

Wednesday, March 6, 2013

Wednesday Rides

Poddlers Ride

Set off in damp overcast weather and forecast of light rain later. 24 headed towards the Showground, Rudding, Follifoot and Spofforth with Liz P staying at the rear and acting as sweeper. It was then on to Little Ribston and Walshford but a small group decided to go a shorter route direct to Wetherby due to lunch appointments and others formed a quicker group and went on ahead. We then headed on past Hunsingore to Cattle and over the bridge heading south past Tockwith and into Walton, skirting round Thorpe Arch trading estate and picking up cycle track back to Wetherby. Some decided to stop in Wetherby for coffee so that just left 7 of us to return via cycle way to Spofforth, Follifoot and Harrogate. Good ride, rain threatened but came to nothing 30 miles and back about 1.00pm. Thanks again to Liz for back marking. Steven Perry



Wheel Easy Ride

Following the example of the Poddlers it was decided we would take it in turns to lead a ride. As Jill had the day off work to cycle I intended to head towards Burnsall but as it was cold with poor visibility I decided to lead the group of three south. Jill prefers to avoid going south, however she agreed it turned out to be a pleasant ride on quiet roads with a good coffee stop in Boston Spa. We decided three coffees and three cakes would be the order of the day. Hope Kevin's wife is not reading this! The 38 mile route took us to Collingham, Thorner, Bramham, Boston Spa and home via Little Ribston and Spofforth. Paul



EG's Ride

Eight stalwarts gathered under threatening skies down at Low Bridge. (Lithium) Bob had popped down to see us all following his spell in hospital and it was great to see him looking so well. He tells me he is already training on the turbo ready to rejoin the EG's in a few weeks. Bob left us to return home so the remaining 7 set off with a view to head for Fountains visitors centre for elevenses & then continue up to Skelding. The weather, misty & wet, however dissuaded some riders and a chorus of Spa Gardens was heard from the front of the peloton. John R., being on a short term pass, left us at Bishop Monkton to visit "Sofia's" on his return home. The remaining 6 cont'd to the not so aptly (today) "Sun Parlour" in Ripon's Spa Gardens where we were greeted with friendly banter & enjoyed warm teas/coffee and scones etc. Leaving the cafe, we said our cherio's to Terry W & Roy S who intended to return directly home to attend to other commitments. We were down now to four but were pleased to note the weather had improved slightly, less wet at least. Taking a northerly route we travelled via Sharow towards the A168 alongside Dishforth Airfield where we were attacked by flaying hedge cuttings, Glyn & Peter B suffering a puncture each half a mile later. Repairs complete, by now we all should be awarded an N.V.Q. in puncture repairs, we continued towards a late lunch at "Tasty Snacks", Boroughbridge, diverting our route through Cundall & Thornton Bridge. Sonia & "Bridget the Midget" interrupted their own break from decorating to serve up hot meals or something appropriate and duly refreshed we set off home this time through Aldborough & Marton Cum Grafton arriving in Knaresborough around 3.15pm., Dave W peeling off to leave the remaining 3 to suffer the last long climb up Knaresborough Hill. (Milage covered approx 45 miles) Dave W