

Sunday, April 22, 2007

Wheel Easy! Ride Report No 51



Short Ride

Four riders left Hornbeam and made their way towards St. Michael's Hospice. The ride leader was given strict instructions to ride at a slow pace. He was keen to oblige after a hectic week at work and a sleepless night worrying about Sunderland's promotion prospects. We continued along Fulwith Mill Lane through the Mallinson estate and St. George's cricket ground and onto the Squinting Cat on Whinney Lane. Continuing along Lady Lane we made our way to Harlow Carr and back to Rossett School and Leeds Road. We cycled for an hour and covered approximately 9 miles. It was a thoroughly enjoyable ride.

Medium Ride

Eleven Riders opted for a hilly journey over towards Swinsty Reservoir.

We went on quiet roads up to Beckwithshaw, and onto North Rigton, where we turned right to Almscliffe Crag, and our first stop.

The ride continued via Greenmires Lane and the B6161 to White Lane.

At this point navigation lapsed, due to too much beer the night before, and a slight detour was made before reaching Lindley Moor. Here we turned left to Norwood, then back over the moor past Little Almscliffe and home. The promised stop at Swinsty for ice cream was rained off.

Nonetheless a good Sunday morning ride of about 20 miles

Long ride.

Nine cyclists chose the long ride to Otley via Beckwithshaw, Norwood Swinsty Reservoir and Timble. Heading up over Askwith Moor to Otley despite one puncture, a coolish wind and some

drizzle we arrived in Otley after a wonderful long downhill ride at 11.30. We rejected the greasy spoon café, tried Manor Café which was stuffed with cyclists and ended up in the Park Café where a very tempting apple pie and custard was on the menu. We rode back via Leathley, Castley and Kirkby Overblow to get back to Harrogate before 2 o'clock with a tally of 35 miles.

