

Wednesday, September 5, 2012

Wednesday Rides



Poddlers Ride Report

Dennis had 11 followers out of Hornbeam on this beautiful sunny morning. We were going to Studley and would be back for 1pm - right on both counts! Angela, Kevin and another sped off at Killinghall to enjoy the delights of the Studley cafe. Trevor and Sue left at Ripley to head towards Scotton and Knaresborough as they wanted a shorter ride. 7 headed up Scarah Bank, turning right(just!) at Raventofts Head and so to the Fountains Visitor Centre where we had a short break after an interesting performance by Dennis! Then it was time for the Poddlers freewheel event through the park. However Phil announced he had been the Meanwood freewheel junior champion so our hopes were dashed! Our return was through Ripon, Littlethorpe and to Knaresborough. By then Gordon and Alison had rushed off so it was a group of 5 (Dennis, John W,Phil, Mary and Liz) who began dispersing after Knaresborough Hill. About 30 miles. Thank you Dennis for leading and getting at least 5 of us home! Liz

EG's Ride Report

About 16 of us were milling around at Low Bridge with vacant expressions on our faces. No Leader, Dave P would not be coming today. Where shall we go? More vacant expressions, then as normally happens on these occasions Ripon was mentioned by somebody. Good enough for us, we were off. Three groups made their way to Ripon. Shock horror on arriving at Spa Gardens Cafe it was closed! This was getting too much for us, another decision had to be made, again somebody said "Tiffanies" so off we went. Dave W phoned Eric's party to let them know where we were, and we all regrouped here. Terry then went round collecting donations for his 14th Milk Stout Race, and raised £55 in no time, we are a generous lot, and it's for a good cause the McMillan Nurses. The group split here with us going on to Masham, while the others made their way back to Boroughbridge. Dave W going straight back to Knaresborough, with the promise of meeting up with us later (never happened). Now there were 8 of us, Bill W was elected leader for this section and took us via Kirby Malzeard to Masham. The group, consisting of Theo on his fixed, Dan (honoury EG for the day), Peter J, Dave S, Bill W, John E, Glyn, and John R, decided to carry on to Boroughbridge with JE leading this section, for our next Cafe stop at Tasty Snacks. We arrived at 2.30pm. It is with regret that I have to report that Dave S suffered a serious accident here. He broke his false front teeth on a crunchy Flap Jack! A list was drawn up of Dental repairers in the Area, in no time, so Dave should be as good as new, ready for his holiday. Earlier Theo had requested a longer ride today, so we headed back through Alborough, and the Dunsfords to Arkendale and Knaresborough where JE peeled off, having completed 60+ miles. The rest carrying on to Harrogate. Weather was dry and sunny, and we averaged a good 13mph, why couldn't the rest of the summer have been like this? So there we are, finished, no leader, no photos, but a good ride nonetheless.

John E

