

Wednesday, July 17, 2013

## Wednesday Rides

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### **Poddlers Ride Report**

Set off in warm sunny weather and forecast to stay the same for the day. 14 headed towards Kirkby Overblow via Burn Bridge, then onto Wetherby via Sicklinghall. All keen to continue we went via cycle track to Thorp Arch, three turned right to Boston Spa for a quicker way back the rest of us turned right to Walton, Tockwith and Cattal where we stopped for a short break at the bridge. We then headed on past Hunsingore to Little Ribston and back via Knaresborough except for two that chose Spofforth route. Good ride, 33 miles and back about 1.00pm. Steven Perry



### **Wednesday Ride Report**

A handy group of ten decided on a flattish ride in the fantastic sunshine, so we headed off to Beningborough. Lots of chat and laughs were briefly stopped as we crossed Aldwark Bridge where the surface is now composed of very worn uneven timber planks. The best place to shake out a few loose fillings so good news for dentists. The Beningborough Farm shop provided good food and drinks but with their usual quirky take on "customer service". Then the return was spiced up as a guy in black with some phenomenal muscle definition caused 2 of our group to disappear in hot pursuit, never to be seen again. Back homeward via Boroughbridge, Bishop Monkton, Markington, and top tea at Ripley Church. Then along our superb Greenway. Martin W



### **Another Wednesday Ride Report**

In the event it was just too hot to contemplate climbing the Bank, so we settled on a proper lunch at Springhill Care Home in Easingwold, while the sun broiled outside. The route to Easingwold included bridleways from Little Ribston to the old A1 near Walshford Bridge, with head-high vegetation in parts, plus another through Kirby Hall Park to Aldwark Bridge. Kirby Hall Park is used to raise deer these days and it's easy to stray off the bridleway without knowing it. The deer knew it, however. Richard and I were a little unnerved by the site of about 200 deer all standing stock-still, heads turned accusingly towards us, even though we were 200 yards away behind fencing. I guess they could smell us! Retreating, we found the correct path. Can deer "tut"? En route to Easingwold we passed Alne church and a sign saying coffee morning. Held in the church itself, which was delightfully cool, ladies of the parish administered to us from their very neat servery built into the back wall of the church (see photo). Conversation soon established that the vicar grew up in Roundhay, my home patch, and one of the wives of the parish went to youth club in the '50s at my local church - St Edmund, Roundhay. Other connections were with St Chad's in Far Headingley: all uncanny. Just as we left the church two intrepid Dutch lady cyclists came along the path, fully loaded with camping gear on what looked like heavy Dutch touring bikes (with Brooks saddles!). Following NCN 65 and heading for York today and Hull tomorrow, they had spent 15 days cycle-camping down the north east fringe of England as part of their circumnavigation of the North Sea. After lunch, furnace heat accompanied us through Husthwaite

- the nearest we got to the White Horse - and on to Brafferton and our next bridleway, bringing us to Milby and another stop in Boroughbridge: not at Morrisons, not at Tasty Snacks, but at the Marina Cafe. Served by an obliging chap from the Chandlers, we reckoned it was a good find. Our photo shows the facilities on hand. Leaving via Roelcliffe, more bridleways took us past Copgrove, along Rakes Lane to Nidd and A61. Preferring the footpath alongside the A61 to the road itself, we pondered on the chances of converting it to shared use to provide a safer route into Ripley. The Greenway is now such a good habit and on a day of bridleways we couldn't resist taking it back to town again. Distance: 59 hot miles back to Hornbeam, including about 15 even hotter miles on bridleways.



### **EG's Ride Report**

Oh what a perfect day, some of us not even bothering to pack a rain cape. On the way down to Low Bridge overtaken by Richard P (as you do) heading for the White Horse with only one

companion (its either the pace or your aftershave Richard). At Low Bridge we had EG`s and Wheel Easy Wednesdayers which included John R and Paul T, so we would like to take this opportunity to thank JR and Paul for the excellent Lancs Tour and John`s wife Frances for her lightening of our load on the last day. Away went the W.E.W`s to Beningborough and the EG`s north to Spa Gardens cafe. Over the last year or so there has been few occasions when refreshment has been taken outside, today we were seeking shade under the brollies. After a leisurely break JR headed for home via Studley Park and Peter B on to Pateley Bridge, the remainder on to Grewelthorpe and early lunch in Masham Market Square (in the shade next to the market cross). Then north towards Newton-le-Willows, turning right to Burrill and Bedale then south to Ripon ( Colin leaving us here) then Boroughbridge via Marton-le-Moor. Then in to Tasty Snacks for afternoon tea, Dave W having persuaded Sonia to keep her doors open for us, ( so Morrisons was out) . After again eating outside the nine headed for Knaresborough, Harrogate and home. Nice to see Chris again. Perfect weather with a maximum mileage of around 69 miles. Dave P



