

Sunday, April 13, 2008

Wheel Easy Ride Report No. 102



After much discussion about the weather and the various route options twelve riders opted for the medium ride. Ignoring the rain and cold conditions we rode via Pannal, Burn Bridge and Brackenthwaite Lane to North Rigton. There are two lovely views on this route, one going down Church Lane looking towards Burn Bridge, the other at the top of Brackenthwaite Lane going towards North Rigton. At the top of Brackenthwaite Caroline and Sue decided to take an alternative route to Weeton while the remaining riders continued to Almscliffe Crag, Huby, Weeton, Dunkeswick and Kirkby Overblow. Another excellent view on the approach to Huby!

We all met up again at Kirkby Overblow and decided to finish riding for the day. Although it was only twenty miles there were a few challenging hills and despite the rain, it was good to get out on our bikes.

Eight riders took up Malcolm and Gia's offer of cake and coffee at Café Margolis, where we were served home made cheese cake and fresh coffee. Unfortunately Spa Garden café has now moved off the top position for refreshment stops to be replaced by Café Margolis! PT

Seven took up Bill's suggestion of a longer ride to Boroughbridge, which was reached by way of Knaresborough, Cowthorpe and Thorp Underwood. The usual cafés were already full of wet cyclists, so the group headed for the comforts of Morrisons where they settled down for rather longer than usual while the rain fell relentlessly outside. The possibility of an extra loop before returning home was raised but rapidly dismissed in favour of a direct return ride home through Minskip, Staveley, Copgrove and Knaresborough. JF

