

Wednesday, August 23, 2006

Wednesday All Day Ride



Our first All Day Ride started off a bit damp and dreary but 7 intrepid cyclists set off about 9.30am toggged up against the light rain and were soon at Wetherby by quiet roads and cycle track. From there it was off towards Boston Spa and the weather having picked up nicely the need for the wet weather gear had passed and the day was bright and warm.

All was going well till the inevitable puncture and as the main body pressed on to Ryther and the Ferry Inn at Cawood it then became clear there was a problem and our intended refreshment stop developed into a lengthier lunch break till the offending wheel had been repaired.

Pressing on now towards York we picked up the Sustrans Solar Path with its representations of various planets and soon it was through the city racecourse and along the riverside before a brief halt. Then over Lendal Bridge where the track and side roads brought us to Beningborough at which point the skies darkened, lightning flashed and the heavens opened.

Taking refuge under a leaky tree we donned our wet weather gear before navigating flooded roads around Newton on Ouse. Here we were encouraged by a hooting motorist who turned out to be Alec, and pressed on undeterred to the old toll bridge at Aldwark and fairly quickly home via Knaresborough. Slightly damp but not depressed. An all round good day out of some 75 miles.

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