the Ring-o-Bells in time for a pleasant meal and a healthy beverage, as you may see from the photo. (Apologies Margaret for cutting you off, didn't have my spec's with me) it wasn't intentional. Wear a different top for the next photo shoot Roy; I avoided the flash reflection in the window, only for your shirt to catch it instead.

Back on the bikes, and with the sunshine replaced by clouds we headed towards Hoylake and joined the coast road and promenade, passing through Meols and Wallasey on the way to New Brighton, our intended destination. A couple more puncture stops, (it was Mon 13th by the way) delayed our arrival, before someone, who shall remain nameless decided we hadn't ridden far enough, and proceeded to take us on an urban tour of New Brighton before eventually tiring, that and a bit of intervention from Phil. We eventually caught the train some two or three stops further along the line than planned. The group kindly thanked the individual concerned, as you may imagine. (Think he may have got lost), nothing new there! A change of train at Lime Street saw us heading back to Garswood and our onward journeys home.

All in all a very pleasant day out, combined with some good company and a laugh or two along the way. Weather was very kind, and the train cost less than a fiver. Many thanks to everyone for turning out, especially to Phil for organising; Denis for leading (oops!!!!) and his sidekick for the day Roy. Maybe see more of you next time out.