

Sunday, July 16, 2006

Wheel Easy! Ride Report No. 11



As there was no photo this week, I am using this one from Pete and Annie Chambers taken during their recent conquest of the C2C.....

If this lovely weather continues we will be inundated by new members. May the trend continue.

Some 14 of us set off up Leadhall to Ashville and Beckwith where we joined the Otley Road to Beckwithshaw and passed through the pleasant parkland of the new Moor Park estate where we picked up the road to Norwood. The long gradual climb to the access point for Little Almscliff was accomplished with ease and a welcome water stop was appreciated. Hereafter it was all downhill to the Sun Inn except for the leader earning himself a rear wheel puncture! As Confucius may have said "many hands make light work" and the offending tyre was repaired in rather good time with thanks to the group and in particular Beverley for the use of her super efficient tyre levers and self-adhesive patch along with Sarah's pump. 'Twas all the more galling because the offending cycle had been specially looked at before setting off.

It was a beautiful morning and the views around the countryside were magnificent as we reached the far end of Penny Pot lane and sped back to Harrogate mainly downhill until Oak Bank where all but the dear leader and a very youthful companion decided that discretion was the better part of valour and it would be better to walk the not insignificant hill. The said youngster (Rees) did very well for one so young and at the end of the ride must have covered a good 18 miles by the time he and mum got home to Starbeck. Terrific and so much for the short ride!

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