



Poddlers Ride Report

Despite a raging disappointment that the Scottish Godfather (sorry Grandfather) had grandfatherly duties to attend to out of the area and was unable to lead today's poddle, the twelve poddlers trustingly followed me away from Hornbeam, towards Knox Lane, and Grainbeck Lane. We were somewhat surprised that the Batz overtook us, whilst we were carrying out a disrobing and photographic session (Alison still perfecting her poses), and sped into the distance in a pink and yellow flash of baking and patisserie. We dashed on to Hampsthwaite eager to attack the heights of Clint Bank and Cut Throat Lane, where a bit of democracy was to be demonstrated and choices were to be made. In a typically British political manner no relevant decisions were made and at the Drovers there were opportunities to take four different routes. Lynda needing to get back to nursing duties chose the quick option to Ripley and Kevin K, Gardener Wood, and Trevor all gallantly volunteered to accompany her. Eight continued towards Markington and Bishop Monkton, following an almost completely downhill route until we turned right towards Copgrove. At this point the poddlers flashed into speedy mode and arrived in Knaresborough in record time, but insisted that any reference to average times was contrary to the spirit of poddlerism.. as was gradient and times. We disbanded naturally as we headed back to Harrogate after 26 sun filled gossip fuelled miles. 8 x 26 and 4 x 19. Caroline G

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Wheel Easy Ride Report

A bright forecast brought thirteen of us out to ride one of the finest Wheel Easy routes to Brimham

Rocks, Dallowgill Moor, skirting Grantley, Aldfield and on to Ripon via the Deer Park. It was a stunning day, clear skies and perfect views of the dales all around us. Dave Ro and Stewart left us to run through Pateley and we don't know where else, Darren and Dave R did an extra dip over the moor but we all met at Spa Gardens café for a late coffee and lunch. Usual route home via Bishop Monkton. Wonderful ride, new route (or at least parts of it) for some and a great day for those who had taken the day off work to come and ride. 43 miles. Gia [Route 102](#)

".....just as the main group peeled off for Dallowgill moors, we continued on the road to Pateley: the plan was to try to get back home for around 2 pm without missing out on any coffee/lunching opportunities. As we sped down the hill into the town with much traffic and wind noise in the helmet, the words "...on towards York..." and "...longish climb..." were thought to have been detected - of course this sounded a complete folly; and indeed it was. Alfresco dining @ Teacups in Pateley was the main event, before one of the team decided to try out the Malcolm Margolis recruitment method on the provider of the bacon sandwiches. A hurried exit found the syncro-pair en route to Menwith and via Pennypot Lane to home, around 35 miles in total..." Dave R/Stewart

EG's Ride Report

Eleven riders gathered at Low Bridge in the sunshine and blue sky, quite a change from yesterdays thunder and lightning. A warm welcome to Eric who joined us today after a lay off, due to personal circumstances, and hope he had a nice relaxing ride. The weather was great for cycling and it was decided to head for Benningborough and York and up the mileage in the good weather as this would be the last Wednesday in BST for 2011. At Branton Green without a word of command a faster section of five riders headed for the Home Farm Cafe to get the caffeine machine working and minimise cafe shock. When the last four riders arrived the fast five were seen sitting out in the sunshine (including James in shorts) and the chill, not for long though as they eventually joined us in the cafe. Before leaving three ladies from York made their acquaintance with us, we put this down to the effect of James's shorts (he may even have got their telephone numbers see photo). It was here we first noted that Eric had only one leg (see photo). Here Norman, Nick and Terry left us to return to Harrogate. The remaining eight, Colin, Dave P, Eric, John E, John R, Peter J, Rob and Roy took the route to York via Shipton, Overton and the cycle path. As expected due to the good weather and half term York was quite full, and the cafes by Cliffords Tower and Skeldergate Bridge were full. Peter J suggested the cafe in Tesco's supermarket this turned out to be a good idea, for which Peter gets a mention in dispatches. Here John R left us to go to the pictures (obviously sitting on the back row) There were parking spots for bikes (under cover) and a ramp escalator up to the cafe, for supermarket trolleys and hence bikes (but we will not push that). A break away group sat in arm chairs for their snacks, this was to keep an eye on the bikes (they said), however a forensic examination of their plates revealed that pie, gravy and chips may rested there, not for long though. Then it was on to Askham Richard with a banana break at Marston Moor, here John E demonstrated the physical requirements to be a Short Ride Leader (see photo), support him this Sunday. Then on to Tockwith and Cowthorpe before the group split to head for Knaresborough and Harrogate. We have been very lucky with Wednesday weather and what a day to see out BST, lets hope Sunday is as good. Mileages say 60miles x 8 = 480 miles. say 38 miles x 3 = 114miles. Dave P

2011 Wheel Easy Miles (approx) Today 1437 YTD 148476



