

Wednesday, January 18, 2012

## Wednesday Rides



### Poddlers Ride Report

On a dreary, miserable morning, 9 Poddlers whistled off up Leadhall Lane to Pannal Methodist church, where Lynda was patiently waiting. After the short, sharp hill on Hill Foot, it was a straight forward ride to the next hill up to Little Almscliffe. On the top, it was cold and damp, but we pressed on cheerily. Somehow, the weather must have picked up on our mood and by the time we got to the end of Penny Pot Lane there was a definite improvement. Here, we said bye-bye to Liz and Lynda as they both needed to get back. The remaining 8 of us headed down and up to the A59 and thence to the bridle way at Forest Moor. Disappointingly, the 'magic' gate didn't open- but by the time we'd cavorted in front of it for a few minutes, it got the message and up it went. Then it was speedily along past Menwith to High Birstwith, Hampsthwaite , Killinghall [bye bye to Steve] , Knox and Harrogate. After a damp start, an enjoyable ride in good company. 25 miles by 7: a big bit more by 1: a little bit less by 2. Alison N.

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## Wheel Easy Ride Report

Seven Riders / Two groups. Fast group - Richard, Dave, William and Stuart.  
Touring group Gia, Angela and Paul

The Touring group went to Beckwithshaw, Norwood Lane, Bland Hill, B6451 to Otley. There were stunning views views over the Lindley Wood Reservoir. Both groups met up at Café Café. The touring group plus Stuart returned via Pool, Castley, Weeton, Kirkby Overblow. 29 miles with an average speed of 10.3. Paul

A faster ride getting there at the same time meant either further or hills. In the mist who knows, but the map says 16m there at 13.2 av as only 800 ft, via Linda, Lady Lane, Jack Hill , "stunning views views over the Lindley Wood Reservoir" - It was like going into a freezer when we zoomed over and presumably blew away the mist) for coffee just ahead of the tourers (it was almost a dead heat with Angela at somewhere earlier in the fog). The cake must have been heavy as another 16m with 1200 ft only averaged 11.6. via Spite, Low Snowden, Fewston (overflowing onto the road) Wydra. Qn: what av speed was Stewart? Answer to coffee talk, The fatmans "anyone can do it" Ironman biography now back in library is Andy Holgate (B.HOLG)Richard

## EG's Ride Report

Our resident leader, Dave P. has caught a chill riding out in the artic weather of last Sunday so in his absence, Dave W. once again took up the baton and led 13 stalwarts north to Masham, via "The Warehouse" cafe in Ripon. Several members, not wanting to "follow the crowd " decided to deviate home through Skelton & Boroughbridge, namely, Eric, Bob, Norman & Terry. Notwithstanding losing half the ride in Ripon bus station, gallantly sought out and returned to the fold by Peter J, we climbed up the long drag through Grewelthorpe where Nick & John R. decided to abandon us to return home via Kirkby & Fountains. Seven remaining riders arrived in Masham to gather in the "Suncatcher" cafe for refreshment before heading back south via Nosterfield and Wath. Bill left us to ride home alone through Ripon, The remaining members turning left to take in Melmerby, Rainton, Cundall, Norton-Le-Clay & Boroughbridge at a brisk pace. We reached Knaresborough just before 3.45pm in hazy sunshine. John E. & Dave W. peeled off home leaving the remaining three riders to suffer the climb up into Harrogate covering approximately 62 - 65 miles. Dave W



