

Wednesday, October 31, 2012

Wednesday Rides



Poddlers Ride Report

Fourteen poddlers set off eastwards via Low Bridge-Abbey Rd-Manse Lane and York Rd to Goldsborough, then with utmost care along the A59 turning off to Flaxby. Then on through Coneythorpe taking the right hand fork uphill towards Arkendale via a very muddy minor road. We proceeded East by-passing Marton cum Grafton to Great Ouseburn. Surprise surprise we hadn't been this way since last week. After a short break we continued towards Little Ouseburn ignoring signs about a bridge closure. Oops - the signs applied to us, luckily there is a footbridge next to the main bridge, we were saved. Onwards past Thorpe Underwood to Whixley thro' the village across the A59 and the Railway crossing to meet the A168 and continue to Walshford and onwards along the cycle path to the Cowthorpe turning. Along Ox Close Lane to Little Ribston and home via Knaresborough. 34 miles travelled and home for lunch, thanks everybody for your company see you next Wednesday. John W.

Wheel Easy Ride Report

Seven riders set off to Brimham via Hampsthwaite, Birstwith, Ross Toll Bridge and Hartwith. Unfortunately Malcolm left the group at Sophie's as he was in need of a coffee. After Brimham the six headed to Warsill, Bishop Thornton, Burnt Yates, Clint and Hampsthwaite where we were disappointed not to see Malcolm still in Sophie's. After much discussion about lugs and crank size we headed home. Well done to Marion who managed the 33 mile 'hilly' ride.

I've been "nominated" to send the ride report from today's long ride undertaken by "Richards Rouleurs" (Richard, Dave, Terry and Robert). The group left Hornbeam and carried on through Staveley, Boroughbridge, Lower and Upper Dunsforth, past Beningboro' to a coffee stop at "The Sidings" who were just opening and gave us our first caffeine fix of the day to assist us pedalling against the wind (why is it always against us?) From here we proceeded to York where we had a lovely bacon butty and scone in an old church that had been refurbished as a cafe! From York we carried on along the river to Woodthorpe along the cycle path to Wetherby then on to Knaresboro' and back to Harrogate. Robert then decided to cycle back to Cookridge via Pool Bank for a bit of extra fun dodging the rush hour traffic. Route total approx 65miles, 77 for the Pool Bank Cookridge ride home nutter!! Robert

EG's Ride Report

It was a bit of a grey day with the forecast giving rain later, and depending on which forecast you had, later varied between noon and 3-00pm. For one EG returning from the sub tropics the English Autumn came as a bit of a shock to the system, however on reflection it was not much different from the English Summer. Last week's destination being Lotherton Hall it was decided to head in a northerly direction, the first stop of the day being Angela's Cafe on the old A1 now the A168. So the delightful? dozen (best collective term that comes to mind) availed themselves of the home baked toasted teacakes. On making payment one EG who shall be nameless but his initials are PB, noticed Angela standing next to a notice saying "laid yesterday", the question had to be asked, however no confirmation was given and he had to be content with a coy smile, no telephone number and the eggs were just ignored. Then it was on to Grafton, Lower Dunsforth and Boroughbridge, ignoring Morrisons Cafe, unlike Gia who (according to the grapevine) had visited one. On to Skelton on Ure, Ripon and Spa Gardens Cafe. As this was the lunch stop, a few availed themselves of scrambles eggs, beans and soup (not on the same plate). It came to the groups notice that Eric (absent today with no written hand note) had on a recent ride become detached from the group, and very correctly used modern technology ie his mob, to ring round to find out their whereabouts, the only phone he could

make contact with belonged to Dave S. The obvious question where are you ? resulted in the unforeseen answer BARCELONA !. The sky looked a bit threatening so it was decided to take the easy way back, out of Ripon via the two wooden bridges to Littlethorpe, Bishop Monkton, Farnham, Knaresborough arriving in Harrogate just after 3-00pm, dry with a maximum mileage of around 45 miles. Not bad at all. Dave P

