



Poddlers Ride Report

Only 9 starters today for the poddlers. Taking the anti-clockwise route via Low Bridge, Farnham, Stavely and Minskip to Boroughbridge assisted by a very pleasant following wind. We continued on towards Langthorpe and Skelton and crossing the river and canal to join the road towards Littlethorpe and Bishop Monkton, then on to Markington to return via the Drovers, Ripley and Knox. A nice ride with a very compact group and good company. Some good hill training for Liz on her forthcoming trip to Ireland. 8 x 37 miles + 1 x 15 (Sir John leaving us at Farnham) Dennis B.

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Wheel Easy Ride Report

The poddlers shot off dead on the dot at 9.30 leaving seven of us Wheel Easys to hatch a plan of action. The decision was to ride to Ripon and then on to Brimham Rocks before returning to Hornbeam, we were all looking forward to a much less windy ride than we had each encountered over the weekend. So, Paul, Sue, Sarah, Stewart, Richard, Julie and myself headed off in the direction of Low Bridge where we found Dave who had taken a correct gamble that we might go that way and joined us, having been unable to get to Hornbeam in time due to traffic problems. We were a mere mile into the ride when Sarah fell prey to a puncture but was fortunately in the company of willing puncture repairers Dave, Paul and Stewart. The rest of us headed on towards Ripon but a missed hand signal meant that we split and went different routes in order to get there. Not to worry all 3 splinter groups arrived at Spa Gardens simultaneously via our different routes to enjoy refreshments slightly ahead of

the E.G's arrival. Leaving Ripon our route took us via a gentle climb to Galphay and on to Kirkby Malzeard. The sun was shining, we had avoided the dizzy rabbits and the suicidal cat and the weather was calm.

From Kirkby the gradient started to increase up to Greygarth and then we had a small descent before the final push up to the top of Dallowgill Moor. Cycling across the moor the wind decided to show us that it could still rear its ugly head but we were rewarded with spectacular views across the moor for miles and miles, any volcanic dust having been blown far away.

What goes up must come down and that's what we all did on a fabulous long descent towards the toll bridge. We did lose Dave who headed off on a more direct route to home and Sarah did lose a bit of her bike but was not too worried as it was a bit that none of the rest of us had anyway. After accompanying Julie back to her garden gate the remaining six of us swooped down to Sophie's café in Hampsthwaite for a very late but much appreciated lunch stop. Suitably refreshed we took the established return route via Knox back to Harrogate.

A wonderful days ride of exactly 50 miles distance, 3552 ft climbed, and about 2,660 calories expended (and less than that consumed...so even better than calorie neutral) Angela
<http://bikeroutetoaster.com/Course.aspx?course=251583>

EG's Ride Report

Part One

The day started well, at Low Bridge (but did not continue that way for some) Whilst the nine riders gathered , Wheel Easy Wednesdayers led by Paul passed on their way to Ripon. Between Burton Leonard and Bishop Monkton Dave P`s tyre blew ie split, fortunately a combined effort of EG`s and Peter J`s bit of canvas Ripon was made on a softish tyre.Objective buy new tyre, reality cycle shop closed, actuality into Spa Gardens Cafe for a cuppa. Here Pauls group were well into their morning break, time for a combined Wheel Easy photo shoot before they left. EG`s then relaxed in the sun before Dave P, Norman and Roy left to return to Harrogate, Dave and Roy taking the main road just in case of total failure we would be on a bus route. Norman taking the more scenic route home.Dave W of course taking his group north to Masham. Dave P

Part Two

Having, by consensus at Low Bridge, and to avoid the Icelandic ash cloud by sticking to the lowlands rather than the heady heights of Otley, we decided to strike off towards Masham, and were confident our weekly run would be trouble free. After Terry & Norman peeled off to Roecliffe to rescue a lost and "treasured" water bottle left in the grass last week, the remaining six EG's made tracks to Ripon, looking forward to toasted teacakes,/beans on toast or the like. On the descent down to Bishop Monkton DW noted three members had fallen by the wayside. A group of Wheel Easy Wednesday riders swept past shouting that our co-riders were fixing a puncture. Retracing our steps up the steep hill towards Burton Leonard, on arrival Dave P, our illustrious leader, was spotted with tyre in hand attempting, not to patch an inner tube but this time the inside of his tyre. Apparently D.P. had experienced a full "blow-out". His antique tyre, after how many miles and years of use, had finally given up, wearing right through the carcass. A temporary repair was completed with the help of "expert" advice from observing EG's and it was decided to risk continuing on to Ripon in the hope a replacement tyre could be found at a local bike shop.

On arrival in Ripon we discovered the shop closed. Retiring to the "Spa Cafe" to consider our options we ordered teas / coffees / refreshments and gathered around the table to discuss D.P.'s best course of action. Terry and Norman rejoined us, complete with water bottle, found in the long grass as hoped. Dave P. thought it prudent to return home handing over the leadership baton to D.W. Norman and Roy decided to return with D.P. which left six members to continue the ride to Masham. Heading through Grewelthorpe, in a gap in the clouds, enjoying brief sunshine, and turning towards Masham the second interruption to our progress presented itself when Peter B's chain decided to jump off. Charging down hill in pursuit of the three members who, unaware of Peter's problem had continued to Masham, P.B. D.W. & Colin caught up in Masham market square in time to order lunch.Bacon sandwiches were slow to arrive so Peter decided to venture in to the local market to top up his supply of bananas. The easy route back home to Harrogate was chosen but with some slight deviation, visiting Nosterfield by way of variety. Passing through Wath and climbing through Hutton Conyers D.W. led the ride home via

Sharow, Copt Hewick, Skelton and Boroughbridge.

The weather had been unexpectedly kind to us. The wind only causing a slight problem in exposed areas. We arrived in Knaresborough in good spirits having once again enjoyed a fine ride with good company.

Total Mileage :- 3 x 25; + 6 x 62; + 1 x 52. = 499 Dave W.

Evening Ride Report

Six of us turned up on Wednesday (4 male, 2 female) evening and had a very nice run to Hampsthwaite, Shaw Mills, Bishop Thornton, Ripley and home. 18 miles at a steady pace of 12mph. William.

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Please note

Terry Barker is leading an away day on Sunday the 26th of June from Hornbeam to Bridlington and then returning by coach. It will be ridden at a touring pace with a maximum of 24 riders. Anyone interested in taking part please contact Terry as soon as possible by e-mail terry.barker@hotmail.co.uk or during office hours on 01904 468514. The cost will be £s;12.50 per rider.

Great Yorkshire Bike Ride ticket wanted, ideally with return transport. Please contact Debs, on 07769 642659.

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