

Wednesday, April 29, 2009

EG's Ride



It was a cold misty day as ten riders, Malcolm, Gia, Colin, Alec, John R, Eric, Norman, Terry, Dave W and Dave P met at Low Bridge.

Due to wind direction it was decided to head south to Tadcaster ie opposite direction to last Wednesday`s ride. At Thorpe Arch DP punctured, not a problem, especially compared to what would happen next. Whilst repair was taking place a few riders went on to Taddy to get a caffeine fix. (a good idea as this better than 10 riders descending all at once seeking refreshment).

At the cafe the tail-enders came across some traumatised Wheel Easy cyclists who had found that the cafe was closed. Only fellow cyclists can understand their suffering. A second tea room was sought out in Tadcaster, this too was closed. Tadcaster was now a cafe "desert".

Malcolm and Gia who would normally cycle in adverse conditions found this too much and headed back to Wetherby for caffeine and cake. The remainder bought sandwiches and pies and picniced by the river. After which Norman returned to Harrogate via Wetherby. Then on to Askham Richard via Catterton and Bilborough. At Askham Richard we had tea and coffee in the pub. here Alec left us for a quick return. The return journey was excellent the sun was now out and the wind favourable, the group keeping together and maintaining a brisk pace all the way to Knaresborough, here Eric and DP had another tea at Waterside Cafe. Door to door mileage max at 48 to 50 miles. DP

