

Wednesday, October 28, 2015

Wednesday Rides

Wednesday Wanderer's Ride

Either it was the weather forecast or the name of the ride leader that put people off, Liz F and 'it must have hills' syndrome as only 8 Wanderers turned up and 3 others, James, Sue and Paul for their own ride. The weather was not looking very promising, but it was not raining heavy at this time and the eight of us set off, down past Asda onto the Greenway, negotiating the wet slippery leaves onwards through Bilton, Ripley and up to Clint Bank. The rain was drizzling and now slightly damp we swooped down into Hampsthwaite and up the other side towards Tang. Onwards we cycled as the rain became heavier and soon it became a deluge as we reached Penny Pot Lane, David, Steve and John decided to head home, the two Liz's, Maris, Keith and Andrew headed towards Fewston Farm for a bacon butty, where we were now well and truly drenched as we paddled inside. After a discussion on which was the best way to get home, as the rain now hammered down, Liz P, Keith and Maris headed down Penny Pot Lane to Harrogate the most direct way, Andrew and Liz F decided to chance the A59 and Blubberhouses, Darley, Birstwith, Clint Bank, Greenway to Harrogate. After negotiating very wet roads, rivers flowing down the steep roads and cycling through standing floodwater, it was reported that everyone got home safely after a very wet 25 -30 miles. Liz F. Note: No photos of drowned rats at it was too wet!!

Wednesday Ride

There were only three of us today. The others didn't come because it was either a special birthday (Happy Birthday Kevin), they were away on holiday or they just don't like cycling in the rain. James led us to Boroughbridge via Bishop Monkton. We had coffee and cake at Bean Antiques before taking the quickest route home in the pouring rain. Despite the rain, it wasn't cold and it was a good 30 mile ride. Paul



EGs' Ride

Wet, wet, wet, from start to finish. That's the only way one could describe today's ride. For once the forecast was spot on but six E.G's decided to ignore it hoping it may be an exaggeration. No such luck! So missing our leader, Dave P. we headed for Tancred Farm shop. Bacon sandwiches and toasted teacakes were the order of the day accompanied with hot cups of tea.

Regrettably the weather had not improved on our departure so everyone agreed it was time to head for the warmth of home via Great Ouseburn & Arkendale.

Despite the conditions at least we got out and we enjoyed each other's company. Distance completed was in the region of 32 miles. Dave Watson. (Temporary deputy Leader)