



Poddlers Ride Report

Weather was good and sunny but with forecast of scattered showers. 16No set off prompt 9.30 heading for Knaresborough (Low Bridge) - Abbey Rd - Farnham - where one bike developed a puncture, this was quickly repaired and onto Ferrensby - Arkendale - Marton cum Grafton - Great Ouseburn banana stop regroup and photo shoot.

On then to Thorpe Underwood - Whixley and further photo opportunity as we shuttled one at a time through gates at rail crossing - Walshford (Bridge Inn) option for refreshments but majority preferred to continue and be back for lunch physiotherapy appointments ect - decision taken to split into smaller groups at different pace - official route back - North Deighton - Spofforth - Follifoot where we encountered our first shower - total 33miles and 16 cyclists. Steven Perry

Wheel Easy Ride (Minority Report)

As a huge number of people departed on the Poddlers ride (approx 15 x 35 miles) we realised there were only six of us left, and so we set off over the hills to Ilkley. The group split into the hares and the tortoises as Richard put it, but we all managed to arrive at the Avanti Coffee Bar to enjoy a drink together.

The Tortoises Report

Then the 4 hares left us to do there own thing (see Richard's Report below) leaving Yvonne and I to brave the heights of Ilkley Moor. After the rough track we dropped down the other side and turned right to Silsden and then took to the canal for a picnic and a stroll along the bank to Kildwick.

Then it was up again over the delightful Draughton Moor and a real treat with the sun out and everything looking fresh and bright. Tea at Bolton Abbey was followed by taking up Richard's suggestion of a climb up the very quiet A59 to the top of Blubberhouses Moor. It may be very quiet but the few cars there were seemed to be barreling along at 80mph or more, so if you do this route don't think you can ride up the middle!

We returned via Thruscross Reservoir, Thornthwaite, Darley, Birstwith, Hampsthwaite and homeward. A long steady day with some big hills - just right for late June.

2 X 62miles. Martin W

The Hares Report

After Ilkley Stewart, Julie and Richard left the tortoisises who beat us to the top of Snowden, plus Dave to return home to watch the tennis (? 40m?) from Carter Lane , then Langbar and thus climb the closed (and for once fairly peaceful and obeyed) , A59 to Pace Gate. Stewart was duly persuaded to choose the Pateley option and initiated to Cold Cotes quarry. Tea at the old school and then drizzle (lemon) at Julies and the final hills to Otley Road. 3 @59m 4000 ft
<http://bikeroutetoaster.com/Course.aspx?course=270737>

EGs Ride Report

After Sundays scorcher the weather still promised to be good but without the heat.

As the EG`s began to gather for roll call a goodly number of Wheel Easy

Wednesdays arrived at Low Bridge. Was this the B team ? heading for the flat lands of Yorkshire like the EG`s. The A team, after scorchio Sunday (of course) heading for the highlands of Ilkley Moor to get away from the heat of the plains.

Soon the WEW`s were away closely followed by the EG`s team of Bill, Bob, Colin, Dave P, Dave W, Eric, James, John R, Peter B, Peter J, Roy and Theo (on fixed again). Info from DW on tree cutting on Abbey Rd meant it was on Waterside to the A6055. At the turn off to Farnham the WEW`s could be seen stationary, but it was only a puncture so no help was needed.

The ford road was closed at Occaney so a diversion was made via Copgrove, then it was on to Ripon for the first break of the day at the Spa Gardens Cafe. It was very pleasant sitting in the sun (with some clouds) but not over hot. Soon it was time to fall in (this gets more difficult as we get older) and head north to Kirkby Malzeard and Grewelthorpe before the mad descent in to Masham.

The descent resulted in a rush of blood to the head leading to dissent and mutiny !. It had been planned to head directly to Bedale before eating, but on entering Masham the mutineers headed for the Bordar Cafe and refused to budge (this may also have been caused by fumes from the Brewery), and so lunch was taken, again outside in pleasant surroundings.

An elderly biker (not particularly hairy) but in leathers spotted Peter B and said "its good to see a proper cyclist" whilst looking at Peters grey

socks, army boots, knarley knees, baggy shorts and barbed wire balaclava. Peter swelled with pride and with a disdainful look at the rest of the EG`s he said "yes and I don'tt clean my bike either".

Peter B and James then chose to return to Harrogate, the remaining ten then heading for Thornton Watlass and Bedale, on entering Bedale DP was very careful in avoiding passing cafes.. Then it was south to Burneston and Kirklington crossing the A1 to Ainderby

Quernhow with a banana break being taken at Skipton on Swale and on to Boroughbridge where fortunately the Tasty Snacks Cafe was

open for tea and cake and DP`s life was no longer in danger.

Soon we were on the road again in bright sunshine and a not to bad wind to Knaresborough and Harrogate. It had been a good ride in very good conditions and perhaps the longest EG ride for a while.

A remarkable performance by Theo (on fixed) who does not ride regularly.

Max mileage around 72 miles so say average for 10 riders 70 miles. $10 \times 70 = 700$ miles + 2 x say 50 = 100 miles. Dave P

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