

## **Steady Steve's Scenic Cycle**

15 members including two newbies arrived bright and raring to go for Steve's first led ride, which commenced from Parbold at the canal side. Despite our early start the car park was full and Sue and Phil had to find alternative car accommodation. All set and immediately we hit a sharp hill out of Parbold. Sue not happy!!

Then it was a surprisingly good paced ride through to Croston and out via quiet, car free lanes, over to Mere brow. The only concerns were keeping our heads down to avoid the gunfire, where a local bird-shoot was on, and Steve nearly being knocked off by a 'mad woman' trying to turn left into him!!

All unscathed we paused for a brief quiz outside 'Ralphs Wife's Lane' and then for lunch at the Guilders Rose. Here, most of us did the time honoured northern routine of sneaking our butties under the table whilst keeping warm inside.

After a brief game of Hunt Joyce's Specs, it was off again and into a bracing wind as we headed towards Formby and joined the Trans Pennine route towards Halsall and Ormskirk. Swap Trans Pennine for Trans Siberian, as we hit a strong headwind and the sun temporarily disappeared from view. Onwards towards Aughton where Steve spotted a Giraffe on the hill – must have been something he'd drunk!! Although the sighting was later confirmed by Thelma and Dennis. No surprise there!!!

Nearly at the end, we wound ourselves up for Cobbs Brow a steep incline which left a few breathless, and Sue finding some new swearwords in her vocabulary!

Overall a very good incident free ride, in fine Autumnal weather.