

Wednesday, October 20, 2010

## Wednesday Rides



Poddlers

Ride

Report

Her indoors, who is much happier outdoors, is suffering from jet lag (oh dear) and has commanded me to write a short report on her behalf. So, being one for a quiet life, I will dutifully succumb to her wishes (whilst secretly thinking that my dwindling stock of "brownie points" could do with a boost).

The fear of a residual ground frost, instilled in my brain by weather forecasting fraternity of the British Broadcorpung Castration, was instantly dismissed by the sight of a gloriously bright, sunny sky. On the route to Hornbeam we were cheerily greeted by two EGs. Caroline has asked me to thank one of them for the deeply touching and timely advice that "it is now warm knickers weather".

Thanks

DP.

There was a good turnout at Hornbeam and Caroline, being out of the saddle for nearly three weeks, was over eager to get started and had to be reigned back by Gia (I must have some tips on how she does this) so that important advice could be cascaded. The original route was to go to Bishop Monkton via Low Bridge and Farnham I think. (I wasn't listening, just following.) When we arrived at the Copgrove turn off we were advised by a fluorescent covered lady that hedgerow cutting was in progress and tyres would suffer if we took that route. I think that this lady was a secret witch who had parked her broomstick behind the hedge and was preparing all sorts of nasties down the lane in preparation for Halloween. Plan A was abandoned and after hurried consultation with Bomber Butler plan B was hatched -Staveley - Minskip - Boroughbridge - Roeccliffe - track to Copgrove avoiding the witch - and back to Low Bridge where we would split up and return home as free spirits.

All went according to plan in a leisurely fashion, in glorious sunshine with much chatting (but not when going into the sun Gia). I was so relaxed that I thought that we would have difficulty reaching the 20 miles mark but was advised, by those with abacuses as customised fixtures, that the sliding balls said 30 miles. A great ride and on behalf of her indoors Thanks for not being demanding on our return.

For the tallyman abacus says 30miles x 10 jolly, happy riders = 300 jolly. happy rider miles. Max

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Wheel Easy Ride Report  
'What a lovely day, lets cycle to Cotswold', said Richard. Everyone agreed it was a good idea until Richard mentioned we would be back in Harrogate around 3.30pm. The majority had afternoon commitments such as hairdresser appointments, decorating, electrician calling, collecting children and resting before evening exercise on the Stray. A group of eight cycled together to Boroughbridge then six continued onto Ripon where they enjoyed refreshments at The Chimes. Tony and Richard cycled east and enjoyed various bridle paths but were slightly thwarted by a road closure. After their climb to Kilburn they stopped for coffee and Tony happily removed his muddy shoes to nurse feeling back into his feet. Their journey back home took them to Easingwold and Aldwark. The others returned to Harrogate via Studley Royal, Fountains and Ripley. It was a lovely day for cycling and everyone enjoyed their 40 mile ride.

EG's Ride Report  
It was a somewhat chilly morning, with some riders regretting not taking the weather forecast too seriously, they had got it wrong on many previous occasions. On route to Low Bridge other Wheel Easiers were met, Gia and Paul plus two Poddlers ( Caroline and Max) back from holiday, the general consensus being it was COLD. Bill W and DP sneaked an early warming coffee in Morrisons, but their feelings of guilt passed on seeing Roy`s bike parked outside the garden centre`s coffee shop. Nine riders set off for Beningborough, soon to be ten as John R caught us up on Waterside (very quietly with no excuses, what made him late ??). Blue sky and the chill made it great cycling weather as we headed for Aldwark Bridge and Beningborough Home Farm Cafe for coffee, hot chocolate and huge wedges of cake. Then it was east to Shipton and Wigginton before heading north to Huby and Easingwold. The rush had passed when we arrived in Restaurant 21, forty riders from York just having left. The restaurant name has now been changed to "Temptations" whilst eating an excellent lunch this title was contemplated on. What could the temptations be in a restaurant attached to a care home ? when I move in I will let you know. At Alne the ride split with a fast group pacing/escorting Roy back to Harrogate to pick up his wife from the hairdresser, as he happened to make the rendezvous on time we know he will have a pass out for next Wednesday, these things are very important to the EG`s. The remaining steady four, declined a banana break at Branton Green and it was steady away to Harrogate in bright sunshine, with some chill from a slight wind. An excellent day, an excellent ride, something we might not get in the coming months. Approx average mileage for all riders say 60 miles x 10 riders (now thats an easy one) = Total 600 miles.

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