

Sunday, October 12, 2008

## Wheel Easy Ride Report No. 129

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### Short Ride.

In bright sunshine ten riders set out on the short route via Burn Bridge and heading West along Brackenthwaite Lane. Some riders wanting the even shorter alternative then returned via Beckwithshaw, while the main ride continued along minor lanes towards Lindley, and turning north on the gated road to return via the track in Stainburn Forest.

### Medium Ride

Fifteen riders opted for the medium ride, two of whom were from Cleckheaton. This was their second outing with Wheel Easy as there is nothing similar in the Bradford area.

We left Hornbeam and headed towards Knaresborough. Once through Knaresborough we were on the quiet scenic roads to Farnham, Copgrove and Bishop Monkton. This is one of the routes you never get tired of! It was a great morning for cycling and we kept a gentle pace until, unfortunately, I had a puncture just outside Ripon. Why did Joe and Geraldine opt for the short ride? These two are the experts on repairing punctures involving Rohloff gears! We continued on to Ripon and to Spa Gardens for coffee and cake. After refreshments we all opted to return along the same route except for Steve who decided to return via Studley Park and Fountains Abbey

The group arrived back in Harrogate at 1.30 after covering 32 miles. Once again it was a great morning's ride.

### Long Ride.

With some of the regulars away, just 7 people opted for the long ride today. We set off from Hornbeam heading out through Hampsthwaite, climbing steadily up past Brimham Rocks & then over to Dallow Moor. As we went across the moor we were joined for a few miles by a cyclist from Newcastle spending a couple of days in the area. The main group soon reached Masham where we had a welcome café stop.

From Masham, Dave decided to take the longer route home over the top to Lofthouse & Pateley Bridge. For a while it looked as though he would be doing this alone, but at the last minute Malcolm & Nick couldn't resist the challenge & went along too. The remaining 4 headed home on the planned route of West Tanfield, Ripon & Knaresborough

