

Wednesday, December 12, 2007

## **Poddlers Ride Report**

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Here is the ride report from the Poddling group for Wednesday 12th December. Three extremely excited and very lucky ladies returned from this week's poddle. The cause for this joy was not only the crisp clear day and a very enjoyable gentle ride along the supermarket sweep route to The Avenue Starbeck, and back along the Starbeck to Bilton, Bilton to Asda Cycle route, but also a Bill Oddy/Alan Titchmarsh moment.

We spent about 15 minutes observing and following a kingfisher along the Starbeck to Bilton route. It sat on lone branches sticking out of the very full ditch; it dived off these branches picking insects and things from the water; it watched us. Lynn had to be controlled or she would have covered herself with twigs and stayed observing the whole afternoon. The siting was a first for Val. Hopefully next time there will be a good camera around so we can record the very interesting (well it was for us) event. A very short quick ride returning well before dusk. CG