

Sunday, November 16, 2014

## Wheel Easy Ride Report 446

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### Short Ride

No sun, no sky, no wind, no ice, no snow, no warmth, just damp.

No deviations, no stops, no starts, no complaints, just right.

No falls, no punctures, no bumps, no holes, no slipping, just grit.

No tables for big numbers, no accommodating staff, no deal, just wrong..

No patience, no chain saw massacre, no coffee, no curd tart, just a rideless leading home.

No photo opportunity and no thanks to Ripley café...November.

With apologies to a few poets, a dutiful back marker, a lovely goup, congratulations to Nicola...yoga is obviously the thing and thanks for your company all of you, and I hope you all got back. 18.56 miles. Sorry I tried to make it spot on 15miles. Caroline G

### Medium Ride

On a rather gloomy morning thirteen riders elected to do the relatively flat ride to Boston Spa via Wetherby. Dennis craftily suggested reversing parts of the ride for reasons not stated. As we went ride, I realised why! Dennis and four others sped off, while the rest of us followed at a more sedate pace. We never caught sight of Dennis again, but spotted Sally and Paul at Thorpe Arch. The majority [sorry Paul B.] had voted to stop here. As it happened, there was an air of disappointment and the consensus was that the rating should be reduced. We also spotted the Cappuccino ladies calendar. The best we could offer was a quick flash from Paul B. Sally and Paul whizzed home at a great rate. The rest of us gently made our way back, including a muddy ride along the Harland Way. Then, there was just the Showground to negotiate. We were joined by some of the medium plus riders for the final lap. All in all a lovely ride for a damp autumn day. Alison N



### Medium-plus Ride

There were enough riders today for us to make up four groups and thanks to Debbie and Terry for leading a group each.

It was a decent day for this flat ride To Long Marston, Bilborough and Catterton with no wind and as the day went on visibility much improved. Once again a new ride for some and greatest distance ridden for others and best distance yet for returning rider!

Café stop in Wetherby and home in time for tea. Many thanks to all my co leaders on our ride today. 42 miles. Gia M



It was a grey and flat day, the clouds hanging low over the Vale of York. Even the temperature remained a constant seven or eight degrees Celcius. Six in our group set off for Askam Richard via Little Ribston and back via Wetherby, the company compensating for the weather. Mind you, it was good to see the brown fields of a few weeks ago replaced by sparkling emerald. After a quick photo stop at the Marston Memorial we continued through the flat lands, overtaking a lone boy racer. Shocked at being overtaken by six old men on touring bikes, he took off down the road in a cloud of testosterone. He was last seen climbing Park Rash yelling "Bring me Chris Froome, I'll eat him for breakfast!" Coffee stop at Thorpe Arch was followed by a leisurely ride back via Sicklinghall and Kirkby Overblow, linking up with the medium group to cycle through the show grounds. Ian N



A group of six set off under Debby's leadership. A pleasant November day we shot up the hill towards Rudding past a big crowd of Knaresborough riders impressing only ourselves with our fitness. At the Marston Moor monument it was decided that a coffee stop was vital and so we went off the planned route to The School House café at Rufforth. A great decision and a pleasant stop with some very or quite interesting discussions about Panda crossings and the evolution of road crossings generally. We resumed and headed towards Bilbrough to get back on track. The day got brighter and warmer and as Paul and then Neil made tracks homeward the remaining 4 sped home via Burnbridge. A good ride in nice company 45 ish miles Sue C



### **Long Ride**

What a fantastic turn out for the long ride! Ok, twelve may be a small number by the standards set by the medium or medium+ groups but getting into double figures is quite an event for the often lonely long riders. Was it the route? Probably not as the ride involved the trudge across the flat un-interesting farm land of the Vale of York. Maybe the weather? Grey gloomy November is not the most appealing cycling weather. The charisma of the ride leader? Not many votes for this one. So, it must have been the rewarding climb up to the café which, of course, we all enjoyed immensely. Many thanks the lady who had to take our orders, prepare the food and serve it on her own.

Refreshed we all sped down Sutton Bank and headed towards Bagby. The speed had definitely picked up. This was mostly due to a lightless Richard L pushing out a fast pace after being informed that it was 2.30 when we were at the bottom of Sutton Bank. Unfortunately I didn't realise my error until we reached Knaresborough – I must remember to set the computer to GMT before the next ride!

So, back home for 3.30 after about 66 miles. Thanks to all the riders for such a great day and thanks to Wheel-Easy for being such a welcoming cycle club. Philip S

