

Wednesday, February 8, 2017

Wednesday Rides

Poddlers' Ride

Four Poddlers wanted a gentle ride to Wetherby via Kirby Overblow., coffee at North Deli and home via Knaresborough. Jen because she had just returned from sitting by the pool at the bottom of 30 miles up Mount Teide in Tenerife and Harrogate climatic conditions were a bit different; Monica because it was damp and cold which could interfere with her 60 mile at 12 miles per hour training; Zoë because she was experimenting with her knee joints; Caroline because that was what she could do. It was a completely incident free ride, no Brownlea brothers racing up Penny Pot Lane, no accidents or mechanicals, not too many ridiculous car attacks...save one who nearly took my bike and me into Knaresborough in a particularly bad piece of overtaking. There was lots of chat veering from Trump posters... ('Just ugh' or a picture of a nice looking gentleman holding a cat and the relevant comment about what real men do) to holidays, to working a phone, to sartorial elegance. Zoë zoomed off after coffee in a bid to warm up. All home in time for lunch-ish a very pleasant 24 miles taken at a very leisurely pace on a particularly grey day with no wind, snow, just mizzle. Thanks everyone for playing out. CG

Wednesday Wanderers' Ride

Weather was cold damp and drizzly and I was surprised to see a good number of riders at Hornbeam, promise of brighter weather later must have influenced this. Thirteen chose to join David and I along Greenway to Ripley, two additional riders joined us as we crossed Bilton Lane. Onto Markington and over the A61 to Bishop Monkton, Littlethorpe then photo by Mike on canal bridge at Ripon and so keen was he to get the right picture he nearly ended up in the water, glad this did not happen as a previous experience of retrieving a helmet was not easy. On we went intending to go via Copt Hewick but I missed the turning (must have been still thinking of consequences of Mike falling in the canal). Anyway next left to Marton-le-Moor over motorway to Kirby Hill, unfortunately on enquiring at Listers 12 keen for refreshment was too many for them to seat inside in addition to existing customers so we all continued into Boroughbridge to Bean Vintage. Here we met James G and other Wheel Easy members whose destination we thought was Easingwold (I will leave for them to explain). Back via Staveley and Knaresborough, very pleasant 37miles in good company also weather did improve. Thanks to David G bringing up the rear. Steven P





Wednesday Ride

Only three of us made it for today's ride as all the regulars must have had other commitments. The original plan was to cycle to Easingwold but we decided instead to head towards Boroughbridge via Goldsborough and Arkendale. Unfortunately at Low Bridge Kevin, who holds the Wheel Easy record for the most punctures in a year had another. It was made worse as he couldn't release the nut on the valve. Luckily Terry from the EG's had a full tool kit with him and produced a pair of pliers. At Boroughbridge we enjoyed coffee at Bean Vintage where we were joined by a large number of Wednesday Wanderers. An excellent 33 mile ride in good company. Paul





EGs' Ride

Weather wise not a pleasant start to the day, but we still had fifteen riders at Low Bridge. The day started with a request from some Wheel Easy Wednesdayer`s for a pair of pliers, the EG`s carry all sorts of kit ranging from incontinence pants to defibrillators, but at first it looked like we were fresh out, eventually we found a pair and it was problem solved.

Which leads in to a joke??,

A Londoner who enjoys a game of darts was in Yorkshire.

He goes in a pub (as one does).

He sees a dartboard near the bar, he asks the Landlord has he any good players.

The Landlord goes behind the bar and came out with a small item in his hand, he gives it to the Londoner with an apology.

"I`m sorry" he says "we don`t have any pliers, will these pincers do? "

Then it was on to Tadcaster to see and cross the repaired bridge, however Norman and Terry went to Boroughbridge, for them Tadcaster was a bridge to far ????.

The riders split into two groups for convenience and safety on the way the way there, and Bill, Dave P and Roy were the last to arrive in Tadcaster.

See photo of three elderly EG`s on the repaired bridge, it should be pointed out that the original bridge was older than these EG`s, the less kind amongst you might say, "Yes, but by not a lot".

We all got seated easily, however this was not the case on open day and many were turned away, whilst statements were being made in the "House".

The beans were good, as was the coffee.

After which John R returned via Bramham, Dave W and Eric took a fast group towards York (look forward to your report chaps).

Bill, Dave P and Roy headed for Catterton and Bilbrough and found on the way a bemused Peter Bradley who seemed to have lost the fast group or the will to live.

Coffee was taken in Tockwith Post Office, and it was not bad coffee to say it came in a paper cup.

We passed through a short rain shower? we thought, but when it seemed not to wet us much we realised it had been hail.

A good ride with mileage in the high 40`s with the weather being not that bad, well done Roy the pair of us, as Harlow Hillbillies could not really avoid Church Lane. Dave P.



