

Sunday, November 14, 2010

Wheel Easy Ride Report 238



Short Ride Report

Having driven home during the early hours in pouring rain, I had anticipated today's short ride being a rather soggy experience - not so. It was a crisp and sunny morning as thirteen of us set off on a fairly hilly route taking in such heights and delights as Grainbeck Lane, West Lane at Hampsthwaite, and thence to the T junction on Penny Pot Lane where the option to take a shorter route back via Oak Beck was debated. By this time, we had covered 10.5 miles at a reasonable pace. Sue T turned left here as she had to be home. Her excellent back-marking was undertaken by Sue W so thanks to the Sue's. Sadly, we had lost Sarah and Jon at the end of Knox Lane due to tyre technicalities with Sarah's bike. Jon had the necessary replacements / equipment so, hopefully, they were able to reach home or carry on cycling. Momentous and mountainous decision made, the remaining ten turned right and headed along Penny Pot savouring the views and observing the "Silence" at a suitable spot. The inclines beside The Sun Inn, up Norwood Lane and the slog up to Little Almscliffe proved a "piece of cake" and all arrived looking refreshed and raring to go! The descent to Beckwithshaw required just sitting back and coasting! With only one challenge ahead - the "Squinting Cat", the decision was to keep going rather than have a coffee stop at the Valley Gardens. We returned to Hornbeam via the Rossett Cycle Path and Leadhall Lane have bade farewell to Trevor on Green Lane.

Thank you one and all and apologies to the two people who do not appear on the photo due to photographer's lack of skill! 18.5 miles
Sue T's actual mileage back to her house was 12.98

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Medium Ride Report

This turned into a bit of local history ride as we enjoyed a cruise along through the flattish roads and local points of interest around Boroughbridge. Seven of us set off and although this number

