



Poddlers Ride Report

All started well, Martin introduced a new lady rider saying that she would be joining the Poddlers today. Fourteen of us set off in the direction of Knaresborough, or so I was to find out at the head count stop after Woodland 's corner but no new lady rider. Panic, -what would she be thinking of WE. After consultation it was felt that there was enough evidence to infer that Gia had captured her. (Confirmed by text messages to/from Gia by ride leader's social secretary). So it was onwards to the big K via Beryl Burton. Just as we were turning off towards Scotton the heavens opened and all the cherubims and seraphims started to practice throwing stair rods (from the 7 steps to heaven) at us. Each rider took individual protective action to find some degree of shelter and after about 10 minutes we all emerged to reform the peleton, closely resembling a flotilla of drowned rats.

With much banter as to who was hit by the largest rain drop we eventually found ourselves at the crumbling remains of the Drover's pub by way of Farnham, Burton Leonard, Wormald Green and Markington. Here two riders left to return via Ripley whilst the rest of us punished our bodies even harder on the descents of Cut Throat Lane and Clint Bank into Hampsthwaite. There, despite a lady running out from Sophie's café to entice us in, we all decided to continue home and forsake the calorie top-up.

Mr. Blackham, plucky survivor of an attack of stingy things, ("we know it must have hurt, but we don't do sympathy" the simultaneous quote from the six nurses in attendance) left us at Killinghall searching for something soothing. The remainder returned via Knox where the usual fragmentation of the peleton commenced. New rider, to be called New Kevin to distinguish him from Old Kevin of Killinghall, declared that he had enjoyed himself. Welcome New K. but where was Old K?

A lovely ride in the height of summer and in good company as usual. 27. something miles x 14 for the

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Wheel Easy Ride Report

It was almost like we were demob happy today, sun shining, Stewart safely back from his ride to Edinburgh, new rider Nicola joining us, Poddlers setting off in double quick time and Martin deciding that we should head for a coffee stop in Ripon! Well after a languorous chat with the EG's at Low Bridge we set off but soon had to shelter under the railway bridge at the end of Chain Lane as the heavens opened. Then the sun came out, Robin having done some more research on what bike to buy, Sue and Yvonne came out of their hideaway under the trees and for the rest of the day we had lovely warm sunshine.

Martin shepherded all twelve of us into Café Nero in the square in Ripon, then he, Yvonne, Stewart, Nicola and Robin went back to Harrogate. Malcolm, Paul, Sue and Gia set off for the deer park with Sophie's at Hampsthwaite our goal for lunch. David, William and Richard, clearly gave up on us as we didn't see them again. Two of our delays were to speak to cyclists on the Way of The Roses rides. One couple who had all their camping gear, were heading to York Rally, and another group heading to York then up to Sedgfield. Brilliant that there are so many people cycling this route in one form or another. Good day's ride 41 x 4, Martin and Richard will need to supply numbers for their rides! Gia

EG's Ride Report

22nd June and the nights are now drawing in, and the weather looked a bit threatening, but its not all doom and gloom we could be living in Greece in the hot sunshine. The EG`s would be a bit short on the ground today, Colin was on the high seas, Peter B was doing hard labour (not on the moor but for his son), Roy was running a taxi service, James was on voluntary work and Dave W was on wedding anniversary duties (best wishes to Dave & Pam). A goodly number of Wheel Easy Wednesdayer`s led by Martin and Yvonne descended on Low Bridge resulting in the inevitable chatting regarding Saturday(GYBR) and Sunday rides. Malcolm M still has the vote of thanks from Paul and Dave P for getting his Sunday ride into a cafe PDQ on a foul day (non of us feeling a bit guilty at all). Then Martin gathered in his flock and was away, MM being the last to leave, no doubt having to sprint to catch them.

Six EG`s Bob, Bill, Dave P, Eric, John E and John R (who is going to take an injunction out on Eric`s GYBR report), then headed on Abbey Road. Then the heavens opened and for the first time ever we sheltered under trees to escape the worst of the downpour. Then it was on to Boroughbridge where we met Martin and Yvonne coming out of Roelcliffe Lane. Here a concerned Eric (he is caring) enquired of Dave P, had he had a senior moment, had Sundays cold and damp got to his brain but did he realise that he was passing through Boroughbridge without a Cafe stop ?. DP thought? (a strange process) No head for the blue sky above Easingwold, and don't hang about.

John R left us here to return home (he said) one of these days we are going to have him followed. The pace was fast and furious, the question being asked could we stop in time or should we carry on to Filey (again). At the first hill (railway bridge) Bill took max points in the sprint and king of the mountains comp. At the second hill (A19 bridge) Bill led out, but the pelaton were now aware and pounced on him Eric taking max points in the melee. DP could only look at the dust in the distance. Soon we were in to Temptations Cafe at 11-35 am, this must be an EG record. After a pleasant lunch it was on to Huby and Sutton on the Forest and on to Wigginton and Shipton, the pace had been fast and the weakest link was gratefull for the other fit four pushing the wind. Soon we were at Beningborough and home farm cafe for caffeine and cake. Sitting outside in the sun we realised we had been lucky with he weather, though the wind could have been more considerate, stop winging DP it could have been Sunday all over again. A banana break was as usual taken at Branton Green before the climbs began on the return to Knaresborough and Harrogate, on crossing the stray who should we see but again Martin & Yvonne, still on bikes but with change of strip (we ca`nt go on meeting like this).

Mileage say average 61 miles x 5 = 305 miles and one now we are guessing say 40 miles ? Please note today all photos show the EG`s sedately eating. Dave P

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