

Wednesday, June 1, 2016

## Wednesday Rides

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We were really unsure of where to ride today and none of us could come up with a route. However, we were all in agreement that we fancied a coffee at Sophie's. After the other groups had departed John suggested to Tim, Andy, Gia and myself Knaresborough, Burton Leonard, Staverley, Markington, Bishop Thornton, Shaw Mills and Hampsthwaite. It turned out to be an enjoyable 30 miles ride. While at Sophie's Bob from the EG's joined us for coffee and scones. Paul T.

### Wednesday Wanderers Ride

It was more like winter than the first day of the metrological summer, as a few brave souls gathered at Hornbeam, most still in their winter cycling gear. Gordon gathered 9 other Wanderers for his ride, the Poddlers had not appeared, and a few others joined the medium and long ride. Only Gordon's group had an idea where we were going as the other groups could not decide due to the weather. Gordon rolled off the places looking directly at me, to volunteer to do the ride report. Off we set towards Goldsborough over busy roads and dodging impatient drivers. After crossing the main road four times and dicing with death, at the last crossing, after a long wait we finally managed to get across the A59 and headed down pass the 'Road Closed' signs and onwards to Arkendale. Still 10 all alive despite the close encounters of motor vehicles and Geraldine took the group photo to prove it. At Arkendale there was a discussion who wanted to go to the village hall for tea or coffee and cake. Once it was known that it would cost only a £1 the Yorkshire people born and bred immediately said yes!! Gordon, Steve and Keith carried on homewards and seven went for refreshments. After delicious homemade cake and drinks, the seven set off with Andrew now leading. The day was grey and cold and at Burton Leonard the decision was to take the quickest route via Markington to Ripley. David, Geraldine and Joe, headed home. Maris who had been confined indoors for the past day had gone stir crazy and wanted to do an extra loop, Liz, Andrew and Bob, decided to join her. From Ripley we headed up Hollybank Wood, down to Hampswaite, up Lund Lane, Killinghall then the Greenway home. Distance around 28, 32 or 38 miles depending on which loop you did. Gordon/Liz



### EG's Ride

Seven stalwarts were patiently waiting at Low Bridge, but no sign of anyone with leadership abilities. The only place we go in this lamentable condition is to the Sun Parlour. Go North, someone said, and then we can freewheel home. Various paces were adopted; Bob bailed out en-route, and six of us ordered tea and buns, promising ourselves a ride to Thirsk after the break. Sadly, we were severely lacking in willpower, and after an hour's pleasant but generally meaningless chat, we decided to take the slightly hilly route home via Fountains and the Greenway.

Thanks Bob, Bill, Marvin, Theo, Colin, and Peter B for the excellent company. Dave's P & W, get back as soon as you can, we're rudderless. Dave S.



### Hebridean Happenings



Belach na bear conquered by Wheel Easy.

### Long Ride

There was a shortage of riders today, just 2 in fact (Martin and Richard), the rather blustery and uninviting weather was thought to be responsible. A late decision was made on a flat ride to Cawood. Given our direction was east and south from Harrogate John H agreed to join the ride out towards York before looping back to Wetherby.

We soon reached the cycle path to Selby and headed South towards Cawood. As soon as we crossed the Ouse the strong head wind kicked in and by the time we reached our cafe stop in Tadcaster we were on low tanks !. We returned to Harrogate via Wetherby, Sicklinghall and Kirby Overblow, again into a stiff headwind. We did 62 miles and both felt well exercised on a day when the wind was definitely not our friend.  
Martin D

