

Wednesday, June 16, 2010

Wednesday Rides



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The assembled Poddlers were not too fussed as to where we were bound nor who would lead us. So, in some disarray, nine of us set off in the direction of Hampsthwaite via the ASDA track and to the bottom of Bilton Lane where the (hopefully) soon to be open route will begin. Along Tennyson Avenue and the poets area where Max, Marie and Sue D discovered a poet called Sedley and visited his cul de sac! Having had a photo call at the ford on Knox Mill Lane the gallant band followed Grainbeck and Lund Lanes and then whizzed down to the village green in Hampsthwaite. After a brief discussion, we opted for the long but not too steep climb to Clapham Green prior to which Marie was having difficulty with her gears - soon to be adjusted by Alex. That was apparently not the whole problem as it was quickly realised that both tyres lacked air. With Max and Alex tackling one wheel each, we were once again heading for our ultimate destination KETTLESING and Caroline who had cycled to meet us outside the Black Bull on the A59. All was well - birds singing, sun shining, hills a doddle etc etc BUT instead of taking the road signposted to OTLEY, we took the one marked KETTLESING - after all, that was where we wanted to be. It meant, however, that the assignation with Caroline could not take place in the appointed position! The trusty Max received several calls from his beloved who was not too impressed with the cartographical skills of the Poddlers! Well actually, we didn't have a carto to graph. The sainted Max also shared his Lime Juice and Nigella bars with Marie who had used up all her strength turning her flat tyres. Having fortified herself at the top of White Hart Lane, Alex, Sue, Max, Marie and Sue D took to the A59 in pursuit of Trevor who had had to dash to see the footie, Linda who had to reach Skipton by nightfall, John W who had disappeared behind a bush and Crawford whose lunch awaited!

We rendezvoused with Caroline who then did the Little Almscliffe loop as did Sue and Alex. Thus the Max, Marie and Sue D triumvirate took Penny Pot Lane at a lick and scaled Pot Bank with alacrity!! Un tres bon temps - merci, Marie! 20 miles Crawford and Sue D

Consensus led the ride today.

With no clear decision we wandered away.
 A slow pace was set, we ambled along,
 A chattering, leaderless, happy throng
 A saddle was raised, tyres inflated with air,
 Help freely given, wheel easy style care.
 A meeting was missed, a wrong turn made,
 With energy low, some started to fade.
 So t'was home for a few, further for some,
 Wonderful rides and incredible fun.
 Consensus

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Wheel Easy Ride Report

At last we had some real summer weather and we set off to follow one of the best rides in the area combing superb pastoral and moorland scenery with tremendous views. So six of us headed to Knaresborough and Ripon for coffee, to be followed by a long climb up to Galphay and Laverton, and then on to the Dallow Moors. The climb was steady but a few decided it was worth a race to the cattle grid near the Drovers Inn, but shall we say that the sprint up the long hill may have felt like fun at the time, but a bit later....see below!
 After stopping for a roadside picnic on the moors by a babbling brook we headed on to Fell Beck and Brimham Rocks. Here Angela, Gia, Heather and Paul headed back home down the glorious long hill to Bishop Thornton and Ripley. But Yvonne and I decided on an ice cream in the sunshine at Brimham before turning down to Smelthouses, Glasshouses and then the climb of Yorke's Folly. As you know it is a bit steep, and my legs screamed at me that I was stupid to race Yvonne, Heather and Angela earlier in the day, but I made it to the top and the fantastic view and cool breeze. Then a great meander back via Padside, Thornthwaite, Darley, Menwith Hill, the Sun Inn, Beckwithshaw and home for some anesthetic while sitting in the sunshine. 57 memorable miles.
 Martin

EG's Ride Report

Great weather forecast and clear blue sky as seven EG`s met at Low Bridge, soon to be joined by Wheeleasy`s other Wednesday group who were heading north to Dallowgill moor via Ripon. The EG`s intention was to take lunch at Coxwold and then on to Yearsley however things did change. The day could have started badly when a small boy 2 years or under was found wandering on Chain Lane by himself, a quick thinking EG leapt of his bike to talk to him and try to determine where he was from. Some neighbours were unsure of where he lived , but eventually he was reunited with one of his parents, who lived further into the estate.
 On to Boroughbridge where coffee and toasted tea cakes were taken, together with puncture repairing and inner tube purchasing, then it was on to Carlton Husthwaite and Coxwold for lunch. A bit soon after Coffee in Boroughbridge perhaps? However this was not to be. The cafe was delightful with good food and a very pleasant garden to sit in, the staff were also nice and friendly. However as one EG stated the tea room was one you could have imagined been run by Private Godfrey`s sisters.
 Do to our stay (very pleasant) being longer than expected Yearsley was cancelled and the long climb to Crayke embarked upon, but the views were worth it. Then it was backed to Harrogate via Alwark Bridge with a banana taken at Branton Green. The weather had been superb, though it did cloud over for a while.
 Max mileage for Harrogate riders around 59 to 61 miles. Dave P

Evening Ride Report

Seven people turned up at Hornbeam at 6.30pm on this perfect summer evening. One person who was hoping for an off-road ride decided to head off alone. The remaining six including two people on their first Wheel-Easy ride decided on a route & set off for Knaresborough, Bishop Monkton,

Markington & back through Ripley & Killinghall, approx 25 miles. Jill
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