

Sunday, July 1, 2007

Wheel Easy! Ride Report No. 61



Just five of us, including one new rider, set off on the Wheel Easy 'long ride' to Ilkley. Yes, we knew it was going to rain but, being made of the right stuff, we just didn't care! We made our way through Beckwithshaw, Fewston, Askwith and onto Ilkley, all pretty much rain-free. Stopped off at the Avanti café which seems to have become a regular haunt for us together with at least one other group of cyclists we encountered there.

For the journey back we retraced our route back to Askwith, then to Otley, Leathley, North Ripton and back to home. All in all, an enjoyable 40 miles of cycling with the rain largely holding off until the last few miles. JF

About a dozen of us joined the medium ride to Norwood Edge via Beckwithshaw and Little Armscliffe. We then descended the bank and turned off onto the gated road to Lindley and Leathley, returning to Harrogate via Castley, Weeton and Kirkby Overblow. The weather was quite good in that we dodged any storms. We had frequent stops and many laughs. TD

Only two riders braved the threat of floods and deluge to do the short ride today. We set off intending to go to Beckwithshaw the easy way, and got to the Squinting Cat where the back marker decided that to avoid a drop of rain, a slight hill, and being told where to go by the ride leader, he had to go and rescue the caravan from the ponds of Tockwith.

So the ride leader continued her ride in a plucky manner, turning left down Lady Lane to Burn Bridge and home, a very speedy short ride of 8 miles done in a record three quarters of an hour. Thoroughly enjoyable and I did not want to embarrass Tony and the intermediate ride by getting to Little Armscliffe before them, thus the slight change of plan. CG