

Wednesday, November 19, 2014

## Wednesday Rides

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### Poddlers Ride

Windless, sunless, coolish, twelve layers of clothing and whoops now it is raining, Hornbeam full of people, rides swiftly organised, seventeen people for Poddling, Max leaves at speed, the other group wanders towards the footpaths, twenty-two E.G.s gathering at Low Bridge, Sun shining wetly, too much clothing, twenty-seven layers removed, Dennis' whizzing underpass muck smeared, Thirty-two pupils smoking all over the route, down hill to Wetherby, new route to Kirk Deighton, Gordons' gorgeous pacemaking, Alison S. needs to go to work, Terry wants more distance, thirty-seven slices of bacon lured the unsuspecting, Jen and Glyn somehow reunited, forty-two metres climbed, injured Liz still being plucky, The sun shining ridiculously, forty-seven kilometres covered, gammon for lunch, kippers for tea, News caught up with, exercise completed, fifty-two perfect pieces of nature viewed, was it really raining. Thanks all the minders who decided to be sedate, Gordon for his pacemaking and more 'Grapenuts' for breakfast.CG



### Wednesday Ride

Shortish ride, but not short on hills. Five hardy riders set off in the drizzle up Brackenthwaite Lane towards Lindley reservoir where we were rewarded with stunning views. By then the rain had kindly disappeared making it a pleasant autumnal ride. Then on to the farmshop at Pool. After deciding on the levels of caffeine shots we needed, conversation turned to why cycling is safer than badminton and more fun than being on a canal boat.

After refuelling it was back home via Almscliff Cragg.  
Thanks for a good 26 mile ride to sir John, Sue C, Gia and Jenny. Bridget



### **EGs Ride**

Regretfully our leader was suffering with a chest infection so, albeit he arrived as normal @ Low Bridge he announced that he would be handing over the "tiller" (or is it handlebar) to the pair of Daves & Eric. So with 15 riders keen to take advantage of the mild temperatures and hopefully dry weather we all set off south for Morrison's @ Wetherby. Roy split up the "peleton" at the front, he must have had his porrage this morning, whilst a more steady group followed on. The pace, however, speeded up once the back riders caught sight of the leaders. We swept by the Wheel-Easy riders seen earlier on Abbey Road, sorry Caroline, intending to beat them to Morrison's (they never arrived). As usual Dave S took the bait (as Roy seemed to ease the pace seemingly missing his caffeine infusion or his porrage had run out), and drew alongside the front group to enter Morrison's as one.

Refreshments completed Dave W suggested continuing to York so leaving Bill & Roy to return via an alternative route, 12 riders set off. Rob abandoned us at Wighill as the pace continued at a brisk rate through Tadcaster, Colton and a slightly different course through Copmanthorpe towards Rowntree Park (thanks Bob). Here Peter B deserted us as 10 of the remaining group made a halt for lunch,

Again following lunch the "route committee", (Eric W) gauged that @ 1.25pm we still had enough daylight hours to return, continuing at a good pace, through Beningborough!! Dave W was a little doubtful, considering the reduced pace necessary along the riverside cycle path but we agreed we should head in that direction.

Off course we hadn't accounted for mishaps as Dan duly decided to suffer a puncture (it turned out to be glass from the underpass on the previous cycle way). "A scenic spot to stop" someone said as many hands rallied round to assist. Struggling to replace what appeared to be an oversize tube Eric was over heard to remark he'd never had 2" left over when inserting one under a tyre. Put a knot in it he'll not notice the bumps.

Fortunately many hands do make for light work and we were soon on our way. Back on the "hard stuff" the pace picked up with Colin cutting through the air in his usual inimitable fashion, thanks Colin, and not withstanding some minor hic-cups (Dave S's pump bouncing off its mount) and

minor diversions we made it back to Knaresborough just before sunset. Thanks go to Eric for pacing the odd straggler back to the group and encouraging us to extend the intended course. The weather had stayed fine and just the right temperature for our pace. The distance for the time of year exceeded our expectations and most riders will have completed between 50 and 60 miles. "Good one". Dave Watson.

