

Sunday, September 30, 2012  
**Wheel Easy Ride Report 335**



#### Short Ride Report

A nice compact group of seven riders on today's short ride. Setting off at a nice leisurely pace to Penny Pot lane via Luchon way, Jennyfields, and the Ethelburger estate. We then had the benefit of a nice following wind along Burley Wood Road to cross the A59. Down West Lane and on to Knox Bridge. Then onward along Tennyson Avenue to join the Nidderdale Greenway and back along the ASDA path. About 15 miles. Dennis B

#### Medium Ride Report

Considering the poor weather forecast there was quite a good turnout of riders at Hornbeam Park. The medium rides destination was Boroughbridge, approx 30 miles, via the back lanes. However the Wheel Easy groups who ventured out last Wednesday knew that some of the back lanes were in fact backwaters. The Medium ride set off for Low Bridge, a quick pause for a head count, and we had ten riders. This group was split 50:50 along gender lines, five who use bad language and tell dirty jokes and five men. Away went the ten on (believe or not) dry roads. Leaving the B6265 to Upper Dunsforth still

dry roads Ha!. A solitary cyclist coming towards us halted us with the words "the road is flooded". Would we turn back or would curiosity prevail and we would go for a quick "butchers". It was here that we were joined by Alison, this meant that we were over 50% feminine? When we got to the flood !. Here Darren "had a go" (see photo). One of our ladies who is an open water swimmer would have had a go if she had brought her Rubber Suit with her. The mention of the said garment caused one elderly gentleman present to have a "funny turn". This begs the question which of the two Dunsforth`s was cut off from which?. No matter, retrace our tracks and head for Boroughbridge on the only reliable road the B6265. In between lion feeding and orgies the old Romans built some fair roads which they built above the flood plains without the aid of sat navs. Ladies choice of cafe was The Old Foundry but as its furnace was out of order and the sign said closed, it was a take over of Tasty Snacks (bursting at the seams with Wheel Easy). Here Sonia performed the dance of the seven beans on toast in double quick time so we could be away before the elderly ones/one seized up. On leaving Tasty Snacks the sharp left turn was negotiated by all, Phew ! said leader. Intelligence reports ruled out returning via Roecliffe and the Copgrove bridleway. However mileage would still have been around 33miles and home before the rain, what rain? The ride leader was taken off the subs bench to lead, but as usual the company made it even more of a pleasure, The helmet and gloves belong to D,,r.e the anonymous, of which we have no pictorial record. Dave P

#### Medium Plus Touring Pace Ride Report

Despite the weather forecast there were 7 of us set off on the medium plus touring pace ride, we rode out of Harrogate by Knox bridge and then onto Hamphwaite where a visit to Sophie,s was mentioned but due to the fact they weren,t open we rode on in the hope that the Nidd had not flooded the road before Clint bank, it hadn,t so all was well then onto Shaw mills and Bishop Thornton here new member Steve rushed ahead of us to collect his water bottle from his home in Markington. At Bishop Monkton we decided to turn left as none of us fancied a bit of sub aqua cycling along the river side between Bishop monkton and Roecliffe so we went to Ripon then past the race course then right and across to Boroughbridge and a coffee stop at Tastie snacks where we met up with the medium ride who had already tried cycling under water. We returned by Aldborough, Marton and then we all stopped at Arkendale to discuss the redevelopment of the put and put the world to rights before retuning via Ferrensby and Knaresborough. A nice ride at a decent pace and as per normal good company what more could one ask for on a late September Sunday, Terry

## Long Ride Report

Just 5 people, including John on his first Wheel Easy ride for the standard version of the long ride today. Before we got to Burn Bridge we were down to 4 losing Ernie to a blow out which he was going to fix at his leisure & do his own ride. We rode at a steady pace although the touring pace group mysteriously got ahead of us as we discovered they had taken a more direct route to Otley. Leaving them to their coffee stop at Cockpit Farm we continued on to Bolton Abbey, Burnsall & a lunch stop at the Old School Tea Rooms in Hebden. By the time we were ready to leave there was steady rain which stayed for much of the way back. It was a steady, sometimes wind assisted climb to Stump Cross & then down Duck Street battling with a strong cross wind & a return to Harrogate via Pennypot Lane. A good ride in less than perfect conditions, but in good company. Jill



