

Wednesday, August 5, 2009

EG's Ride



Eight riders met at Low Bridge, Bill W, Dave P, Dave W, Dave R, Eric, Norman, Peter B and Roy anxiously looking at the overcast sky, the air was damp but the forecast was for dry weather?

It was a real EG`s turn out with no ladies to add a touch of glamour or youth. (We miss the ladies).

So with the destination chosen as Masham it was on to Farnham, Bishop Monkton and the Spa Garden Cafe for tea and cakes, having been reliably informed by Norman that they had a new delicious flapjack on offer. However this paled into insignificance at the sight of Eric`s cream and jam scone - some said he had difficulty seeing over the top of the cream.

Then out of Ripon via the Barracks passing Sutton Grange and into Grewelthorpe ready for the big swoop down into Masham. Then into the Boarder Cafe for tea and snacks (Question, how many miles does an EG do to the gallon of tea. Answer, not a lot but he has frequent stops).

After tea the contenders for the King of the Mountains jersey (Bill, Dave R and Eric) headed over the moors and down into Nidderdale and Lofthouse. The second string (Dave P, Dave W, Norman, Peter B and Roy) took the soft option and headed back to Ripon via West Tanfield and Wath.

Whilst taking a banana break next to the Medieval Leper Chapel/Hospital, a lady arrived to retrieve her brolly from the chapel and invited us for small guided tour. Very interesting and Wheel Easy EG`s signed the visitors book.

The sun now started to shine on the way back via Bishop Monkton, Farnham and Knaresborough. A good cycling day with the second string on about 55 miles door to door. DP

