

Wednesday, September 8, 2010

Wednesday Rides



Poddlers Ride Report
Word had spread throughout the Poddling Circles of Harrogate, today was an El Butler Ride, hundreds of poddlers turned up, so that once more they could follow in the wheels of our guru. Only a select ten were allowed to trace his wheel marks, along the Route of the Lanes. El Butler had been up early flattening out any hills and the route took the flat way to Bilton Lane,(where Caroline B kindly offered mint refreshments) Knox Lane, Grainbeck Lane,Lund Lane, West Lane (which was, he told us, also flattened), Rowden Lane, Pennypot Lane, Watson's Lane and a load of other flat lanes up to Little Almscliffe. No one had moaned, not even Trevor who appeared almost to be smiling at the perfect nature of the ride. Everyone sped down Norwood Lane to Beckwithshaw and onwards to Lady Lane. At Lady Lane Peter and Caravan Lynda changed a battery and headed off home straight down Lumb Lane home to Crimple Lane. El Butler determined that everyone should be delivered safely to their door, allowed a happy Paul to leave the ride at Green Lane and a smiling Sue D and a jolly uncomplaining Trevor to go back to their spouses in some lanes off Leadhall Lane. Caroline G, Max, and John W reluctantly left the group being escorted to Hornbeam, and went their seperate ways home. Thus El Butler lead another memorable ride, eleven set out and eleven were safely returned home. 23 miles x 11 people give or take a .03. Thank you Dennis. Are there any other wannabe ride leaders out there. CG

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Wheel Easy Ride Report
As I set off for Hornbeam I was thinking about who was the last Sunderland player to score for England before Bent's goal last night? I was also thinking I would cycle with the Poddlers this morning.
Was it the fact that Dennis did not mention a coffee stop or they set off at too fast a pace that prompted Richard to suggest coffee at Boston Spa and home before midday? The ride started with an unnecessary angry motorist expressing his thoughts! Angela, Sarah, Tony

and myself all ignored him and continued to follow Richard to Boston Spa via Rudding, Follifoot, Spofforth, Wetherby and the cycle track alongside the A1. After coffee we returned home on the same route. It was a good 26 mile ride. Paul. Oh by the way it was Len Shackleton in 1954!

EG's Ride Report

On a misty Autumn morn seven riders met at Low Bridge, not quite magnificent in numbers but good quality, with a few regular riders sending their apologies. Nice to see Peter Jackson out riding after being knocked of his bike by a left turning car last Wednesday. Congratulation to John Eaton on completing the hard man/woman course of the Milk Stout Ride and raising a £s;125 for the charity. As there had been some serious mileage and hills over the Wheel Easy weekend it was decided to take a leisurely route to York via the flat lands of Yorkshire. So it was southwards to Little Ribston and out to Cowthorpe ignoring the siren calls of Morrisons Cafe in Wetherby, then down Rudgate and into Taddy for Tea and Toasted Teacakes at Tykes Tadcaster Tearooms, now thats a lot of T`s and there certainly was in the Tearooms, as on our arrival there was 30 plus York Wednesday Wheelers riders plus two groups from South Yorkshire, so there was bikes for 40 plus riders in the back yard. Fortunately their tea stop was over so we did not have to wait for a table, but we did have to wait for a space to park our bikes. The tea cakes arrived as fast as Morrisons best times and soon we were on our way to Appleton Roebuck, nearby is Acaster Selby where DP usually takes riders to see the River Ouse flowing the wrong way, only this time DP started to flow the wrong way, a quick correction and we were heading north again. Colin commented that had we been on the high seas he would not have admitted we were on a wrong bearing, but then as Captain he would have made dissenters walk the plank.

On the way to Rountree Park Tea Room Bill W gave us many factoids, No Bill we did`nt know Ginger Rodgers and Rita Hayworth were cousins. After refreshment and a cheeseburger for Norman we took cycle route 65 out of York to Benningborough

On the Ings a group of people gathered around a ladies bike on the floor (obviously a problem), can you cope cried Norman (at times he`s a bold young man), obviously they couldn't so Norman swept into action.

A few turns of his screwdriver and a few squirts of oil and the lady was smiling, he then turned his attention to the bike. The EG`s then headed North to Benningborough and the ladies into York. Passing the Home Farm Shop there were no calls to satisfy cake cravings, was this anything to do with Eric and Peter B`s absence?

A banana break was taken at Great Ouseburn before returning via Ferrensby. Excellent ride in good Autumn conditions and no wind (now there`s a change). Seven riders at average approx 65 miles. 7 x 65 = 455 miles Total. Dave P

2010	Wheel	Easy	Miles	(approx)	Today	838	YTD	109539
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