

Wednesday, January 20, 2010

## Wednesday Rides



Poddlers

Ride

Report

The day seemed to hold nothing but rain and cold grey light. However, on reaching Hornbeam and seeing the six enthusiastic young men, my planned route expanded from eighteen to thirty miles following in the footsteps of the big boys and girls. The big boys and girls had lost two members, and discovered that two others were trying to wriggle out cycling by pretending to have punctures. Their plan featured the nice cafe at Boroughbridge. In true poddling manner the leader and her six boys could not hang about and surged off towards Low Bridge, gathering up Max as we flew onwards. The EGs were debating about which cafe they should visit first as Dave P. arrived after his first detour cafe stop in Morrisons. The big boys and girls finally caught us up as we set off on our mission. At this point I did notice the lack of ladies out this morning, where are you all, Gia, Sue, C and I need you. The poddlers powered on via Farnham, North Stavely, and Minskip, where the BBSandGs caught up with us, and tempted us into a cafe, in Boroughbridge. It was noticed that Trev, John W, Big John, stuck to the poddlers mantra of "cycle, keep going and get back for lunch" and followed El Butler back home via somewhere to the east, without any stopping nonsense. The weaker members of the group went for large pieces of chocolate cake (Richard) and tea cakes (Kevin) and hot chocolate with marshmallows (Max) (nearly) and guilt at abandoning half her group (Caroline). Warmed up slightly, we left the other group discussing second helpings, and set off home via Roecliffe, and Copgrove, a lovely flat surge through beautiful countryside, with a spring-like twitter in the air. A couple of hawks discussed a creature they had caught, whilst several other bird species pretended to make nests, as we flashed past. As we reached Farnham, Kevin returned to Killinghall, and Richard realising there was going to be a downpour, sensibly sped off to sit in the Library and left the leader and Max to get home up the now flattened main Knaresborough Road. A joy to get out and do some cycling, lovely. I hope you all got home safely. 26.06 miles with 8 people. Caroline G

Wheel

Easy

Ride

Report

Today's Wheel Easy Wednesday ride was definitely a case of "well I will only ride today if you are!"

Sleet was forecast, it was grey and chilly, but a good number dragged themselves along to Hornbeam knowing that others would be there, that coffee would not be that far away and important miles were required. Everyone (well nearly everyone) had a smile on their face and did not whinge the entire ride. Highlight of the day was the café stop in Boroughbridge where the Poddlers and Wednesday ride met at the excellent Bowe and Co on the High Street. The Poddlers I assume went back the way they came whilst Martin, Yvonne, Paul, Sue, Malcolm and Gia were all so keen that they returned via Aldbrough, lost Paul and Yvonne who were busy chatting somewhere near Lingerfield but we all made it home safely and glad that Wheel Easy was there to get us out! 35 miles for the Pannal crew. Gia

EG's Ride Report

It was a cold, dark, damp morning as riders converged on Low Bridge. Wheeleasy riders comprising EG`s, Poddlers and Double W`s stood for a while looking at each other probably looking braver than they felt, ( it felt b\*\*\*\*\* cold). Mutterings were heard regarding how soon could one get to the nearest cafe, however the roads were clear under tyre and off we all went. Four EG`s Bill, Dave P, John and Norman plus Mark ( just a youth compared with the EG`s) then headed for Ripon via Farnham and Bishop Monkton. Refreshment was taken in a nice cosy little cafe very near to the Cathedral. It was warm and comfortable in the cafe which probably meant we took more time than usual to get warm and refreshed. However, all good things come to an end and it was out in to the now cold drizzle that greeted us on our return to Boroughbridge via Skelton on Ure. A quick pit stop in Boroughbridge (a tea stop being rejected) only one cafe stop on an EG ride ! it must have been cold and miserable. Back to Harrogate for about 2-00pm and approx 38 miles door to door. Dave P

2010 Wheel Easy Miles (approx) Today 578 YTD 1801



