

Wednesday, August 22, 2018

Wednesday Rides

Poddlers' Ride

In the absence of OFL Graham, Jen very kindly led today's Poddlers - there were six of us. Despite a threat of rain, the weather remained kind and we reached Wetherby via Kirkby Overblow, and Sicklinghall.

Having negotiated the hill from Kirkby Overblow, Karen, who is a relatively new Poddler, took a topple onto the verge. It was a most genteel and controlled spill but obviously, a shock. She very nobly carried on despite being unable to shift her gears comfortably having sprained her wrist. We assured her that everyone has a tumble at some stage but that some don't return to cycle again. This always seems so sad, so hopefully, Karen, we shall see you again soon.

Having reached Wetherby, we cycled on to Boston Spa and Clifford before returning to the Shambles and the culinary joys of Pomfreys - delicious cinnamon toast/blackberry and apple scones/toasted fruit loaf. Fortified, we returned to the Showground through Follifoot and all points home. Glyn and Jen put Jane's bike into their car and returned her to Killinghall before dashing off to prepare for the Vue Cinema and "Mama Mia". As always, a very companionable poddle - 32 miles. Sue D



Wanderers' Ride

Lovely weather for cycling today and nineteen choose to come on the Wanderers ride. We decided to split into two groups, 1st led by me and 2nd by Dave G.

The route today was Showground, Haggs Road, Spofforth, North Deighton, Walshfod, Whixley, Thorpe Underwood, Great Ouseburn, Lower Dunsforth, Aldborough, Boroughbridge, Minskip, Staveley and back via Knaresborough.

To reduce numbers at café stop Dave took his group to Tancreds near Whixley and my group continued on to the Bean in Boroughbridge. Three riders decided not to stop and took a shorter route back via Marton and Arkendale.

It was good to see some new faces and hope you all enjoyed the ride. Two in Dave's group were riding KTM electric bikes creating lots of interest.

I left my group in Knaresborough to find their own way and hope you all got back safely.

Thanks to Dave for leading 2nd group, enjoyable 38mls. Steven P



Wednesday Ride

An impromptu ride was made up by "The Remainers" as a group of "Leavers" had already departed for Reith with Colin. Ten of us headed out via Ripley and to the cafe by the Lake at Studley Park. It was so lovely and mild in fantastic surroundings that eating alfresco was the only option but it included an occasional wasp battle.

Various departures meant that we were down to eight cycling out of the park and down to Ripon, then riding out past the Racecourse to Skelton-on-Ure. Here we stopped for a look at the village and estate church tucked away down a footpath. This architectural gem has a sad and tragic story about why it was built and it is well worth a visit to discover more. My big achievement of the day was finding somewhere Tim R had never been!

Then at Boroughbridge we split into two groups with half heading quickly home and the others continuing to Lower Dunsforth for a bite to eat at the new Hideaway cafe. We finished the ride returning via Marton, Ferrensby, and Knaresborough, covering 42 miles and making it back before the promised rain. Martin W





Long Ride - report to follow

EGs' Ride

We had a good turn out at Low Bridge with a reasonable weather forecast (see photo). Not all riders could make the start at Low Bridge so by the wonders of modern technology our first coffee stop was conveyed to them. Yes I know what you are thinking, but Morrison`s at Boroughbridge is big and our final number was sixteen riders and it suits both the A and B teams to get together before going our separate ways (your call next time Marvin).

It was great to see Theo out on his bike again, then we were joined by Dave Watson on Waterside. Away went the A team with Dave Watson on Chris`s rear wheel, the B comprising Dave P, Norman, Roy and Theo followed on.

From twelve riders at Low Bridge we finished with sixteen riders in Morrison`s. A maximum numbers of "Daves" were recorded (see photo).

It was very interesting to hear blasts from the past from Theo and Chris, this was cycling at a high standard, and frequent mentions of Yorkshire`s "wonder women" our Beryl.

Away went the A team, the Bs (75% VEGs) lingered over their caffeine for more chat then away to Roecliffe,. Ripon had been mentioned but that might have been a bridge to far. On to Bishop Monkton, Markington on to Ripley and home via the Greenway, a nice little route with a minimum of road traffic and as they say in the North East a few canny hills. Theo put in a cracking performance for someone who had been laid off for a while, with over 30 miles door to door, giving two fingers to Father Time. Dave P

EG's Other Ride

There were a lot of Daves about today; so many that we had already lost one before we had even left Low Bridge. Turns out he was in a lavatory.

Photoshoot over and off to good old Morries of Boroughbridge, and the now customary mad dash.

More photos, and those with early bath passes left, whilst eleven of us pushed on to Coxwold.

The café (called "The Coxwold"---what else?) looked a bit closed but closer investigation revealed a host, a chef, and a waitress were to hand.

Curiously we were told that they did not have much food, but after a bit of negotiation, the order was placed. Beans on toast for ten, and one scrambled egg. With tea all round.

It doesn't get much easier than that and it came out pretty quickly too.

So four bean rating, with a plus added for pleasant service in their lovely garden.

Departing a bit from the impartiality of tradition, I liked the style of this place and suggest others give it a go. If calling on a Wednesday, an advance call would help, but it's certainly worth trying.

Up the hill through Oulston and on to good old Easingwold (we can't avoid it) and back into quite a stiff Westerly headwind, which took its toll out of most of our legs before we split to go our various ways.

Another splendid ride boys, and thanks to all participants. DaveS



NOTE: I was just idly wondering what the combined total of the ages of the members in this photo add up to. I bet it's quite a lot. Answers on a postcard please. Dave S.



Away Day

