



Poddlers Ride Report

As the Poddlers went up the ramp from Hornbeam this morning they numbered 20 so we decided to split into 2 to avoid too many irate motorists and Dave G kindly volunteered to lead the other group. During the ride we met up at various points so those who wished could swap groups so that everyone's company could be enjoyed over the morning. A brief stop was made just beyond the Squinting Cat and then it was up to the Stainburn Forest car park where the first photocall occurred once Crawford was brought under control!. The mist cleared a little but we were denied the fabulous views from this point. Just after Pennypot Lane, with a quick wave Crawford headed off we know not where. The rest of us turned right towards Fewston but heading to Cobby Syke and a short spell along the A 59 before turning off to Meagill Lane. A little way along Meagill Lane we regrouped at the bridle path and it was wondered what the MOD were thinking at the possible invasion of 19 cyclists! To all the poddlers this was new territory and they were quite impressed when first the barrier and then the gate automatically opened for them! After this we turned right and enjoyed the wonderful descent into Nidderdale. Our final regroup was at Clapham Green where we decided to emulate the EGs and try and make some more interesting photographs which Caroline efficiently organised. Unfortunately Dave, Glyn and Joe were not in the regulation uniform of blue or yellow and had to be put at the back. From Clapham Green we split into smaller groups and made our way home via Hampsthwaite and Knox. By the time the last group reached the Asda cycle path Sur John was met going the opposite direction heading for home after having surged on and been shopping! About 25 miles for 19 and no idea for 1! Thank you to Dave for his help. Liz

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Wheel Easy Ride Report

We cycled to Otley via Kirkby Overblow, Weeton and Poole. Martin introduced us to a good cafe which was new to us all. Malcolm, Gia and Nick left the group at a very inviting café and made their way home "caffeine less" via Lindley reservoir and Brackenthwaite Lane. After coffee Paul returned via Poole and the remainder of the group returned via Askwith and Fewston. Average mileage approx 28.

EG's Ride Report

It was a real Autumn misty morn at Low Bridge and it was chilly and by 9-50 am it looked like there were few takers. Suddenly there was sixteen of us including Dave W on his new Kinesis Litespeed complete with a hill conquering 34 tooth rear sprocket. Today however Norman missed his chance for a short spin on the new bike, promising to rectify later this break in tradition. The larger the group the more difficult it is to get going, as some are still talking, some are facing the wrong way, some can't find their bikes, and some are not sure where they are themselves (including the leader). Anyway by 10-05am we were away to Wetherby via Little Ribston and Kirk Deighton the pelaton splitting up in to smaller groups because it is a busy road. The fast group breaking all records to get to the caffeine. After refreshment and some classic chat up lines with some ladies by the fast group (fast cadence + fast chat), Norman and Terry left us to head for Boroughbridge and the lovely Sonia. The remaining 14, ie Barry Mc, Bill, Colin, Dave P, Dave W, Dave S, Eric, John E, John R, Peter B, Peter J, Rob, Roy, and Theo headed for the Sicklinghall ridge, Dave S being positive suggested we may have sun, Dave P being negative doubted this, suddenly there was the sun. At the steep descent to Netherby a free wheeling competition was held, the first three being Colin, Peter B and Barry Mc, Peter B performance being due to the kitchen sink he carries in his rear pannier. Then it was the climb to Wescoe Hill the descent to Castley, Otley and Dunnies in memory of Sir Jimmy Saville who has conversed with us from behind the counter in the past. As he is now gone John E will not now be able to say Jim I`ve got a puncture can you fix it. There must have been over 20 cyclists in Dunnies doing some serious carbo loading, all good things must come to an end and the pain started by climbing up to Farnley, then out of the Washburn valley up to Lindley Moor where Dave S punctured. Theo needs a mention in dispatches as he was pushing a 52/21 fixed wheel and was not defeated by any of the hills. After the ride (and a stroll for Bill) through the forest it was all down hill to Harrogate and Knaresborough. Another good Wednesday weather, we are lucky. Mileage $14 \times 37 = 518$ miles. guessing $2 \times 25 = 50$ miles. Dave P

2011 Wheel Easy Miles (approx) Today 1358 YTD 151725



