

Wednesday, May 6, 2009

## EG's Ride

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Six riders turned up at Hornbeam on a cloudy but thankfully dry evening. We decided to split into two groups and three of us headed off for a longer ride of about two hours. We headed towards Fewston via Burn Bridge, Beckwithshaw and Norwood battling against a strong wind. From the reservoir we turned towards Kettlesing and enjoyed a tour of some of the tiny roads that weave around between Kettlesing, Hampsthwaite and Birstwith. We returned via Killinghall and Knox completing about 26 miles in our perfectly timed 2 hour ride.

Phil. S

The other three riders (Gill , Lynda and Peter L) set off for the end of The World (aka Brackenthwaite Lane) in order to get the headwind section out of the way early on. Then it was South to Stainburn, Huby, Weeton and East to Kirby Overblow before a final haul up Church Lane out of Pannal and return to Hornbeam. 20 miles in almost exactly 2 hours. Despite threatening clouds, strong wind and approaching darkness at the end, it was a fabulous ride with some lovely quiet roads and clear views from various points in all directions including Ilkley Moor, Elmley Moor, Drax Powerstation and Far Nidderdale. Peter L

The Elderly Gents Riders met at Low Bridge under a dark cloudy sky. Colin, Dave W, Norman, Terry, Dave P and Jill.

This day Jill was the centre of attraction, not that young ladies amongst the Elderly Gents are not always the centre of attraction, but Jill was riding her brand new all carbon bike. Fortunately for Gill the bike was a little small for the EG`s otherwise she would have had a hard time getting it back as they all would have taken turns on it. However this did not put off Norman who managed a short spin on it. Dave

In view of the threatening weather it was decided to head to Wetherby via Kirk Deigton and take tea/coffee at Morrisons where the bikes can be kept under cover .Then north via the cycle path on the old A1 (a little bit of off road riding for Gill`s new bike). We had the wind on our backs and the rain held off so far so good. On to Husingore, Cattal and a banana break at Whixley, the amount of bananas produced was truly amazing, would have done justice to a chimps tea party. Then on to Boroughbridge for Tea etc via Lower Dunsforth. Returning to Harrogate via Farnham, just coming into Knaresborough as it rained, so Gill's new bike had been off road and had got wet. The rain was not to bad the wind had been favourable

