

Wednesday, June 10, 2009
EG's and Evening Rides



Ten riders gathered at Low Bridge on an overcast chilly day, well that's "flaming June" for you. Riders being Bill W, Dave P, Dave R, Dave W, Gia, Jill, John, Peter B (welcome back), Norman and Roy. Again Dave W was the centre of attraction with a Trek 5.5 Madone loan bike, resulting in some delay whilst the EG`s scrambled to take turns on it.

Due to the look of the weather, and the varying weather reports, via radio, TV and PC (not much consistency in all of them) it was decided to do a loop route out to Ripon and the Spa Gardens café and if the weather turned nasty head for home.

Out to Boroubridge, where Norman stopped for a tea break to meet up with us later at the café. On the way to Norton le Clay the Tete de la Course namely Dave R and Roy shot ahead into Dishforth Airfield. Dave W chased after them and caught them before they found themselves "volunteered" for the RAF.

Then Norton le Clay, Cundall, Asenby and a "banana break" in Rainton. Then on to Melmerby, Wath and Spa Gardens café. Norman was just leaving as we arrived (we took too long on our banana break), he could of course have OD`d on tea and cake whilst waiting for us. Norman and John left soon to return to Harrogate, the rest of us took refreshment.

After our break Dave P , Dave W and Jill returned to Harrogate via Fountains Abbey and Ripley. Dave P found this a bit of a challenge, cycling with two of the best hill climbers, but fortunately Bill W had returned with the remainder via Bishop Monkton or it would have hurt even more.

Fortunately the forecast rain held off, the wind was kind, we kept a good brisk pace and in good order. DP

Evening ride

Grey evening looked like rain but 6 riders (Peter B, Dennis, John, Malcolm Y, Jamie and me) threw off lethargy and enjoyed a quick spin via Little Almscliffe, Dob Park, and Norwood Edge. After the exertions of the climb Peter decided to stop at the Sun Inn and although tempted, the rest of us carried on home via Penny Pot Lane. Phil.