

Sunday, January 3, 2016

Wheel Easy Ride Report 505

Medium Ride

After all the rain over Christmas and with more rain forecast for later in the morning, Gordon decided to lead a different route from the one that was planned as it was expected that the track through Stainburn forest would be muddy.

Twelve riders set off from Hornbeam Park and headed for Little Almscliffe. Before we reached Beckwithshaw, David had a puncture and a group of four decided to wait with him and meet up with the rest of us later.

The remaining eight of us carried on past Little Almscliffe and on past the Sun Inn turning left to cross the A59 and on down to Hampsthwaite. Only three of us stopped for coffee at Sophie's while the rest carried on home.

We were joined by Richard who had stayed to help with the puncture.

By the time we left Sophie's the forecast rain had arrived and it was a rather damp group that returned via Knox to Harrogate.

Despite the weather and wet conditions on the roads we all enjoyed the ride and were pleased to have been able to get out for a few hours. Andrew

PS from David Stross

'I went on the medium ride today and around Norwood managed to get a puncture and then within another 3 or 4 miles I managed to get a second puncture ...lucky or what..!!!

Anyway I just wanted to say a big **"Thank You"** to Richard, Peter and Dennis who stayed with me and fitted 2 new inner tubes (2nd one provide by Richard) along with, on second puncture, a toothpaste tube which was put inside the wheel over the possible offending cause of the punctures and this has worked treat and got me home. Richard would not accept any money for the supplied inner tube as he said this was contrary to cycling etiquette ...!!!!

They were all amazing and I would have been stranded without them. Because of the delays am not sure how much of the original ride Richard and Dennis managed to complete as Peter and I turned off the route at Penny Pot Lane to get back before the rain.....we didn't make it...!!!

Thank you so much to them all for all their invaluable assistance.'

Medium+ Ride

It seems as though we have attempted the Dunsforths several times over the last few weeks with varying degrees of success. Today was all clear although very muddy roads and once again a visit to Listers Farm Shop with various members salivating for their excellent bacon butties was thwarted as they were closed.

Jill's group warned us so we were able to go into Gilchris where two delightful young girls served us quickly.

Jill's group did even better getting in to Olivers Pantry in Ripon.

We escaped the rain until arriving at the canal turning to Littlethorpe on our route back and picked up a good steady pace which got us home rather wet but by 2.00.

Many thanks to our 15 riders and welcome to new rider Justin, for our first ride of 2016, and our 10th anniversary year. 40 miles. Gia



Medium Long Ride

We had no ride leader and no suggested route; would there be no long ride? A tentative suggestion for a short run out to Brimham Rocks, Fell Beck, Dallowgill Moor and Fountains Abbey quickly became a firm decision and 7 of us set out from Hornbeam. All went well. The hilly route helped to keep us warm and by the time we arrived at Fountains Abbey we were all dry. Unfortunately as we were enjoying our well-earned café stop light rain began to fall. Unanimous agreement for the quickest return route via Ripley resulted in a ride of about 40 miles. Thanks to all for a really pleasant day out and thanks to the organisers of Wheel Easy (in their 10th year) for creating such a wonderful cycling club. Phil.