

Wednesday, June 20, 2018

Wednesday Rides

Poddlers' Ride

Not an awful forecast today.....Paul Hudson and Accurate Weather said it would rain between 8 and 9 and it did. Not only did it rain like real rain but it winded, (and continued in this fashion of and on the whole morning) so any rider with an ounce of sense will have stayed at home, or on holiday, as most people of W.E. seemed to have done. Jill was there raring to do something so along with 2 or 3 others headed to the E.G s meeting spot. Peter J decided home was his best choice. Alison N, Zoe, and two other ladies waited for their plan to hatch, and Rob or Roy decided to head for Kirby Overblow. The 2 Poddlers' chose not to do Brimham Rocks but Lingerfield and Ripley instead. The majority of the ride was carried out in rain or head on heavy breeze. So, we quickly reached the cafe stop in the church, having put the world to rights.... particularly on the let's just have one very broad liberal religion so there is no fighting.... comparing the world to any club where people are all going to want different things from it. Anyway, more importantly, at the church cafe, there was cheese and onion pie for sale (thus sorting out something for tea) and the coffee was delicious. Thank you Jean for coming out to play....it was an extremely pleasant, if a little damp, gentle 20 miles and back in time for an early bath and lunch. CG

Wednesday Wanderers' Ride

Six happy wanderers met at Hornbeam Park in the rain. A route was agreed and Alison led us on our way. The weather changed throughout the ride and so there were lots of stops for oning and offing of coats as it went from rain to sunshine and back to rain with gusty winds. We went straight to Knaresborough then on to Farnham, Bishop Monkton and Boroughbridge - where some were very tempted to stop at Vintage Bean - instead we carried on to Aldborough and Little Dunsforth where we stopped at the Hideaway Kitchen for refreshments. At this point the rain had stopped and the sun had come out and so we were able to sit outside drinking our coffees. Then onwards to Marton-cum-Grafton and back to Knaresborough - finishing with the Knaresborough Road Climb. 39 fun miles in the best of company. Colette Kon





Wednesday Away Day Ride

Kevin's Steady Group

What was this? An Awayday Wednesday and it was raining? We weren't used to this as it was the first one for two years when it hasn't been fine.

Never mind 22 riders (split into two groups) assembled and set off from Grassington into a head wind in wet and cold conditions with the hope that thing would improve...more on that later.

We headed towards Cracoe and Hetton with the aim of taking coffee at the Farm Shop at Airton. It was hard going into the wind and rain and it was heads down which wasn't a problem as there was little to see.

We welcomed the sight of the coffee stop and were surprised to see the faster group inside partaking of coffee and cakes (they had said they weren't stopping). We believed their explanation of waiting for the rain to blow over...

Good coffee and cakes were consumed and then we had to head out into the wind and rain and the climb over to Settle.

The long climbs into the head wind ensured we spread out on the road but everyone battled on and we could see a break in the weather coming. When we began to descend into Settle the sun came out and as we decided on which cafe to use we were shedding gear and selecting outdoor seats!

The 'faster' group were tucked up inside and when they came out they said they were determined to shake us off and so they set off with great purpose -never to be seen again! The weather was now warm, the sky's clear and the views outstanding as we made our way towards Littondale.

Despite more climbing, we were all enjoying the scenery and when we got to the top we enjoyed a photo break in the sun!

A fast descent towards Halton Gill followed by a great ride down the valley made everyone forget the rain and we then made our way through Conistone into Grassington well pleased with our days efforts.

Definitely a ride of two halves! Thanks to Richard Leake for a great route. Tim Rhodes for leading the ride and Justin for back marking. Also, thanks to the group for sticking in and making it a great day out.

42 miles and 1000metres of climbing in a variety of weathers! Kevin











EGs' Ride

EG's Longer Ride

There were ten fairly eager takers this morning at Low Bridge, and the showers did not take anything off the enthusiasm. As usual, Morrison's at Boroughbridge was the first port of call, following the customary mad dash.

Three were for a shorter ride and seven of us set off for Coxwold via Easingwold. A more gentle pace was maintained and we joined a group of ladies who lunch for ours at the café there. There seemed to be loads of them, judging by the sound volume, new EG Tim enquiring whether he should utilize his new App Decibel X to measure the noise.

Anyhow, the four of them left us half way through our beans and so in relative peace.

Four and a half beans rating here so good enough for a revisit when anyone is in the area.

Return route was through Sessay and Boroughbridge again, at a much more sedate speed, acknowledging that some of our members are coming back from absences.

A very pleasant day out of around 50 Miles. Thanks to Dave P(1), Norman, Bob, Dave P(2), Chris, Jill, Tollerton Tim (please join us again), Geoff, and Phil. Dave S.

