

Sunday, April 1, 2007

Wheel Easy! Ride Report No. 48



Short / Medium Ride - Local

Six cyclists set off from Hornbeam, travelled through Beckwithshaw and on to Little Armscliffe. At this point the party reduced in size, due to our ride leader and another having to return for lunch. Beating against a strong wind, the intrepid four, Richard, Helen, Sarah and yours truly set off to cover an ambitious tour of the Menwith area with every intention of seeing lower Nidderdale and Hampsthwaite.

However, on reaching Penny Pot Lane, despite our good intentions, we set off in the direction of Harrogate by the shortest route possible. All survived the bitter wind and returned by various separate ways to their various finishing points.

I have to mention that on getting home, Caroline's short route tour were sitting in the kitchen drinking coffee having met Crawford on their way up to Little Armscliffe.

Stuart

Medium / Long Ride

This Sunday's trip was specially arranged to visit the magnificent daffodil display at Arboretum, and to meet up with our sister club, and hosts for the day, Ripon Loiterers

The long ride started from Hornbeam, which meant a round trip of about 55 miles whereas the intermediate group, of eight riders, opted to start from Ripon, which was a very pleasant and manageable 30 mile circular tour.

Both groups met up at the Café at Thorp Perrow Arboretum, where we all had a welcome rest from the persistent headwind and a well-earned snack.

The route for the day, from Ripon, took us through the small hamlet of Wath and onto Kirklington and Carthorpe. Here we turned left to Snape, where we had a quick look at the quaint chapel, and took a couple of photos. Next stop was tea and coffee at Thorp Perrow, with a compulsory viewing of the daffodils. The return journey headed south to Well, then a left turn took us on a car free track to Thornborough where we were shown the ancient Henges. The route continued to North Stainley where we had a short stint on the A6108 before turning off on the Ripon Rowel Path, which provided a very pleasant car free journey back to Ripon.

It was a very good day out, and many thanks to the Loiterers.

Phil

