

Sunday, May 25, 2008

Wheel Easy Ride Report No. 108



Numbers were reduced this week due to the bank holiday.

Short Ride

Three ladies Sue, Sue and Jean set off on today's short and steady cycle, which was shorter than usual due to time restrictions of the ride leader. The un-typical bank holiday weather was sunny, albeit with quite a strong wind!

We headed off towards Crimble, through the Showground, past Morrison's towards Knaresborough and along Abbey Road, a loop round Chain Lane and Halfpenny Lane to come back out onto Knaresborough Road.

Jean, now the proud owner of a lovely new bike, did have a few teething problems along the way with it, but nothing which the 3 of us couldn't cope with! Finally all ladies ascended the hill out of Knaresborough, without walking - well done, ladies. - S.T

Medium Ride.

Six riders (including new member Paul), set out for Boston Spa. The route took us to Follifoot, Spofforth and on to the cycle path, where we became entangled with a group of runners doing a triathlon. Crossing the A1 we rejoined the cycle track, turned down to Thorpe Arch and on to Boston Spa. The return journey was via Collingham, Linton, Sicklinghall, and Kirby Overblow. - P.H.

Long Ride

Seven brave riders took the long ride option of a Tadcaster York circuit, though one left us at Taddy. Route being Knaresborough, Little Ribston, Cowthorpe, then on to the old Roman Road "Rudgate" to Wighill and then to "Taddy" for tea. Still a very strong North West wind, a group of cyclists from Pontefract in the cafe had decided to return home rather than face anymore wind. After refreshment on to Bolton Percy then Appleton Roebuck and Acaster Selby (which is a one way in one way out village). This time the River Ouse was flowing the wrong way ie North due to the tidal bore from the Humber Estuary. On to Acaster Malbis, here the Ouse was flowing South (as it should be) the Humber flow being stopped by the weir at Naburn. On to York and a very pleasant tea stop sat on the balcony of a cafe in Rountree Park, enjoying the sunshine knowing we would have the wind on our backs for the return journey. We certainly had and "flew" through Askam Richard, Tockwith, Knaresborough and home. Approx mileage 63/64 miles carpark to carpark. Many thanks to all riders it was a pleasure to cycle with experienced cyclists with such good group riding skills. - D.P.