

Wednesday, August 13, 2014

## Wednesday Rides

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### Poddlers Ride

On a nice sunny but slightly breezy morning some twenty Poddlers set off from Hornbeam in two groups headed up by James and Keith respectively, although the balance was slightly uneven with rather more of those who don't do maths ending up with James! Taking the scenic and somewhat quieter route passed St Michaels and through the Showground we headed down the Stonefall Cycle Path and out at the bottom of Hookstone Chase to avoid the worst of that road and then over Forest Moor to re-group at Low Bridge. At this point we lost Sue Couture to the blandishments of the EGs and Glyn, plus eggs to ride home for an early appointment. The usual route round Knaresborough was taken then and on to Farnham where, for a change we turned left and headed for Lingerfield and Scotton. After safely negotiating a short section of the busy Ripley Road we took the right turn to Brearton and onto Nidd, where we turned right and then left along a few hundred yards of the A 61 into Ripley. Although James indicated his intentions at the start of the ride, it was only when we arrived in Ripley at 11.01 am that everyone realized he had planned the route and pace around the 11 am opening time of the Church Ladies Cafe. Unfortunately so had a number of other people so it was a bit of a scramble to find enough seats, which was when the pews came in useful! Keith's group arrived within minutes of James but we all managed to fit in together and Keith reported that his select group had been well behaved, provided that he did as he was told. After partaking of the delicious home made cakes with tea or coffee we all returned together along the Greenway and took our several ways home. A nice easy poddle with good company and weather and all home in good time despite a coffee stop. Thanks to all who came and particularly to Keith for his assistance and to Liz P for the photo in the Church Cafe. James G



### EGs' Ride

"I've never been so far without going so far" was heard to be uttered by Bill Whale half way around our ride today. This, it would seem, reflected the nature of the E.G's ride on this relatively warm but blustery day.

Twelve riders, including one guest lady rider, gathered to be guided by our deputy leader, Dave W. on his usual "mystery tour" type ride with very little hint revealed on the intended route. It

would seem that Thirsk might be the ultimate destination but on Dave W's rides anything can happen.

Our first refreshment halt turned out to be Tasty Snacks at Boroughbridge where regrettably five riders were obliged to abandon the "Peloton" to head for a "early bath", domestic pressures prevailing. The remaining stalwarts dutily followed our temporary leader to be led on a course which no one could fathom but took in Milby, Kirkby Hill, Cundall and Sessay where a briefstop was allowed to replenish our energy reserves. By now it was obvious that our initial intended lunch halt (Thirsk) might be a journey too far so a decision was made to seek an alternative halt for lunch.

Journey continued through Eldmire & Topcliffe towards the Melmerby Industrial estate cafe where we were greeted, initially with "we're just about to close but you can have what we've got" Appetites were slated, even Dave S managed to get his baked beans, and with a mug of tea this was only a couple of quid! (value for money or what?)

The mystery tour continued, but eventually Ripon was on the horizon but just to be different the route swerved east back to Boroughbridge via Marton-Le-Moor and Skelton to drop off Dave S on his return to Roecliffe. A depleted peloton continued homebound, now down to six, arriving back in Knaresborough about 4.30pm after completing approx. 60 - 65 miles depending on your final destination, be it Harrogate, Bilton etc. Thanks for your company everyone. I hope you enjoyed your sojourn of North Yorkshire! Dave W.

### **Kettlewell away day ride**

Six riders set off from Grassington car park at 10.30. We made our way along the undulating country lanes through Coniston, Arncliffe down into Kettlewell.

Parking our bikes we decided we'd have a go at collecting the clues attached to each scarecrow to solve the quiz. We had a lovely amble through the village and to our surprise managed to successfully complete the quiz. This years theme - famous Yorkshire folk.

Lunch at the village hall was inexpensive and tasty with lovely home made cakes.

Leaving Kettlewell we returned along the back lanes to Grassington

- A grand day out was had by all!

Thank you to John, Jean, Lynda, Diane and Jo for joining me.

It was good to meet Jo ( From Pateley Bridge) - hope to see you again at Hornbeam one Sunday morning in the near future. 19 miles. Lynda N.



### **Off Road Ride**

Swaledale was absolutely stunning to-day. Heather coming into full bloom, filling our lungs with the scent. Far-reaching views, tracks of all kinds, remote places.....very tired legs tonight, might not be able to get out of bed in the morning.....who cares?

Several navigational cock-ups, but we got round. Last photo of the day, dropping down towards Reeth from Fremington Edge...more photos:

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