

Wednesday, August 18, 2010

Wednesday Rides



Poddlers

Ride

Report

A good day for cycling, cool, dry and no wind that was too obvious. 11 people opted to do the Poddle into the hills and mountains of Huby today and we set off man and womanfully up towards The Black Swan Burn Bridge. Sur John had to abandon due to a bike malfunction, but the rest surged on without him up to the top of the world, or heart attack hill depending on how you look at it. As predicted Caroline B who was new to the Wednesday Poddles kept well ahead of the leader on the hills as did everyone else.... Oh the joy of a nice comforting hill, well there was more to come, down then joyfully up into North Rigton, not contented with that we wanted more hill climbing and turned right up to Great Almscliffe, where we took the opportunity to have a photo call with the crag in the background. Max keen not to be in the photo managed to weld his bike to mine, as he fought to grab the camera, obviously with thoughts of a Martin and Yvonne style tandem ride to follow. Well how many men does it take to free a couple of bikes up.....Max, David G, John, new to Poddling Steve, and then thankfully Dennis, managed to writhe them apart with the strength of 20 men. I for one was delighted, no tandeming for us. After a demanding and tiring drag down to the main Otley Road and over into Weeton there were, much to our relief, more small hills to negotiate. Rolling into Dunkeswick and taking our lives in our hands as we negotiated a busy Leeds Road, then on for more lovely hill climbing into Kirkby Overblow. As we happily sped up the hill out of Kirkby Overblow Liz tested the how many men theory again by throwing off her chain, and 4 men were left in a pile, as she zoomed up the hill after the main group of gleeful climbers, chain reunited with its other bits. We all put in extreme effort as we tenaciously pedalled down the by pass and down past Rudding Park. Thankfully the lights were at red, giving us all an opportunity to really feel the pleasure of the hill up to the very busy and congested main Wetherby Road, and onwards and upwards towards home. A rather traffic and road filled ride but with lots of lovely hills, almost on a par with Lynda's Skipton experience. 1 x 1 mile, and 10 x 21.32 miles completed by 12 o'clock. Caroline G

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Wheel Easy Ride Report
 Six Wheel Easy riders and one guest rider enjoyed their improvised ride to Boroughbridge and Easingwold. From Boroughbridge we headed north to Sessay and met with three cyclists who were travelling from London to Edinburgh. As a result I am sure we all started planning in our heads our next cycling adventure. We stopped for refreshments at Tee Hee in Easingwold before continuing home via Aldwark, Arkendale and Knaresborough. A great 55 mile ride! Paul

EG's Ride Report
 There was a good gathering of Wheel Easy members at Low Bridge, Wednesday Riders and EG`s. Roy was missing with a back problem (get well soon Roy), but good to see Martin back especially with a sexy plaster on his knee (looks real go faster stuff). Due to the poor weather forecast (though this again was to prove false) the EG`s destination was Wharfedale with some quick return options if the weather forecast proved correct. First things first so morning caffeine was taken at Morrisons in Wetherby. All good things have to come to an end and soon we were on the ridge passing through Sicklinghall. At Kearby the rain could be seen falling on Otley, together with some superb close up views of two Red Kites. Care was taken on the descent into Castley, to avoid large sharp gravel on the road. Last week Norman writing off a tub on this road, before having to crawl into Otley to buy another. Please be careful, its still there. Dave W had not eaten at the Garden Centre so three EG`s ate there, Peter B thought this was a bit down market and set off for Dunnies, where Knights of the Realm eat, closely followed by Norman. Dave W celebrated his first visit to this cafe with a plate juggling act, not very successfully, the smashed crockery on the floor making it look like a Greek Restaurant at happy hour. After lunch it was on to Dunnies to pick up Peter B and Norman before they OD`ed on cholesterol. It was difficult to get going from here as there was some serious cycling talk going on, eventually we were away picking up John Bell to return with us. The route being Lindley Bridge and Briscoerigg. The weather had been very good, and the pace was leisurely. Had our get up and go, got up and gone, or did we just eat slowly and talk too much, as we only did around 40 miles? Anyway who cares it was very enjoyable. Dave P

Evening Ride Report
 Four met at Hornbeam for the penultimate evening ride - Simon, Will, Steve and William. We cycled to Beckwithshaw, Hampsthwaite, up Clint Bank, Shaw Mills, Bishop Thornton, Ripley, through killinghall and home. Approx 22 miles at a brisk pace. The rain which was forecast kept away for a decent evening. Simon

2010	Wheel	Easy	Miles	(approx)	Today	832	YTD	97644
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