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Wheel Easy! Ride Report No. 38



NO WINTER BLUES FOR WHEEL EASY!

This was a day of fluctuating numbers as riders joined us and then set off in different directions, but in all a total of 21 riders joined Wheel Easy on the longer 40-mile ride, despite a chilly and unpromising start to the day.

At the start 15 riders left Hornbeam Park, continuing to Knaresborough where 3 more riders joined us, before heading south to Little Ribston and Cowthorpe. Heading into Cattal, we caught up with three more old friends, adding to our number.

At this point, drivers were flashing their headlights to warn us of impending floods, and sure enough, at Cattal Bridge, we had to make our way through shallow floodwaters, each side of the River Nidd Bridge.

Continuing North, through Whixley, we arrived at Great Ouseburn where the decision was taken not to follow the lanes through Lower Dunsforth to Aldborough, as this was almost certain to be under water, due to the floods. So we continued to Marton-cum-Grafton, and then along the lanes to Morrisons at Boroughbridge where despite misgivings of some in the group, we enjoyed hot drinks and a good spread.

It was then back to Harrogate, via Minskip, Staveley, and Knaresborough in surprisingly sunny weather, with blue skies.

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The short ride started along the very easy route via Mallinson estate to Ashville and The Squinting Cat to Beckwithshaw, and through the grounds of Moor Park. We then went back down Otley Road to Hookstone, exactly 10 miles. Caroline followed this with a short 8 mile route along Hookstone to Morrisons, left to Starbeck and the Beryl Burton track to Asda and back to

Hornbeam station, another 8 easy miles. An excellent pleasant morning doing two short rides.
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More photos of today's ride and the Nidd Viaduct



