

Wednesday, November 14, 2012

Wednesday Rides



Poddler Ride

On yet another sunny morning the Poddlers set off behind Steve expecting to head towards Knaresborough. But no, he had other plans, So, off we went, up over the railway bridge, along Leadhall Lane. Before we knew it we'd been through Sicklinghall and Linton and were at Wetherby. Here, 5 poddled off to look for coffee. The rest of us faithfully followed our leader. Suddenly, we stopped in confusion. We were lost in the woods. The coffee group reappeared from somewhere. After a brief discussion, El Butler took command and lead us confidently to the familiar Harland Way. The coffee group sped off to the town centre while the rest of us made our way back to Harrogate in good time to catch up with all those 'jobs' we had to do. A very pleasant, chatty 22 miles. Alison N

Wheel Easy Ride

Another great Wheel Easy morning! As the weather was good Gia suggested Otley via Fewston, Timble and Askwith Moor. The stunning views made the climbing worthwhile. Malcolm joined us at Café Café where we were made very welcome. After refreshments the group split up, one heading in the

direction of Cookridge, one direct to Pannal and the remainder through the villages to Kirkby Overblow. Approaching Pool we saw the EG's pedalling fast towards their coffee break. An excellent 30 mile ride!

Five of us set off on today's adventure and were treated to a sunny start to our day's ride. The sunshine inspired us to have a treat so we headed off to Wharfedale, Timble, Askwith, then via Carters Lane and Middleton to Langbar to enjoy the superb views. From Bolton Abbey we went to Burnsall but as there weren't any cafés open we headed to Dibbles Bridge and to Stump Cross caverns for egg and beans on toast! Returned via Green how and Penny Pot Lane to Harrogate. What a wonderful day's ride in such beautiful countryside and good company! Those on the ride were Rick, Steve, William, Marvin and David. 3575ft, 55 miles with an average speed of 13.2mph. David



EG's Ride

A good forecast, sun then some cloud, no rain planned, marvellous!. Where shall we go? Well it seems like we haven't been to Otley for a while! (memory not being a strong point for the EG`s), and the wind seemed in a favourable direction, OK go for it. Soon we had thirteen, not superstitious riders at Low Bridge, Sue had sent a note on behalf of John E who had a bad

cold and nose bleeds (get well soon John), good job you did not turn out with that nose as we did a lot of climbing. We knew you must be bad when a cyclist like yourself can't get his leg over (the cross bar that is). Soon the lads were on their way to Wetherby and where else but Morrisons. The B6164 was as usual quite busy and small groups with gaps between formed for safety's sake. The staff were on the ball today with our toasted teacakes arriving at the till before we did. Then on to Sicklinghall after which Norman and Terry W left us, the remainder freewheeling down Netherby hill, where once again the title was taken by Dave (wonderwheels) Siswick, a strong contender usually being being Colin P who despite being in shorts was off the pace today. May be something to do with him having his bottom scraped in Scotland, and according to Peter R having it coated with anti foulant. At Wescoe Hill, John R and Dave W left us to return home. Dave`s Pam still has not fully recovered yet, so best wishes from the EG`s. In to Otley where Wheel Easy Wednesdayers were coming the other way. "Hello Boys" cried Gia (Bill W and Dave P really warm to this form of greeting). Cafe Cafe was the next stop, Cockpit Farm being closed on Wednesday for the winter. After sustenance it was on to Askwith, the dreaded hill, Timble and Fewston, after which the group split up to go their various ways. A great days cycling, good weather, a kind wind and a bit lumpy to give the lungs and legs a good work out. At the end some riders put on a few extra miles so max would be around 36/37 miles, but Man of the Match award must go to Theo on fixed and that ratio he pushed up the hills. Dave P