

Sunday, June 18, 2006

Wheel Easy! Ride Report No. 7



Shorter Ride

We decided to take the same route we had done the previous week, as we all felt it pushed us all that little bit further. We rode to the end of Hornbeam Park and on the track to Fulwith Mill Lane, and made our way through quiet residential streets and cycle paths to Whinney Lane then along Lady Lane.

We crossed Otley Road, past Harlow Carr Gardens then through the Pinewoods to the Valley Gardens, and came out onto Cornwall Road outside the Sun Pavilion. We continued through town to Asda and joined the cycle path all the way to Bilton Hall Drive.

We then travelled along Bogs Lane, Kingsley Road and onto the Stray at Granby Corner. From here the group started to split and head their separate ways home. The ride was approximately 16 miles.

Sarah Martin

Longer Ride

RIPON LOITERERS AND HARROGATE WHEEL EASY FIRST EVER JOINT RIDE

The Wheel Easy meeting last Monday evening decided that the club would pursue becoming a section of CTC and Ripon Loiterers are already a section of CTC. So it was appropriate that this first ever joint ride was in the traditions of CTC.

Now some mistaken people believe that CTC stands for "Cyclists Touring Club", however, those of us in the know realise that CTC really stands for "Café to Café", and sometimes it is known as "Coffee Tea and Cakes".

The two clubs both set off at 10a.m. from their weekly starting points, Ripon Leisure Centre and Hornbeam Park Railway Station and joined up an hour later near Copgrove Church. Six members of Ripon Loiterers were present, and no less than nine riders from Harrogate turned out. The ride headed along the tarmac bridle way from Copgrove to join the Bishop Monkton to Roecliffe Road, where we turned right for Roecliffe and then Morrisons café at Boroughbridge.

Was this the first ever time all of Morrison's cycle stands were taken up by cycles, instead of the usual collection of dogs? After enjoying Ken Morrison's hospitality, we returned to Boroughbridge, and then took the road to Aldborough, Marton-cum-Grafton, and Arkendale. Soon after Ferrensby the two clubs headed back to their respective home towns.

In all the Harrogate and Knaresborough Wheel Easy Group covered 32 miles, and despite

occasional light rain there were plenty of smiles.
Martin Weeks