

Wednesday, May 12, 2010

Wednesday Rides



Poddlers

Ride

Report

What a glorious summer day as we arrived at Hornbeam, sun shining, blossom blossoming, leaves a clean new green, lots and lots of fresh faced eager W.E. riders ready to be lead towards cakes and coffee at Timble, and a ground temperature at 9.30 of 3 degrees Centigrade, and a wind chill factor of about 30. I passed on the message to anyone who looked as if they could ride a bike, that there would be no long fast sort stuff today as everyone long and fast and ready to lead a ride, was away and the E.G.s would love to see them at Low Bridge. At this point Paul T. arrive from not being here today, to save the day. Eric also arrived to check I was not running amock with any fast riders, and all was well with the world in a mathematical sort of way.

18 people set off from Hornbeam to Timble + 3 who arrived 13 seconds late and went another way = 21

18 riders reached Beckwithshaw and 11 fast riders thankfully surged on ahead lead by Paul T = 7
5 true poddlers + the legendary El Butler (who confessed later that he thought he would look after Crawford's hareem whilst he was away) - 1 Sur John, (who was not feeling on top form and went home), continued towards Almscliff gossipping and chatting as we rode in true Poddling style. 7 - 1 = 6

11 riders followed Paul T via the scenic route to Timble + 1 Max who went his own way and got there in time for first pick of the cakes. 11 - 1 = 10 = 1 + 10 = 11
1 reached Timble easily + 5 eventually arrived thankful there were one or two cakes left = 6
6 + 10 + 1 + 3(Sue C leading in Ron and Glen) = 20 ish. So theoretically 20 people finally made it to Timble where lots of regrouping seemed to take place , not to mention cake eating, which proved that fast slender riders scoff far more cakes than the more rubenesque members of the group who seemed to be very controlled in the cake eating department. Finally having sorted out what one does with an abominator, we had a last photo call, and the mathematical problems started again.

20 ish -2 as David G and El Butler headed for home as soon as they reached Timble = 18 ish
1 + 1 = 2 as Richard and Max went off each by themselves on their own routes home = 16 ish

8 poddlers left 8 fast followers of Paul T, (who was satisfying the speedy boys and girls craving for speed and distance and taking them goodness knows where up a hill) to return to Harrogate 16 - 8 = 8 ish. We sped down Penny Pot Lane, + 1 as we re met Max and 5 left 4 on an easy route via a few Lanes to Knox, 9 - 5 = 5 strangely Suddenly 5 lost 2 as we were nearly reaching the top of Knox Lane, but a kindly cyclist reunited Sue s chain with its cogs and we were 5 again, and not needing the offer of transport in with a white van man. 5 - 1 = 4 heading for Hornbeam, as I went home to work out how far we had cycled.

5 x 24 miles; Caroline, Sue, Sue, Jenny and Lynda
 4 x 23 miles; Max, Bridget, Trevor, Lynda and Peter
 1 x 23 miles; Richard unless he deviated
 1 x 8 miles; Sur John
 2 x 23 miles; El Butler keeper of Crawford's hareem, David G
 4 x 30 miles; Paul T, John, Angela, first time Sarah
 3 x ? miles; Sue C, Glen, Ron
 So about the same number as we started with (21) and appologies if I missed anyone out and got your milage wrong on what I thought was a very jolly ride. Caroline G

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Wheel Easy Ride Report to the tune of "The Wild Rover"
 Well I've been a flat cyclist for many a year,
 And looking at hills makes me tremble with fear,
 We made Paul our leader
 He accepted with glee
 And took us to Timble for scones, cakes and tea.

And it's no nay never
 No nay never no more
 Will I take flat for granted
 No never no more

From Timble we set off, me, Sarah and Jon,
 And Paul (personal trainer) came following on.
 Up steep from Low Snowdon,
 Good grief what a hill,
 Then whizzed down to Askwith which was quite a thrill.

Chorus

Through Weston to Otley, the air turning chill,
 We arrived at the base of another big hill.
 We peddled with gusto
 My face turning red
 By the top of the hill I was so nearly dead.

Chorus

My legs were now aching, I was starting to lag
 As we peddled and peddled up to Almscliffe Crag.
 Paul (personal trainer) is fit as a flea
 And determined, I'm sure, to train Sarah and me.

Chorus

So we got back to Hornbeam all tired and sore,
But I think that we've learned to fear big hills no more.
Cos we managed to do
Paul's harsh training regime,
And now we feel fitter, more toned and more lean!

Chorus

33 hilly miles x4 Angela

EG's

Ride

Report

Nine riders met at Low Bridge, could it be actually May?, cold noses, cold toes` s and finger tips would say no, some of us said they had been warmer in January. Eric left us to head to the York area to do a cafe recce around the Solar System in readiness for Sunday`s interplanetary ride.

The remaining eight headed for Wetherby in the cold. The original intention was to ride towards Otley and try to get to Timble before 12 noon, however the cold weather and the lure of Morrisons cafe proved too much for the EG`s, so it was get yourself round a hot coffee and a toasted teacake time.

After thawing out six EG`s headed for Otley, Norman and Terry remaining to return to Knaresborough via the old A1.

Some riders were wearing "boil in the bag" jackets however "boil" they did not. Often the cry of "Hail", was heard, this was not the greeting of one Roman to another, but frozen water droplets.

As we approached Otley we realised we could not make the cut off time for Timble tea and cakes, but we continued in that direction.

The long hill out of Otley (it goes on for ever, or seems to) was particularly challenging for one EG who shall be nameless (but he`s got a white beard).

At Sourby a team photo was taken, the team insisting that it should be taken against some cherry blossom with the cold wind and hail.

At last into the Sun Inn for Coffee, Beer and Bacon, Egg and Sausage Sandwiches, taken next to an open fire. (magic).

Then returning to Harrogate via Menwith Hill and Penny Pot Lane. A good ride with hail, hills and magnificent views and some sunshine.

Total mileage around 50 to 52 miles. Dave

Evening

Ride

Report

A fine Wednesday evening saw 9 riders assemble at Hornbeam for the second evening ride of the year. Sarah was keen to try a test run of the short ride she'll be leading on Sunday 23rd to Almscliffe Crag so 4 of us agreed to join her while the other 4 riders set off to do something a bit faster.

The ride featured the usual lovely views from Brackenthwaite Lane and Almscliffe Crag made even more beautiful by the spring colours and the early evening sun light. We returned to Harrogate via Beckwithshaw just as the weather began to get colder. For the mileage stats 5 riders covering 15 miles each (I'm not sure about the other group). Phil

2010 Wheel Easy Miles (approx) Today 1121 YTD 43413

