

Wednesday, May 27, 2009
EG's and Evening Rides



EG's Ride. A cold wet and somewhat windy day and five riders met at Low Bridge. Alec, Bill W, Dave P, Jeff Morgan and Terry.

Jeff` s a new rider with us , and although being a Knaresborough resident for Forty Years was originally from the Principality, so instead of " a welcome in the hillside " it had to be a welcome in the cold and drizzle, but still a welcome none the less. With the prevailing weather conditions it was decided to head into the wind and make for Wetherby, where guess what? we took coffee and tea in the warmth of Morrisons cafe. We may soon have seats with our names on there.

Soon we were on our way out of Wetherby on the cycle path towards Walton, where we encountered an obstacle in the form of a tree fallen across the path (see photos before and after).

The EG` s tried to drag the tree away but to no avail, the sound of discs slipping and hernias popping suggested it was a bad idea, so branches were broken off to give access for bikes, pedestrians and pushchairs.

Then on to Walton, Cattal, Hunsingore, Marton cum Grafton, with the wind on our backs to Boroughbridge for refreshments in the top cafe. Then back to Harrogate via Minskip and Farnham. Total mileage Low Bridge to Low Bridge approx 35 miles, though most riders would have exceeded 40 miles door to door. Dave P

Evening Ride. Is there something about Wednesday being the third day of the week which means that riders for the evening ride have to turn up in multiples of three??? Yet again,

three riders attended - Gill, Dave and Peter. Dave took on the task of providing 'an interesting ride in under two hours'. To ensure we made it, he set off into the wind at a cracking pace to Beckwithshaw then Otley Road/Leathley Lane, then via back roads to Farnley, past Lindley Wood Reservoir and then a long climb up to the Mast at the top of Norwood. At Bland Hill Jill and Peter turned for home but Dave pressed on for more miles (Timble was mentioned), certainly it had turned out to be a good enough night to keep riding until almost 9pm. The two hour target was easily met and most pleasantly - perhaps three riders is the magic number after all. Peter L



