

Wednesday, July 31, 2013

Wednesday Rides

Wednesday Ride Report

Gia and Malcolm proposed a roundabout route to Otley where they had a lunch date. We arrived at Darley Mill via Hampsthwaite, newcomers Amanda and David we believe went on to Pateley. Hope we see you again! We left the group at Darley Mill while they had coffee and we set off up to Forest Moor, past Mackenzies Smokehouse to Blubberhouses and across the A59 to the top of Askwith Moor. In to Otley for about 12.30, excellent lunch with friends and then a speedy return in the rain via Castley. Good ride 39 miles. G&M



Poddlers Ride Report

14 of us set off hoping to get home before the rain arrived. We followed Glyn out to Pannal, up Pannal Bank and, after Alison's chain had been sorted, out to Kirby Overblow. Turning right we cycled through Sicklinghall, Collingham and up,up,up. Then came a new part, down to East Rigton and Bardsey. A discussion then took place as to whether to ride through the Harewood estate or not. In the end 3 people declined and took to the main road home, but the rest of us dutifully followed and came out at the other end unscathed! I then cycled home to Cookridge while the rest of the team returned to Harrogate via Kirby Overblow beating the rain. 30 miles Jen



Extra Ride Report

There is a saying "Wind them up and off they go". So Gia told us we were all going to ride on one of our regular WhEasy routes but in the opposite direction to the usual. No problem but the route in question was a mite lumpy - up through Hampsthwaite and Birstwith to Darley. Then over the moors above Thornthwaite, past the Stone House Inn, down to West End and Blubberhouses, and then up to Timble, followed by staggering homeward via Beckwithshaw. Great idea you may think but Gia and Malcolm told us at Darley Mill to get on with it because they were going out to lunch in Otley! (Others also left us at this point to go faster or take the sensible route home.) So abandoned by our leader a brave group of 5 orphaned cyclists completed the round. Sue said she found it fantastic and was obviously loving the hills. As for your writer all the low gears and lightweight carbon in the world couldn't make it that easy, but what a ride for views of Dales scenery, and good company as always. 32 miles. Martin W.

Richard's Ride Report

Five of us on a long, must mean hilly for a certain leader, rather than a long and gentle ride to Pateley for outdoor lunch, so gaining maximum views and new variation bits for most, via Signals, Greenhow Hill and Peat Lane. Jonnie left to go back down the bus route on his soft rear tyre (hope ok, and enjoyed). A sharp Wath ascent over the drainage ditches and from Warsill almost freewheel to Ripley for the inevitable church tea so recommended by Martin. Richard S and Lesley should also have got back to Knaresborough just before the downpour. 50m 3836ft. Richard.

EG's Ride Report

The weather forecast said cloudy with heavy rain at ? some said 3-00pm, some said 4-00pm and others 5-00pm. No matter, we had a record turn out at Low Bridge of nineteen riders. The destination was Easingwold, Eric was volunteered in to leading a fast group of ten with Dave P (fearing a revolt) the slow group of nine. Revolt ! yes in a break with EG tradition the first coffee stop was Easingwold, the prime reason being to get the miles in before the deluge. Boroughbridge was passed through, causing the bikes to twitch a bit, but determination was in our Lycra and we were soon in Brafferton where Norman and Michael Ward left us to return home by a shorter route. In Easingwold we had a very pleasant break at Yum Yums, served quickly by a lovely smiling little waitress, Eric's party was less fortunate in eating at the bakery, where the service was rather slow, did they have to many buns in the oven ?? On the way to Stillington there was a call from Eric and the next part of the route confirmed, this had been extended due to the promising outlook. On to Sheriff Hutton and Strensall with a banana break in Wigginton. Just as we were about to turn off for the Benningborough Cafe, the fast group came shooting past in a sprint for the caffeine. Although we had lost a couple of riders the group was still a bit on the large size, so Chris was volunteered to lead a new fast group, the remaining seven Eging at a

more sedate pace. Spots of wet were felt at Branton Green with a full downpour at Marton on time at 4-00pm which faded in Harrogate. An excellent days ride of around 66 min to 70 miles max, with many laughs per mile, and less time in the rain due to forgoing the Boroughbrige coffee stop. Dave P

