

Wednesday, March 28, 2012

Wednesday Rides



Poddlers Ride Report

Gordon lead 13 Poddlers out of Hornbeam and onward to Knox. They had to stop for a photo call at Ripley and it was decided to split into 2 groups so a group of 6 sped off with Gordon while Caroline rounded up the rest. Gordon's group had a brief stop at Fountains visitor centre and then at the top of the deer park it was decreed that they have a free wheeling race in the best tradition of the EGs. A photo of the finishing line is attached. Fortunately the deer had heard about the race and prudently kept out of sight! It needs to be noted that even the most macho of the competitors had to brake occasionally. Then it was onward through Ripon to Knaresborough and Harrogate taking in a tour of Bishop Monkton's daffodils on the way. A beautiful sunny ride 6x 31miles. Thanks for Gordon for leading and asserting a modicum of control! Liz

Too sunny to write a ride report..... so same route as the other group, except amazingly in the interests of stemming a rebellion by the Keogan family we stopped for a coffee in the sun at Studley Visitors' Centre. Jane

managed brilliantly and got round without any problems. New Fit Lady Jilly managed well and finished with the rest of us. Brilliant. remarkable in many ways..... 32 miles ish at 9.4 mph. Caroline

Wheel Easy Ride Report

A fine day so it had to be another fine ride. Masham for a sunny outside seat then an introduction to Lofthouse the best way for Pete, though he had to be reminded to slow down in order to take in the backward views. Down the mainly well resurfaced road and into Pateley, along a fine daffodil route, the medium height way in. I wrongly thinking that extra climb from Wath was instead of Yorkes Folly. After 3 attempts found outside seats for lunch and a long rest before an other climb in the heat. By Hampsthwaite cramps were in for some and new gears for me. 60m at 13.2 ave. Julies 'full stats' gave up at PB. Richard

Fine sunny day. Great route to Ilkley, good suggestion from Sue to vary route instead of over the moor to Askwith we went from Stainburn to Farnley with fine views of the reservoirs. Cockpit Farm re-opened today so we enjoyed sitting out in the garden. The sheep has had a lamb! On to Ilkley and then in something of a heatwave rode up to the Cow and Calf, Menston and behind the Chevin above Otley to Bramhope where we bought sandwiches which we ate in the comfort of Angela's home, followed by delicious cake that she had made for us. Home via Creskeld Lane, Pool, Castley and Kirkby Overblow. Hilly, challenging ride but great views and as always wonderful company. 46 miles. Gia

EG's Ride Report - Reliability Ride

Eleven EG's assembled for the off in Wetherby. A notable absentee was our leader Dave Preston(so no pictures) who texted me to say the bug had struck him again. A big "get well soon" from all of us Dave.

With the weather in summer mode it was a delight to peddle off up the road to Sicklinghall. Even Weardley bank could not deter us, on we went, up and over. Eric gave us the news that he had seen Norman and Terry on the route as he came in to start. So the dynamic duo had started ahead of us! I understand they were caught looking at the OS map near Lotherton, Eric kindly gave them the route map he had prepared earlier, and they were on their way again. Roy and Bob and John E elected for the 40 mile option. The rest took the 50 mile course, and Norman and Terry went on a 45 mile in between! Colin who was on unleaded petrol finished first followed by Peter and John R they had gone round together most of the way. John E Roy and Bob were not far behind. Then the Peleton rolled in some 15 minutes back, and all had finished well within the time of 4hrs. All had enjoyed the

challenge, and after refreshment in Morrisons most were ready for the ride home, Bob and Dave S had parked up in Wetherby. All agreed it was a challenge, but an enjoyable one, and what weather, sun all day. We are now ready to welcome all WE's to have a go on the 15th April, it is a bit different, but good fun, once you've finished! John E



