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Wheel Easy! Ride Report No. 30



The only thing we are allowed to say about the Wheel Easy! personage who purchased (and consumed) this less than healthy concoction is that he/she/it was not Tony Dickinson. Nor do the surrounding objects hold any subtle clues. Tony had the same drink (see below) but this wasn't his cup. By special request the guilty party, whose spouse was elsewhere, will remain forever a Wheel Easy! secret.

The drinks, along with bacon butties, toasted tea cakes, unsolicited chips and even the odd piece of lettuce, were enjoyed at the Marigold Café along the waterside at Knaresborough, a well earned reward towards the end of an excellent ride designed and led by Tony totalling around 30 miles.

Twenty cyclists set off from Hornbeam up Leadhall Lane and down through Burn Bridge. A short stretch of the A61 then led to Walton Head Lane and a gentle climb into Kirkby Overblow. Perfect November sunshine came out in time for us to enjoy the views over the valley as we cycled towards Sicklinghall and Wetherby. Here about 5 riders took the turn left at Scaur Bank to return to Harrogate using the popular Wetherby-Spofforth Sustrans route while the rest continued towards the A1. A couple of miles of an excellent cycle path (which we shall make good use of again on future rides) led us north to the Bridge Inn at Walshford where we crossed the road and followed it north for a while on the old A1 until another bridge enabled us to cross again and take the quiet lane to Arkendale and Ferrensby before the café stop in Knaresborough.

Finally, the party had to end and the remaining riders made their various ways home, most via the safe dual purpose path up the hill alongside the busy Knaresborough Road into Harrogate. Tony was congratulated by all for putting together an excellent and original Wheel Easy! route.

