

Wednesday, February 17, 2016

Wednesday Rides

Poddlers' Ride

A glorious day, no wind, lots of sun, an interesting route planned.....well no, just in the imagination. Having taken three quarters of an hour to put the wet weather gear on, I was late setting off, but luckily met James returning to Knaresborough, before reaching an empty Hornbeam Car Park. Only Alan and James had ventured out. So thank you Poddlers' for not wanting to cycle today, it allowed me to do lots of quick errands all over Harrogate and test out the wet weather gear, without being too far away from home to abandon when soaked. Let's hope for pleasant conditions soon. CG

EGs' Ride

Tuesday evening the weather forecast for Wednesday looked a bit yon side of horrendous, dark clouds with 2/3 raindrops every hour and on the hour.

A phone call from Wheel Easy Arts group informed us that three riders would not be out on Wednesday, probably because the light would not be right or they might get water in their shutters.

At Low Bridge Dave P met with Peter B, it was not like the meeting between Stanley and Livingston, as they were both disappointed to see each other, as that meant going home was now not an option. Dave`s W and S were next to arrive so we had a foursome, comprising three daft Dave`s and a Peter B "daft?"(the degree of daftness always being relative), we might have had a James in our team, but he had a time constraint, well that is his excuse.

It is no good having wet weather gear if you don't get the chance to wear it, (see photo).

We were all well protected, especially Peter who was wearing an enormous pair of bover boots (EG`s rule OK) well he has got the haircut. The nearest source of caffeine and comfort was Morrison`s cafe however a good call by Dave W suggested the Purple Partridge at Raskelf, as there was only four of us cafe shock was unlikely and they are pretty swift with their service.

Thornton Bridge at present is in the state of repair/maintenance and is closed to vehicles but open to pedestrians and cyclists. The new Lake District on the plain of York looks almost permanent and we are going to need a dry summer to change it.

The Purple Partridge ???, the person who named the cafe was obviously not a teetotaller, no matter the food was good and prompt. Apologies by text were received in the cafe on Dave P`s phone, fortunately heard by Dave S.(perhaps DP`s ears were still full of water).

Roy did not want to get his bike wet, now that is an acceptable excuse Roy, however you did miss a magnificent breakfast bun (you are getting me in to bad habits young man).

However it is with Eric that our heartfelt sympathies and commiserations must lie.

He had some decorating to do, now it is well known among the EG community that some EG`s would rather ride in a blizzard, without hat and gloves and a bunch of nettles shoved down their shorts than do decorating. Then it was home via Tholthorpe and Aldwark Bridge.

A great ride in "interesting" weather with much laughter, was this a case of water on the brain?, well water was in abundance. But not too sure about the latter and the conversations were also somewhat ribald (but only mildly so). Dave P

