

Sunday, January 4, 2015

Wheel Easy Ride Report 453

Sunday Walk

Seven of us decided to avoid icy roads and frozen fingers and opted for a walk instead of cycling. We set off through Hornbeam Park, following Harrogate Ringway along Crimple Beck and through Pannal, returning via Rossett. Thanks to everyone for their assistance with directions! 6 miles completed in bright sunshine with good company and a coffee stop to finish. Sue O

Short Ride

The short ride was changed due to weather conditions

Five riders opted to take a ride on the lowlands and set off on a beautiful sunny ride through the cycle path to the show ground, tip, Forest Moor Road to Knaresborough and then on to Scriven coming back to Knaresborough for a cafe stop on Waterside. Our reasoning was that if we stuck to as many cycle paths as we could there would be less chance of falling in front of a car. We met Richard on the way and he joined on. We had a slight detour to Lidl to purchase kidney belts as advertised by Mark. £4.99 instead of £20. A bargain indeed.

Richard left us at Boroughbridge Road as he needed to be back for twelve. A wise decision as we met a problem at Scriven when we came upon a 227 ton abnormal load blocking the way. It was something for the National Grid and had set off from Goole docks at 3 am. A friendly policeman took our photo and we decided to retrace our steps and go back to Knaresborough for coffee which was taken at Marigolds.

Lynda left us at Knaresborough and four of us returned via Beryl Burton and this is where I got myself a puncture. Mark very kindly changed my inner tube (with a struggle) in the front of the Gardener's Arms and he and Sue were to have their reward inside. Thanks Mark.

It was a really lovely ride so glad I went out. Jean B





Medium Ride

8 foolhardy cyclists opted for the medium ride today with the ride changing as we went along. We headed up to Stainburn Forest and while the views were magnificent it was decided at the top that we did not want to go down to Fewston due to road conditions and with the prospect of no coffee at Hampsthwaite, due to Sophie's being closed for the holidays, the road down to Hampsthwaite did not look inviting either. We returned along Pennypot Lane and through the Queen Ethelburga's estate to Killinghall Moor and Jennyfields with cyclists peeling off at various intervals as they made their way back home in search of warmth. Jill J.

Medium-Plus Ride

Nineteen riders opted for the ride towards York. Thanks to Dave S for offering to take a group of faster riders.

Thirteen riders left Hornbeam with the instruction to go at your own pace, be very cautious and to meet in Follifoot. At this stage it was still icy in places. However, by 10.30 the sun was out

and it was a lovely morning for cycling. At Long Marston a group led by Sue and Monica headed to the Old School Café in Rufforth while the remaining five headed to Askham Richard, Wighill and Wetherby. At Wetherby we went to Costa before four of us returned via Sicklinghall and Kirkby Overblow. Ben was having a problem with an injury so he returned the flatter route along the cycle track to Spofforth. After a cautious start it turned into a lovely 40 mile ride. Paul



Six of us set out on the slightly faster Medium Plus Ride, cautiously avoiding roads we did not expect to have been salted in these times of stringency. It was a truly superb morning and by ten thirty, the Sun was properly up and we were enjoying the countryside, and each others' company. The miles sped by and hunger kicked in as we went through Wighill, and so Thorpe Arch Cafe it was. It did not disappoint, as you will tell from some of the faces portrayed in the photo.

A splendid second half back via Sicklinghall, and a return to Hornbeam for me for around 2pm. Thanks to Steve, Paul, Peter B, Rob, and Tony for another enjoyable day. Dave S.



Long Ride

Five riders left Hornbeam intending to go to Bedale via Boroughbridge; this included a new member Phil, who was partaking of his first Wheeeasy ride. The weather was bright and sunny with a cloudless skies and the temperature according to Eric W's gizmo was at or about 0⁰ centigrade for most of the ride. Our search for food in Bedale was unsuccessful as Bedale was closed for the New Year. So it was onward to good old Masham where several large breakfasts were consumed. This proved a slight mistake as we took the hilly route to Ripon via Grewelthorpe. From Ripon we returned to Harrogate via Bishop Monkton and Markington. Peter J.

