



Poddlers Ride Report

Seven poddlers gathered at Hornbeam but without a leader (come back Caroline we need you). After some discussion it was decided to bless Wetherby with our presence, so off we went. First to Knaresborough via Forest Moor, along Abbey Lane then Wetherby Rd to Little Ribston and the turn off to Cowthorpe. We then took the pathway created from the old A1 to Wetherby where we turned along Sandbeck Lane to the Deighton Road and into Wetherby. A decision was made to continue without a Cafe break so we pushed our bikes onto the Harland Way heading for Spofforth. Further along the Harland Way we encountered a Tractor trimming the verges and cutting back the shrubbery (are the Sustrans volunteers eligible for redundancy payments?) and so back to Follifoot and Rudding Park where we made our various ways home. For the log 7poddlers x 23 miles = 161miles John W.

Wheel Easy Ride Report

My text box was full this morning of people unable to ride today but as always there were enough at Hornbeam to ensure two rides left shortly after 9.30. Jill enjoying the last day of her holiday and Richard were keen to get some hills ridden so we set off towards Hampsthwaite and Brimham Rocks assuring ourselves that it really wasn't that cold. By the time we got to Brimham we could see and feel snow swirling around somewhere in the distance so abandoned a trip over the moors to Grantley. Jill, David, Sue and Richard carried on to Fountains, Gia and " flu recovering Paul" bowed out and after Warsill headed to Ripley for a welcome bowl of soup and coffee. 1 x 28 miles, 1 x 30 miles. Gia

After Gia & Paul headed towards Ripley & home the remaining four went on to the cafe at Fountains

Abbey Visitor Centre. The route back was via Studley Roger, Ripon, Littlethorpe & Bishop Monkton & Lingerfield before Knaresborough Hill & home having completed approx 40 miles. Jill

EG's Ride Report

A bit of a dull start to the day, plus some conflicting weather forecasts, but who cares having come through the coldest November/Decembers on record. There was a fair few cyclists could be seen in Hornbeam Car Park as Bill and Dave P set off for Low Bridge, Paul T could be also seen on his wheels after his fight with a bug. (hope your ride went OK Paul). A total of nine riders met at the bridge to wish each other a Happy New Year and after a quick chat with Bridget and some Poddlers, the EG`s set off for Easingwold, and at Bills request via the shortest route. At Farnham Norman and Terry cut off to ride to Boroughbridge, and a safe bet the top cafe. The remaining seven Bill, Dave P, Eric, James, John E, Peter B and Roy continued to Arkendale, Great Ouseburn and Aldwark Bridge. On route through Youlton and Alne patches of black snow at the roadside reminded of the severe winter passed ?? no more to come we hope.

Arriving in Easingwold just before 12 noon it was decided not to head for Temptations Restuarant as this would be their busiest time, so it was in to the Tea Rooms for soup, bacon sandwiches, full breakfasts and all those other goodies that make life so pleasant, note we are no longer young, however a lady jogging at Low Bridge did turn a few heads, so memory has not completely left us. The route back was via Raskelf and Brafferton, here Roy who had been off the bike for a month set us all a good example in pace and being tete la course.

In Boroughbridge it was asked if it was T , P or both, a stop was agreed, DP being among the grateful ones.

The top cafe looked closed, and Eric took us down an alley/ginnel to a cafe which claimed to be open all hours , this was also shut.

So where else but on to Morrisons for afternoon tea and some gooey cakes. The ride back from Easingwold had been in the sun and we had a glorious sunset on the ride in to Harrogate, getting back before lighting up time. Mileage 7 x 49miles approx = 343 miles. 2 x say 30 miles = 60miles Dave P

2011 Wheel Easy Miles (approx) Today 782 YTD 2772



