

Sunday, December 31, 2006

Wheel Easy! Ride Report No. 35



A group of 16 riders met at Hornbeam Park despite some overnight stormy weather and a poor forecast. This level of enthusiasm for the Wheel easy rides is heartening for those organising the rides every week.

We set off to Knaresborough and then turning right after Low Bridge we carried on along Abbey Road, taking the back roads and lanes to Farnham and Bishop Monkton. The rain held off despite threatening skies and we turned west to cross the A61 stopping for hot drinks and snacks at the Cascades Garden Centre. In the half an hour we were inside the cafe the wind had increased noticeably making for a blustery ride through Markington, Shaw Mills, and Burnt Yates.

Descending the hill into Hampsthwaite the wind was so strong we were having to pedal downhill. We stopped in the village and several of our Bilton riders took the road back to Killinghall and Knox village while the rest headed home via Oakdale Bridge. A good 25 miles with a sting in the tale with some good hills and a strong wind to finish, but we all made it home before the rain set in.

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