

Sunday, June 24, 2012

Wheel Easy Ride Report 321



Short Ride Report

A little band of three started, soon to be joined a by a fourth as we headed along Hookstone and then down through the Showground and on to Follifoot. A few glimpses of the sun brightened things up as we approached Spofforth and then it was over the hill to Little Ribston and the essential café stop at Waterside, Knaresborough. As we sat down we were passed by John from the EGs and then Dennis Kaye joined us for a coffee as he scooted around before heading home for a family "do". We returned via the Beryl Burton, the surface badly damaged after the heavy rain, and back into Harrogate. 18 miles in good company. Martin W

Medium Ride Report

On the edge of Wetherby, a group of 9 decided to add a loop to the medium ride. The plan was to visit the cafe at Thorpe Arch to check on the scones and then return to Harrogate via Boston Spa and the cycle tracks. We negotiated the luxuriant cycle paths around Thorpe Arch. As we neared the cafe only 4 of us were lured by a snack. The other 5 [no guesses as to who]

sped back to Harrogate for their various commitments. The 4 official scone tasters gave full marks to the various varieties of scones. Then we too sped back to Harrogate in sunshine. Thanks to the scone tasting panel- Sue W., Jennifer and Marion. 9 X 30 miles. Alison N

Medium Plus Ride Report

With the promise of some sunshine, ten of us chose to ride to Ripon, Galphay and Sawley. Brave Caroline joined us for the adventure and what a great decision. The fast boys led to Ripon to Spa Gardens for our first café stop. There we enjoyed the Harrogate Borough Council Olympic garden which had won an award at a show. See photo! On to Galphay where we met one of our Wheel Easy friends who lives in Winksley and she joined us on the bike for about an hour. We had a good catchup and found a new route including a lane which prohibits vehicles wider than 6 feet! It was a great shortcut to Grantley and a new route for many of us. Final café stop at Sophie's, it is at least two weeks since we have been there! Great ride, great company and the sun really did shine for us. 40 miles. Gia

Long Ride Report

Twelve riders opted for Terry's long ride to Ampleforth to catch a glimpse of the British Cycling Road Race finals. We stopped at Coxwold for early refreshments and on departure were pleased to be accosted by a couple of lovely young lasses offering free cans of Red Bull that were gratefully accepted (the cans and not the girls that is!). We then continued our journey on towards Ampleforth, with Mark and his courageous (or is it foolhardy) crew taking a detour up Wass bank for good measure, leaving the rest of us to take the direct route. We arrived at Ampleforth in time to watch the elite womens award presentation and stayed to see the start of the Elite mens race. Terry and his party left to return via the same route, Mark and his party stayed to watch the riders complete their first lap and Glyn and his party left to return home along part of the race route to watch the riders as they passed by at great speed. It was then on to Easingwold for afternoon tea at Cafe 21 and then home. A good 65 mile ride in good company and the chance to see some real sportsmen and women giving their all (for little return - the womens race first prize was only £500.00!) as opposed to our so called overpaid footballers! Glyn.



