

Wednesday, April 26, 2017

Wednesday Rides

Wanderers Extended Ride

A number of the Wanderers are on a training program for next weeks Sea to Sea so felt that they needed a longer ride today. Liz F lead a group of 10 and we started off on Alison's planned route which was Knaresborough and Farnham to Bishop Monkton where Sur John left us. We deviated here to go through Ripon and up the Fountains deer park, though unfortunately not one deer was to be seen. At the visitor centre Liz collected 9 vouchers and we all enjoyed free tea or coffee with our cakes and scones, and a good chat. The return route was Low Gate Lane and Sawley Moor Lane up to the Ripon to Pateley road then left to join the lovely downhill route past Rabbit Farm to Ripley. This latter was done in record time as we went through a few hail showers though these stayed light and there was a lot of sunshine as well. About 38 very enjoyable miles. Welcome to new rider Claudinia. We only had 1 Mike today but a couple of Charlies made up the numbers! Thanks to Liz F for leading. Liz Pugh







Trailer Ride from Barnard Castle

No takers for the hilly ride home, so i put in an extra track and went anyway. Although nothing can make up for missing your company, the scenery meant i didn't miss Catterick Garrison at all.

Photos....Helwith, Swaledale, Wensleydalemore

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Feeding stops at Grinton cycle cafe, and Newton-le-Willows cafe in the holiday park....home just after 5.00





EG's Ride

We had eleven riders at Low Bridge all kitted out in winter gear, and it was certainly needed, but was not only the personal gear, a fair few were on their winter bikes, ie with full mudguards because rain was forecast.

However no rain was seen thank goodness, but the wind did add to the chill factor but who cares when the sky is blue.

Our destination was Easingwold, good guess Peter B, the men`s downhill was a close contested affair with 3/4 riders together, but we think Eric made it by a tyre`s width. Five riders left us at Boroughbridge, including Dave Watson who is still on the recovery road and wanted something a little shorter.

Dave is a EG`s ride leader and we wish him all the best and a speedy recovery so he will soon be leading us on rides to that area he knows so well, the North West of Ripon.

So a select six headed for Easingwold, in the wind, and just for a change Clarks Bakery Cafe which is on the York side of Easingwold.

During early lunch the subject of evolution was discussed, quotes were made from an expert, not from that programme "the ascent of Man" as you might think but from Professor Billy Connelly.

So the level of conversation was definitely high ????????

Where is it all going to end ?, where is man going?, we thought we were going to Sheriff Hutton, in fact that`s where we found ourselves.

Then it was on to Strensall, Wigginton and Benningborough for afternoon tea.

Here Eric introduced himself to a couple on bikes, where he with his usual charm and eloquence found out they were travelling from Dover to John o` Groats.

This was no mean feat despite the Lady having on her back a large notice saying "Dover to John`o Groats".

Then it was back to Knaresborough, Harrogate and Home still in the sunshine.

An excellent ride, quite a high mileage, thanks to Colin, Eric, Geoff, Peter and Phil for laughs and supportive riding. Dave P.



Wednesday Wanderers Ride

On a sunny but chilly April [felt like Feb] morning, a large group of Wanderers were ready and raring to go. The suggested ride was to take us o around the villages to Markington, then up to Clint Bank and down to Ripley. However, as usual, there were the intrepid cyclists eager to get in lots of hills. So, they quickly departed following Liz and Liz. The remaining 13 made their way to Low Bridge where Nicky was waiting. We then ambled along the rural lanes in sunshine but with a chilly head wind. However, once at Bishop Monkton we changed direction and avoided the head wind. At the Drovers, Dennis and two followers headed back to Harrogate. The rest of us headed for Burnt Yates and Clint Bank,

enjoying the pot hole free roads courtesy of Le Tour de Yorkshire. Then it was a glide down to Hollybank woods where the bluebells were at their peak. We finished the ride with a coffee stop at Ripley Church. It's good they're open again with the usual tasty cakes and cheese pie. Recharged, we made our way back to Harrogate. A lovely morning with lots of chat and good company. Many thanks to Dave Griffin for back marking. Alison N



Away Day Ride

John Russell organised Sherwoods and their bike trailer to take twelve Wheel Easy members for a ride starting at Greta Bridge and riding back to Harrogate, about 58 miles. When the idea was hatched we all thought of nice warm spring days not a day when the gritters had been out and everyone except our hardy man from the North East had hauled out their winter clothing.

But the sun was shining, Alan was at the showground early to load the bikes and we were on our way by 7.15am.

When we arrived at our dropping off point, The Morrith Hotel the staff sprang in to action with very strong pots of coffee and tea which helped to set us up for the day. Within 27 miles we managed 3 cafe stops! Richmond Station and Thorp Perrow were our stops number two and three.

Martin had plotted a delightful route the best of which was the section from Greta Bridge with wonderful views and the great Yorkshire countryside fresh and inviting down in to Richmond after a mean climb out of Greta Bridge. Colin disappeared up some hills when we got to Barningham and we hope that he had a good day.

The group enjoyed their day, the familiar route back from Snape through Ripon and Markington with the northerly wind firmly behind us all the way and the comfort of returning home in the late afternoon sunshine along the Greenway.

Thanks John for organising the day. Do ask John about booking with Sherwoods, it is a great facility for the club to get to destinations and indeed soon there will be a group using the trailer for the start of their C2C ride.

Thanks to everyone for excellent company as always. James, Martin, Yvonne, Janet, Angela, John, Paul, Colin, Sarah, Jill and Kevin. Gia



Long Ride

