



Poddlers Ride Report

13 Poddlers set off from Hornbeam on a bright but cool morning. Our ride took us through Pannal, up Brackenthwaite Lane, the wrong way for the hill (did we detect a few moans?) but everybody made it. North Rigton was next with a very pleasant stretch overlooking the Wharfe Valley. It was time for the photo stop; a location was selected to include us all in front of Almscliffe Crag, together with many lambs and sheep. After jostling with space because of farm machinery wanting to turn in & out of the gateway where we all stood opposite we did manage the photos eventually. Next we passed the base of the Crag to join the Otley Road towards Beckwithshaw (some more voices of dissent re the hills?). Trevor decided to return home. The climb towards Little Almscliffe Crag resulted in the straying of 2 of our party, Sue & Monica, who eventually caught us up at the entrance to Scargill Reservoir (having accidentally opted for the easier route down to Beckwithshaw).

It had been threatening rain and we got a little and it was suddenly colder. Quickly down to the Scargill reservoir and the valley beyond turned out be a pleasant experience. The rain stopped and the sun reappeared. This had to be paid for with a hike pushing our bikes some 300 yards up a field to the track and then up to Pennypot Lane. Although we had not done many miles from Hornbeam the fact that my battery needed changing early was a good indication of our efforts! It was decided to miss out the optional Hampsthwaite loop and go back to Harrogate because of the possibility of more rain. The lead was temporary passed to Dave who led us back into town via a pleasant downhill route through to Jennyfields. We gradually all dispersed home after an exhilarating mornings ride. Mileage approx - $13 \times 22 = 286$. Peter & Lynda

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Wheel Easy Ride Report

Battenburg ride. 7 riders set off in brilliant sunshine up to Little Almscliffe and passed the reservoirs towards Timble. Passing through Timble village the heavens opened and rain jackets were hurriedly donned. The rain was set in for a while so coffee at the Timble Reading room seemed a better idea than getting soaked. After this unplanned but pleasant stop we turned right towards the A59 crossing over it and climbing up a very steep hill towards Thruscross reservoir. We stopped for photos and a history lesson on the drowned village, then climbed upwards for brilliant views in the sunshine. Making decisions on the route as we went we crossed over by the Stone House pub and eventually down into Darley. A pleasant ride by the river and then up to High Birstwith and finally swooping down to Hampsthwaite for lunch at Sophie's cafe. Home via Knox 30 miles X 7 we all agreed that this had been a really lovely ride and should be added to the club routes. Sue Couture

EG's Ride Report

After the weeks Wheel Easy Birthday celebrations it was back to normal, though normality is something the EG`s are not familiar with.

As some of our riders had completed the Wheel Easy 100 miler it was thought that they still may have the ride in their legs, so something of a flattish recovery ride should be in order. However the way the said riders shot up the few hills left us in awe of their stamina.

So nine riders gathered at Low Bridge, Bill (congratulations on the new Granddaughter), Colin (now with his boat shipshape and Bristol fashion) Dave P, Dave W, John E, John R, Norman, Roy, and Terry. and the route was northwards to Farnham, Bishop Monkton and Ripon and of course Spa Cafe. Here a major decision was taken to eat in or out, against the advice of Roy, it was outside, food had just about been consumed ,then it rained ,so it was inside (DP to blame). After the break John R and Norman left us to return to Harrogate, the remaining seven headed north to Wath and Melmerby, crossing the A1 to Rainton, here DP was so enthralled with the new A1 upgrade he nearly took an early right turn into a field. At Rainton a banana break was taken, at Spa Cafe Roy had asked the usual (but sensible)question was this our major food stop, as the answer was no, a call was made to Tasty Snacks in Boroughbridge telling them to expect seven cyclists and put the chip and frying pans on. At Cundall the wind picked up, but we tucked in like a pursuit team and headed through Norton Le Clay to make Boroughbridge in a fast time (some say 20mph but then you would not believe that away) so we wo`nt say it. Three bacon sandwiches were amongst the order, Roy this time declined to have sausage and egg in his as he was dining out tonight. Dave W ordered eggs and chips with the comment if I can`t eat all my chips who wants some, sit near me said Roy, unfortunately for Roy, Dave consumed the lot, thats what a 100 does for you. After nourishment it was back to Knaresborough and Harrogate in a headwind, but again we tucked in behind the strong, who pushed wind and good time was made. Again we were lucky with good cycling weather with only slight rain though there was a chill in the air. Mileage say $7 \times 47 = 329$ miles approx, $2 \times 38 = 76$ miles approx. Dave P

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