

Wednesday, May 8, 2013

Wednesday Rides

Wheel Easy Wednesday Ride

Sue and Gia had grand plans to cycle to Bolton Abbey via Stump Cross enthused by the recent fab weather. Well we did set off in search of said route and gorgeous views but persistent drizzle made a scenic ride one of pure imagination. Colin and Dave obviously had sunshine in their sights and carried on whilst the rest of us inevitably turned right at the Stonehouse Inn and only one guess where we were headed. Martin had the best excuse as he had to be back for an important meeting, the rest of us, well we just got very wet. Sophie provided us with towels to dry off with, we were then joined by Jon P and after excellent sustenance cycled back to Harrogate. By this time the rain had stopped and it became warmer. Good ride, silly weather, good company. About 30 miles. We will do this ride to Bolton Abbey, Promise! Gia.



Poddlers' Ride

As it is May and Poddlers seem to pedal South East at this time of year, this morning's group was small yet perfectly formed. So ten of us set off at 9.30 and headed to Little Almscliffe, weaving through the WEW's as they set off for all points north and Stump Cross caverns and as Angela gleefully pointed out as she sped passed, there was a gentle following wind. At the Pennypot turn off the first mechanical failure occurred...Billy Whizz had speeded so quickly that he seemed to loose something important which was soon refitted...then Lynda has a phantom slow puncture which could have been a lack of pumping the tyre error. En route to Menwith Hill a Porche containing a very silly driver accelerated past at speed nearly taking Fiona and then Max with him. We all rejoiced in the downhill swoop to Darley and flashed along the valley bottom to Birstwith, where we met Scottish John who had not been Wheel Easing for a couple of years. At this point a we had a choice to Heart Attack Hill and Clap Gate, to Clint Bank, to Hampsthwaite or not...We chose Dennis' secret hill to Clint and down the roman road to Ripley and a flat saunter along the heavenly path to Harrogate. The group went their own ways to lunch, to Asda and through the house tunnels to home. 25 mizzly miles. CG





E G's Ride

After summer came winter, quite quickly actually and the forecast was damp, but fortunately not as damp as predicted. Not too many in Hookstone carpark at first stop of the day for a quick chat. Then down to Low Bridge for more signatures for Eric's card; it is now getting quite a bit bent, sweaty and finger marked. The intention was to head for Wetherby, and guess what Morrisons Caff, then up Wharfedale, how far being weather dependent. On the way we were joined by Wheel Easy rider Phillip who left us at Morrisons. After refreshment Marvin headed for home (nice to see you again Marvin). Keeping fresh for his Sportif next Sunday. The remainder up the ridge to Kearby with Netherby. Here the majority headed down the hill to Otley, the remainder, Bill W, Dave P, Norman and Roy headed for home. Dave P to deliver card to Eric. Knowing Eric's level of fitness it had been assumed he would have been doing one arm press ups or something similar. Unfortunately Eric has had a DVT but is now back from E&R. Dave P. This report is getting more and more like that politically incorrectly titled novel by a certain Agatha Christie. Lunch stop at Café Café where all bar one had beans on toast; the wind makes Asquith Bank so much easier. I scuttled for home using the low route via Pool and Huby, whilst Peters B & J, Dave W, Glynne, Theo and Colin opting for the climbs. Colin succumbed en-route and headed for home. Once again Theo impressed everyone by his strength and skill on his 64 fixed, not being the last up the big climb. Late news in is that Eric has not had DVT, but is instructed not partake of the evil drink for a month. 48 most pleasant miles, and tahnks to all. Dave S.



Not sure why the three girls got in there, but it's better than the load of old goats we usually feature.