

Wednesday, March 14, 2012

## Wednesday Rides



### Poddlers Ride Report

Ride Report Part 1:- Pedaller's section of Poddler's Group

Keen to show a leadership style which met all the criteria for the current, ever expanding , popular, poddlers regulars and potentials, her Carolineship and I slaved over maps in an attempt to create the ASAD route (all singing, all dancing). As the time on the millennium clock reached 23.55pm, December 31st we reached the solution.

The route, a classic oldie - Hornbeam, Knaresborough, Waterside, Little Ribston, Wetherby, Bramham, Thorner Road and Jewitt Lane to Collingham, Wetherby, Harland Way to Spofforth, Hornbeam.

The plan - one slightly faster group to reduce overall numbers, one slightly slower group to enable social interaction, one shorter route for those wishing to cover a smaller distance and return home earlier, also doubling as a bad weather, quick return route and one with a venue having purveyors of caffeine and cake for those who wished to indulge and be picked up by the non indulgers as they returned from the Bramham/Collingham loop. What a plan!

After a wait for what appeared to be one of those annoying non-mendable punctures I set off with the slightly faster group and was surprised to find that there were only four of us. We completed the route without incident always expecting the sun to break through the haze but it never did. We had several discussions along the way which included the merits of attaching valves to radiators before repressurising the system, the use of GPS systems in farm equipment to keep furrows straight and to locate individual seed potatoes and the ways in which our forebears had been involved in working with horses. The ride finished with some historical details of the locations of the Starbeck railway marshalling sidings, the brickworks and the steelworks being revealed. We covered 33 miles and were back in time for Dennis' lunch. I await details of how the rest of the plan functioned. Max.

Hello. Here is part 2 of the Peddlers'/Pedallers'/Piddlers'/Poddlers'/Puddlers' Ride report. Group 2 set off with nine riders and although EG Leo tried to infiltrate early on we were having none of it, he pedalled too fast despite his fixed wheel bike. Once we reached Low Bridge (but not before Kevin had told a taxi driver to give cyclists more space and he did not need a lift to Knaresborough whilst actually on his bike) we tried to get the EG's sorted out, we set off on the prescribed all singing and dancing route . We were once more infiltrated by the smooth, silent yellow snake of the well organised EGs, who were obviously searching for their first coffee stop. They slithered off once they realised we could be of no help at all. A hardly out of breath Jane and Kevin left us at the first escape point at Wetherby, and we made our first route deviation, where the Thorp Arch bike path crosses the main road we took the tiny road to Thorp Arch and Boston Spa, where we had a banana break and de-watering stop. Geraldine led the way enthusiastically onwards Bramham and the Thorner road. Having turned right I seemed to lose all sense of direction or memory of previous Poddles and Glyn led us on to Collingham with only one minor deviation in a circle nearly back to where I first became lost. All the sign posts had been turned in the wrong direction. From Collingham it was plain sailing and we arrived back at the path to the show ground where I left the 6 to the hill and attacked the road to arrive home as the sun came out. 36.75 miles of the weather forecast said it would be sunny type weather and I hope the route suited everyone. CG

### Wheel Easy Ride Report

Dave, Richard, Julie and Peter headed off towards Bolton Abbey, the Poddlers set off to Boston Spa and Martin suggested Pateley Bridge after helping to sort out a puncture.

Well the route was delightful, we had close ups of recently born lambs but it was b-----y freezing and no views! But arriving in Pateley the café in King's Court with free top ups for tea and coffee was warm, cosy and welcoming. Home via Hartwith Toll Bridge with lovely sunshine and we dared to pass Sophie's without stopping. Is this a record?  
39 miles for Martin, Yvonne, Peter N, Sue, Kevin and Gia

### Long Ride Report

Julie picked today's destination - Bolton Abbey. Four of us set off in the mist with the weather forecast of sunshine for midday. We went via Timble, Ilkley then had refreshments at Bolton Abbey. Still no sunshine. Continued via Barden Tower, Greenhow, Little Almscliff and at last the sun appeared to warm us on our last leg back to Harrogate returning at 2.15pm. A very enjoyable 53 mile ride with good company. David R

Ride time: 3:43:32

Stopped time: 57:40

Distance: 52.97 miles

Average speed: 14.22 mph

Fastest speed: 48.80 mph

Ascent: 2982 feet

Descent: 3047 feet Calories: 2100

<http://share.abvio.com/dd7f/370e/4e82/309d/Cyclemeter-Cycle-20120314-0935.kml>

spot the interesting stat...

### EG's Ride Report

A dull cloudy day (although the weather forecast said brighter in the afternoon) as the EG's gathered at Low Bridge. Soon to be joined by The Poddlers along with Caroline (her bicycle lock key dangling seductively from her crash hat) "now try to keep up with us this time" said the same fair maiden.

Soon The Poddlers were away to Wetherby, including Kevin who had just informed a taxi driver of his lack of driving skills, on committing his misdemeanour he had sped away, but Kevin caught him up (he'd no chance of a getaway).

The EG's were soon up to 13 riders, no more arrivals but a text from Roy (in cold Exeter?).

Bearing Caroline's words in mind there were soon a good 20 plus Wheel Easy riders heading for Wetherby, this combination of Poddlers and EG's were they Podgeglers ? or bearing in mind the EG's habit of watering hedges, the Piddlers?.

The EG`s hung a left to Cowthorpe and right on to Rudgate, here Terry who was not feeling so good did the sensible thing and headed for Wetherby for sustenance accompanied by Norman.

So the last three Bob, Dave P and Dave W headed for Taddy and Tykes Tearooms in fear that those who had gone before would have consumed all the toasted teacakes.

On arrival there were teacakes to spare but no Peter B?, where was he - Alien Abduction?, No! Among the high speed dust he'd taken a turn of his own choosing and just about reached York before returning to Taddy.

Then it was on to Bolton Percy, Appleton Roebuck and of course to please an old git Acaster Selby (bets had been taken on this, but this was a safe bet and Eric did not make a killing). The EG's intend to scatter DP's ashes on the Ouse when it flows North to York. Despite provocation not today.

Through Acaster Malbis and on to the cycle path which has a diversion, fortunately well signposted.

In to York, the bridge café being closed it was on to Dickinson`s cafe opposite Cliffords Tower.

It was here we (sorry DP) managed to lose Bob, (apologies Bob) who must have passed within 5 yards of the cafe but could not see the bikes down the ginnel , phone calls were made but as contact could not be made he returned home (sorry again).

It had been planned to return via Tockwith, but revolt was in the air, and the troops headed for Beningbrough, Peter B headed straight in to the Home Farm Cafe.

It was here he once had a passionate affair with a great wedge of squishy cream cake , and has never been the same since. He was joined by Eric with some trepidation, as Eric knows Peter's powers of suggestion could have him returning via Yorke Folly.

The lesser mortals headed for Branton Green and a banana break, on to Arkendale, Farnham and home.

The sun was a bit late appearing but who cares, the wind was kind, we were in to Harrogate before 5.00pm , max mileage around 68 miles, a nice rest for Theo , and Bill was home before dark.

Thanks everybody.

Dave P



