

Sunday, November 19, 2006

Wheel Easy! Ride Report No. 29



Under bright Autumnal sunshine, a clear blue sky and a gentle southerly wind, 20 cyclists met at Hookstone Park for the day's ride led by Dave Preston who had offered three options depending on the conditions. The good weather and promise of an exhilarating run back resulted in a decision to go for the ambitious run to Stump Cross Caverns.

The route led first to Beckwithshaw and Almas Crag (or Little Alms Cliff), and thence to the Sun Inn from where the slight chill in the air was ideal for the long climb to the Stone House pub. The group then continued through Greenhow village before stopping for a tea break at Stump Cross Caverns Café. Some riders turned back at various points along the route, with eight going the full distance.

The ride back was good, all together at a fair speed, and in fact all those who made it to the cafe would have been home by early afternoon. The Medal for 'Guts and Determination' went, again, to Sarah. Dave's 'Altitude Award' went to Ken who lives alongside the River Nidd, and therefore climbed higher than anyone.

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The first Wheel Easy! 'Wheel Speedy' or "Back in Time for Sunday Lunch" ride also took place on Sunday, suggested and organised by Paul Daynes.

Six riders enjoyed an early 9am start and sped through Knaresborough, Cowthorpe and Walton, returning via Collingham, Linton, Sicklinghall, Kirkby Overblow and finally around Rudding Park to Harrogate covering 34 miles in under 3 hours. The ride was covered at a reasonable pace, stops were kept to a minimum and we tried to keep the group together rather than being strung out.

Many thanks to the riders for supporting this ride. Another is planned for 3rd December.

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