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Wednesday Rides



Poddlers Ride Report

To quote Max, "Hills, hills and more hills". I thought it was time that Billy Whiz et al had a workout but it didn't work as at the end of the ride most of them hadn't a hair out of place!.Helen requested anything but Wetherby! We got lost before we got to Rossett! 16 Poddlers plus Jackie and Joanne who, looking for a short ride, joined us, fighting the wind, up to Stainburn Moor car park and then returned the same way without delaying us one bit! If they can go as fast as that I think we all need training from Paul! Through the forest, turning right at the road then turning left on the B6451 passing Lindley Wood Reservoir, Farnley Hall and back up to Leathley where we had a short stop. Then up to Stainburn, Almscliffe Crag, North Rigton and back via Burn Bridge. The only escapee was Sur John at Leathley Bridge. Everyone managed the hills except the leader who lead from the back and had to walk at times. There were various attempts to split the party but Poddlers can be obstinate! (Deidrie managed to drag them off at Almscliffe Crag but then they hid waiting behind the corner on Brackenthwaite Lane!)The return from Leathley

involved constant changes to clothing as we battled though heavyish showers and then warm sunshine. About 23 miles. Liz

EG's Ride Report

The weather forecast seemed to be a bit of this and a bit of that with some gusty wind (a bit like a Wheel Easy curry night). Consultation with Colin the Sailor who has a good eye for the weather and how it may develop gave us a northerly route to Boroughbridge then southerly to Tadcaster. A fair number set off for Boroughbridge (seventeen in all) though some only doing the first coffee stop. Tasty Snacks rose to the challenge, though Roy's bacon sandwich was a little late coming. Refreshment was taken outside, though a few spots of rain had the timid jammed in the doorway in the rush to get inside. Eric's party of Di, Michelle, and Phil returned home, Roy and Norman were to take a leisurely ride/ route back and the remainder headed for Great Ouseburn, and Whixley. Dave W left us at Upper Dunsforth and John R just after Cattal. Then the six members of the EG's racing team stepped on the gas to get to Tykes Tearooms before the Toasted Teacakes ran out. The sensible ones who shall be named (Bob, Dave P, Peter R and Theo) maintained a steady pace and to Hell with the teacakes. The conversation was quite novel starting with teacakes, calories, barometric pressures and remembered formulae from school and college quite different from the normal (say very basic) levels of conversation. Climbing out of Tadcaster to Bramham the wind was not as bad as expected, on to Collingham, Linton, Kirkby Overblow and home. There had been blue sky and sunshine and only a few spots of rain, and in spite of Colin being a bit worried his street cred is still intact. Average mileage around 55 miles. Dave P.

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