

Wednesday, June 17, 2009

## EG's and Evening Rides

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Five riders, Bill W, Dave P, Dave W, Norman and Terry met at Low Bridge under threatening skies, which later proved to be no empty threat. In view of the weather forecast and the dark clouds it was decided not to stray to far away from Harrogate, so the old favourite bad weather route was chosen. Harrogate, Boroughbridge, Ripon, Harrogate.

The rain started about Farnham and was to continue all day till the last mile or so into Harrogate.

On to Minskip for tea and biscuits in the Village Hall, after tea the five ventured out hopefully, but no luck it was still persistent precipitation. Then on to Ripon via Skelton on Ure, at Skelton the bus shelter looked cosy, dry and inviting so a banana cum snack break was taken out of the rain. Then on to Ripon to that port in the storm the Spa Gardens Cafe, where hot soup and hot drinks soon had us feeling better.

Then back to Harrogate via Bishop Monkton and Knaresborough, despite our waterproofs and Normans full body protection gear it was difficult for us to get warm. Some of us couldn't feel our fingers, couldn't feel our toes because it was wet wet wet. (sorry about that) Still the EG's never let bad weather get in the way of a good ride. Total mileage approx 35 to 37 miles. DP

### Evening Ride

After several hours of rain earlier in the day it was still looking grey & overcast at 6.30pm. Just 3 people turned up for the evening ride - Malcolm Y, Ben & myself. As Malcolm had already cycled 30 miles today, a shortish route past Little Almscliffe, the Sun Inn & back via

Pennypot Lane was taken. Although still windy, it turned out to be the best part of the day, with the sun appearing for, probably the first time today. Jill