

Wednesday, September 9, 2009

Wednesday Rides



Wheel Easy Ride

Ten riders met at Hornbeam heading towards Ilkley but with the option of turning off early. After a photocall together with the Poddlers at St. Winifreds Co-op for Harrogate Car Free Day we set off for Beckwithshaw where we lost John who had a problem with his bike. Here Paul R chased us from St. Winifred's where he had spied us from his house and decided to find a bike to ride and take his broken machine for repair another day! We stopped at Timble village hall where we were made very welcome and plied with unlimited cakes and coffee all for £5;2.50. They have these coffee mornings every second Wednesday of the month.

Max, the two Pauls, Sue and Bridget cycled back to Harrogate from Timble whilst Eric, Malcolm, Gia and Glyn went on towards Askwith and Ilkley for lunch. Glyn headed back from Askwith. Glyn had heard about Wheel Easy whilst on the Way of the Roses test ride last weekend. He is our 190th member!

After Ilkley we stopped at Weston where a new café serving tea, coffee and home made cakes is opening on September 15th. We met Sue the owner who welcomes cyclists and walkers. There are lovely views from her garden. The café is called Cock Pit Farm and will be open every day except Mondays. We assured her we don't cycle on Mondays! A warm sunny ride, about 45 miles. Gia

EG's Ride

Six bemused riders met at Low Bridge, Colin, Dave P, Dave W, Norman, Roy and Terry. What sort of ride would it be cycling under a clear blue sky ? Something we are not used to coping with!

Unfortunately Bill W could not be with us as he was still recovering from a Wasp sting (again). The Wasp population of Harrogate seem to have it in for Bill, the score so far being 2-0 to the Wasps.

In view of the good weather it seemed the right thing to do to head for the Spa Gardens Cafe at Ripon and take our break in the sun in gardens (not an easy thing to do this "summer"). But the cafe was closed. Yes we had been told before , but the memory is not a strong point amongst the EG`s. So it was tea in the square where we could keep an eye on the bikes. Then, with the sun on our backs it was on to Kirklington and Ainderby Quernhow. The good weather had strange effects on us. What do you call a Spaniard discharged from hospital – answer - Manuel !!!! and it got worse. What do you call a Spaniard who has had his car stolen - answer - Carlos, and especially for Bill. Man goes into a Pet Shop and says " I want to buy a wasp" Shopkeeper says "sorry sir we don`t sell wasps", Man says "Of course you do, you had two in your window yesterday". A banana break was taken at Skipton-on-Swale, then on to Topcliffe and Norton-le-Clay and afternoon tea in the sunshine at Boroughbridge, where Roy made us very envious of his delicious looking bacon sandwich. Then back to Harrogate still in the sunshine, total mileage for riders say door to door around 51 to 54 miles.

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