

Sunday, August 12, 2018

Wheel Easy Ride Report 636

Medium Ride

A troupe of eleven of us set off from Hornbeam in search of Timble and beyond on some of the lesser used roads. The forecast rain stayed away (mostly) and the roads dried as we made our way out through Beckwithshaw and up Norwood Lane. Climbing to Swinsty and skirting Fewston we arrived at Timble and headed towards Blubberhouses. Suspecting little of what lay ahead. As we climbed up Hall Lane Charlie's rear derailleur hanger gave up the ghost and he ground to a halt. Trying to avoid a long walk home Charlie, Justin and I set about an emergency repair and the others headed off to Sophie's for some well earned sustenance. As much as we toiled it turned out the damage was too far gone but we were able to phone for a lift for Charlie to get him back to Hornbeam.

I solo'ed back down the lanes and up to Menwith so that I could make coffee & cake at Sophie's. I arrived in time for a rapturous welcome (thanks everyone) and after we discussed the various routes we'd take back to our various final destinations we dispersed. An eventful day with some incredible scenery and even a little sunshine. Hope you are all fixed soon Charlie. Thanks everyone. Dave M







Charlie says:

A big thank you to Dave with support from Justin and Dave's wife in my hour of need. After Dave's wife sacrificed her Sunday and whisked me back to Hornbeam I drove home via Edinburgh Cycles in Leeds. By 4pm all was fixed with a new chain to replace the bent one. Looking good for Hebden Bridge on Wednesday.

Thanks again for all the help. Lucky for me (though not for Dave) that I wasn't on the medium plus ride and stranded in Thirsk

Medium-plus Ride

After three weeks off and suffering jet lag I thought that a slow ride to Thirsk would help. So four men set off under grey skies and on a damp track to do a four man time trial and an early lunch stop at Adagio's.

After beans and caffeine Richard left for some hills so a three man time trial thrashed back into a sneaky headwind for the return to Harrogate.
Thanks to Richard, Mark C and John S for the recovery ride!!
53 miles 17mph average stayed dry and back home before I got up according to my watch.
Paul B

Two groups of six set off for Thirsk. Our group, Gia, James, Debbie, Kevin, Jill and me, flew through Cundall and Topcliffe and back through Little Sessay and Helperby. I think Boroughbridge was in there somewhere. And Dalton.
Clearly the long hot summer had just passed us by and, bewildered by the weather forecast, we struggled with layers of clothing (long sleeves and trousers for some) while enduring the heat and humidity under those rain filled grey things in the sky.
At the junction to Sessay, Gia looked longingly at the new 'Cafe' signpost; Jill didn't take the hint and led us on to Yorks of Thirsk in the Old Post Office. A good move and a great venue - the service was quick, the food tasty and cycling paraphernalia adorned the walls - definitely worth another visit.
We managed to dodge the rain all the way home but not the bus or traffic at the bottom of Knaresborough Hill which put a halt to all that lovely momentum, drat! It was the only blip during a great ride with good company and a 'Thirsk first' for some of us. About 93k at a moderate pace. Maris W

