

Wednesday, January 25, 2012

Wednesday Rides



Thirty three members turned up at Hornbeam for a choice of two rides.

Poddlers Ride Report

A large number turned out for this ride on a nice sunny day. The group split at Low Bridge when Billy Whizz (aka Gordon) set off with faster group of about 10. Such was the pace that its difficult to comment on the route as all the villages flashed by in a blur. We stopped just outside Boroughbridge for a nano second before Billy Whizz was off again heading towards Ripon. Another stop generously allowed by our leader gave sufficient time for bananas to be peeled but insufficient time to eat them. Headed back via Markington and Ripley. A total of 36 miles with average mileage of about 12mph. Allison S

Gordon was raring to go as poddlers and Batz gathered in bright sunlight at Hornbeam. It seemed as if the sun and lack of wind had brought out everyone and anyone who had a bike and was free. With out another word Gordon was mounted and about 21 of us were speeding to Low Bridge, where, it was decided that in the interests of safety, we would have a first XI

and a second XI. The first team sped off without another word leaving a selection of sedate demur riders hoping that a man or two would be left to chaperone our group round the course.....Thankfully our mechanics Jo, Keith and John had not escaped with the now, never to be glimpsed again, speed merchants, who apparently speeded round the route and were back before tea yesterday. So in the spirit of producing a ride report in one sentence I have failed already, but will try to include the notable points in the ride in notable bullet points on a page.

- 1) We sped without incident to Farnham, Staveley, Minskip and Boroughbridge.
 - 2) Kevin met Jane(brilliant Jane,you could have continued with us) on the corner to Roecliffe and took her back home via Copgrove accompanied by Alison and Linda.
 - 3) Toilet stop in Boroughbridge where Sue discovered a puncture (what a good thing the support team were so efficient and even Liz could not find the actual puncture) and Caroline found a new freind who'd written a book about cycling across USA.
 - 4) More incident free, sunny, speedy, wind behind us type of spinning towards Ripon and its Canal.
 - 5) Ballet practice, on the Canal bridge, led by Monica and Helen and ending with perfect plies(sounding like plea ays not piles).
 - 6) The wind in our faces, a few hilly ups, and an ominous black cloud over the Harrogate area which seemed to make everyone speed up even more, as we left Littlethorpe and headed home via Copgrove, Farnham etc.
 - 7) A touch of Asbo like behavior was displayed, as we all tried to beat three sets of lights in Knaresborough.
 - 8) Disbanding of the group as we reached the top of the hill out of Knaresborough, all going our separate ways along Bogs Lane and the new Stray Motorway Paths, or Woodlands and all points south of Harrogate or any supermarket to buy some food for lunch.
- 34miles mainly with a tail wind in super sun, interesting chat and jolly company. Thank you. Caroline G

Wheel Easy Ride Report

Thirteen riders opted to ride some of Sunday's route that some of us had abandoned because of the wind. Welcome to new rider Peter, to Paul on his Moulton bike and Martin and Yvonne back from basking in the sun and reflected glory of meeting Mark Cavendish.

The ride to Brimham via Hartwith toll bridge is a favourite, fab views, no wind and a perfect January ride. Café stop at Fountains, where we used up a good proportion of the new bike stands, then home via Ripon. Richard, David and

Julie left us either to get home more quickly or to find more hills. Great ride, excellent company. 40 miles. Gia

EG's Ride Report

A ride led by a committee of ten and saved by Peter and David who devised a timely return route from Clifton Moor's Tesco in York. Reputedly Colin won the sprint, I had been dropped ten minutes previously. A good time was had by all. Bill



