



Away Day Ride - Kettlewell Scarecrow Festival

Lynda N. led a lovely ride from Grassington to Kettlewell, via Arncliffe. Dave, who had cycled from Harrogate, left us half way, probably to conquer Park Rash. Dennis, Gordon, Alec, Sue and Lynda spent a couple of hours in Kettlewell, admiring the artistic scarecrows. We returned to Grassington along the opposite side of the Wharfe, then home (by car!). Around 20 miles and very enjoyable. Sue W.

Poddlers Ride Report

Steve led a very controlled group of 8 Poddlers who could not get to Grassington and the Scarecrows of Kettlesing (or well), on a lovely ride to Spofforth via Hags Road, Wetherby, up the side of a main road on the lovely bike path to a bridge and some other village, and then back home via the Wetherby Bike path to Spofforth and Follifoot. About 25miles, lovely weather, lovely outing. Caroline G

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Wheel Easy Ride Report

Martin, Yvonne, Paul and Gia were the only takers for the Wednesday ride and after the well organised Poddlers set off we agreed that a ride to Ripon would fit the bill for appointments to be kept later that afternoon. Delays were inevitable at Low Bridge where the EG's drooled over various bikes, tested them out and made roadside repairs to another. And then of course there was the chat. (and they say women can talk!) Lovely leisurely morning ride to Ripon and the Deer Park, coffee by the lake and home via Bishop Thornton. We stopped to inspect and admire Martin's earthworks on Woodfield Road,

photo should be on site, all part of the new links to schools route. Anyone riding over the Dragon Bridge will notice that path widening is already taking place ready for the resurfacing!. About 36 miles.
Gia

EG's Ride Report

The weather forecast was good, plus the day also looked good, so a longish ride seemed in order. The nine EG`s were soon joined by four WEW`s going for a shortish one, so all smile for a photo shoot (see photo). The good weather forecast brought out a few best bikes today, this resulted in a short orgy of bike swapping, I said BIKE swapping, the resulting excitement meant it was difficult to get the EG`s going southward to Taddy leaving the WEW`s to head north to Ripon. Eventually the nine were on their way passing through Little Ribston, Cowthorpe and down Rudgate, John R and Norman left us to return to Harrogate via Walton, the select seven then continued to Tadcaster and Tykes Tearooms for Tea and Toasted Teacakes. On emerging from the tearooms the weather still looked good as Bill, Chris, Dave P, Dave W, JohnE, Roy and Theo made for Bolton Percy, where a steam train was expected, being little boys at heart the pelaton came to a stop. After some a time and a no show, it took some effort to get the pelaton back on the road an on the Acaster Selby (but no stop to see which way the Ouse was flowing), then north to Naburn to join the cycle path and head south to Ricall. Here lunch was taken, food and drink purchased from the local shop and eaten on the village green in the sun. Theo chose a meat pie, the meat was a mystery, though the pastry was good enough to shoe horses with. We also learnt that Chris had been a Cat 1 rider, this immediately had us all in awe which means he is still PD Good. Still in the sun it was on to Kelfield and Cawood (with the Ouse flowing to Selby, sometimes it goes t`other way) then a fast pace to Uleskelf and Taddy and again back in to Tykes Tea rooms for more Tea and Toasted Teacakes. Then retrace our wheels (no steps) to Wighill and Cowthorpe making very good time to the B6164 junction. This was due to Chris doing his Domestique bit, going back and fetching riders who had calls of nature or minor adjustments back into the pelaton. The ride finished in sunshine, marvellous! Max mileage about 72 miles so say average for seven riders say $68 \times 7 = 476$ miles. say $35 \times 2 = 70$ miles. For your info Chris on names, seat for four left to right Theo, Dave P, Bill, and John Eaton. seat for three left to right, Yourself, Roy and Dave W. Dave P

Wednesday Evening Ride

Darren, newbie Richard and myself set off on a beautiful evening for what turned out to be a fast and fantastic ride that shall now be forever called "The Reservoir Rumble".

First off to Beckwithshaw and then onto our first reservoir Fewston and the Swinsty, with the sun gleaming down on the water it was almost a spiritual experience! Then onto the crossroads at Blubberhouses where we took a slight left that took us up a few "lumps" to the stunning tops where we could look down onto Thruscross which looked resplendent in the late evening sun. Onto Duck Street and Pennypot lane at a cracking pace and then home.

A great ride with a few new places and ways of getting there, which we think would make a good medium/medium plus ride.

Approx 35-40miles, av. speed 18mph. Mark 'Cav' T

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