

Sunday, January 28, 2007

Wheel Easy! Ride Report No. 39



Twenty one riders gathered at Hornbeam Park, an excellent turnout on a blustery but dry January day. In view of the conditions, the direction chosen was southerly to Tadcaster keeping the wind on our side.

The route out was to Waterside, Knaresborough, to the B6164 turn off at Cowthorpe junction, through Cowthorpe, right at Cattal cross roads and on to the old Roman road, Rudgate Lane. Then it was south bypassing Walton and Wighill to Tadcaster. Over the bridge in Tadcaster there was a stop for excellent refreshments at a cycle friendly café with plenty of room and a good quality cycle shop next door - 'Heaven!'

There were no set leaders for shorter distance rides so those who did not want to follow the whole route turned back at various points with two leaving at the Cowthorpe junction and another at the B1224 crossroads. In Tadcaster 6 riders left to do their own thing and make their own way back.

The remaining 12 riders continued on the A64 then left to Catterton, Healaugh, Askham Richard (break taken here), Long Marston, Tockwith and Cowthorpe, then home. After Askham Richard they split into a fast group led by Bill Whale and a slower smaller group led by Dave Preston. The total distance back to the car park was around 45 miles. This was a mainly easy flat route made more difficult however by a strong wind which failed to behave and blow itself out as forecast.

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All cyclists are invited to join the next ride on Sunday, starting as usual at Hornbeam Park Railway Station at 10am. Rides include short, medium and long routes. For faster cyclists there is a Wheel Speedy ride (14-15mph) at the same venue at 9am.

