

Wednesday, October 7, 2009

## Wednesday Rides

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### Wheel Easy Ride

Just three of us met at Hornbeam for the long ride well outnumbered by the Poddlers who left and headed up to Almscliffe Crag.

Gia and Eric had limited time due to "packing duties" but together with Paul T we headed to Bowe and Co in Boroughbridge for an excellent coffee and teacakes. Gia came home via Roecliffe and Copgrove while Paul and Eric headed on to Bishop Monkton, Markington and Hampsthwaite. A beautiful autumn day. Gia.

### EG's Ride

It was a crisp sunny autumn day and for some the first cycle run in full gloves and a hat under the helmet. Dave P being cold and early had a coffee on Waterside, soon to be joined by Terry, who had just had a puncture, then Bill and then Norman. Dave P then left to warn other riders waiting at Low Bridge (Colin, Roy and John) we were on our way, and soon we were.

Waterside has just been resurfaced with a grit finish so cyclists may need to take care for a while. Just for a change it was decided to head for the hills so destination Otley was chosen via Wetherby. Coffee stop, of course, and where else but Morrisons, where other cyclists including York`s Wednesday Wheelers were taking refreshment.

Just as a matter of interest and how non cyclists perceive cyclists , on riding into Morrisons carpark and dismounting before the pedestrian precinct we were told by a woman that cyclists should not be riding in the car park, despite the fact that cars were travelling inappropriately in the car park itself. Strange thinking!

Wednesday Wheelers sometimes affectionally known as the "wobbly wheelers" are a bit like the EG`s having their fair share of grey hair and wrinkles, some of the riders there had ridden our Ripon Jervaulx rides last Sunday.

While waiting to move off in the precinct Dave P was approached by a very attractive mature lady who enquired what all these cyclists were doing. She then said "why don`t you come round to my place". Pardon!! Was DP being propositioned? No of course not, that`s as unlikely as being struck by lightning from a clear blue sky. She in fact owned a coffee shop and was suggesting we might like to try it.

We were soon brought back to earth by Norman, who asked in his best Scots Brogue "Aye but canya do a cuppa coffee for ninetyate pee", no she could not. Ah Well, no matter how gorgeous she was it would be difficult to part a Scotsman and Yorkshiremen from their bawbees and brass.

So on to Otley in the sun, at Pool Bridge we John left to return early. In Otley a choice had to be made of where to eat, Colin had not sampled the cuisine at Wharfe View Cafe AKA "Dunny`s". So he was introduced to this delight by Terry, Norman and Dave P. Bill and Roy choose to eat at the garden centre. Bill, Roy and Colin returned to Harrogate via Timble and Dave P, Terry and Norman returned via Briscoerigg.

Great cycling weather (haven`t we been lucky lately), total mileage around 38 to 40 miles.

