

Sunday, May 18, 2008

Wheel Easy Ride Report No. 107



Short Ride Report

Eight riders left from Hornbeam Park on this cool but bright morning. After a debate of 'options' for routes, we set off for Fewston Reservoir via St Georges Cycle Way, Whinny Lane and Beckwithshaw. A pleasant and quiet route through Moor Park and a right turn onto Norwood Lane took us past Little Armscliffe and onward to the Otley Road. On the left turn to Fewston, a small hedgerow sign was spotted with the 'golden words' - Tea Room!! At this point, one member left the group to forge homeward to Harrogate via Pennypot Lane, but the rest of the group bravely soldiered on! The signs led us to Fewston Parochial Hall, where we were greeted with friendly smiles and homemade cakes/hot drinks galore!! Just like something out of an Enid Blyton novel - (but without the 'lashings of ginger beer!!). Thank you to all those who made us so welcome! The journey homeward was much eased! A hilly, but enjoyable ride of around 17 miles!

Medium Ride Report

In all 14 riders set off from Hornbeam Park on a 30 mile medium ride. Heading West through Beckwithshaw and on towards Norwood we took "Brat Lane" leading around Dob Park. The views over the Washburn valley were superb, and halfway along we met a vintage car rally using part of the route and adjacent tracks for on off-road trial.

Leaving behind the fumes, and the oohs and aahs of the older riders who were admiring some of the well-preserved cars, we headed south to Farnley and Lindley Bridge. By then Martin, the ride leader, had had his fill of hills so the ride diverted from the planned route and we returned home along the Wharf Valley through Castley, Dunkswick, and returned to Harrogate via Kirkby Overblow.

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