

Sunday, June 21, 2009

Wheel Easy Ride Report No. 165



SHORT RIDE

On this occasion all the short riders opted for a slightly longer ride than usual, with a destination of the Open Gardens Day at Marton-cum-Grafton. Ten of us, including Angela, a new rider, enjoyed a lovely flat sunny ride via Farnham and Arkendale. As we crossed the old A1 we became mixed up with a high-speed club time-trial, but rather than show any of them up we headed for the Marton village hall where we enjoyed tea and delicious cakes.

The majority of the group opted to return back to Harrogate and three of us spent a leisurely day enjoying the gardens and even more to eat and drink. Then it was a pleasant sunny ride home. 27 miles in all. Martin

MEDIUM RIDE

The five ride challenge for medium riders took us to York today for the York Cycle Show on a lovely sunny day unlike the gale force winds that we faced last year. Peter took 11 riders to York via Beningborough whilst 13 of us went via Cowthorpe, Long Marston and Askham Richard. We made good time enjoying sunny banana breaks and arrived at the racecourse in time for lunch. After lunch and meeting the rest of the group who had ridden a slightly longer route some of the group decided to empty their wallets in the bargain tents whilst the rest wandered round, watched the displays and enjoyed the chat and the sunshine.

Well done to John who had never ridden 50 miles (and his years add up to at least 10 more!), to Mervyn who a few months ago had knees so sore he could barely manage a few miles and to all those who a year ago if I had said we were riding to York they would have said no way! A big thank you to Martin who came to pick up one of our group who felt

unwell and to Max who was a trooper back marker. Thank you. It was a Wheel Easy day. Just a reminder that I have moved the next five ride challenge day to Ilkley from July 12th to July 26th. Gia

MEDIUM/LONG

I arrived at Hornbeam Park hoping to find some company for a hilly medium ride and found three other riders to join me. Jill was looking for a hilly training ride in preparation for her forthcoming Land's End to John O'Groats ride. Alec had been to the York Rally on Saturday and was looking for a challenging ride and last but not least, Glyn. We went via Ripley and Kirkby Malzeard to Masham for an early lunch stop. Then on to Healey, Leighton Reservoir and the superb climb over the moors to Lofthouse for locally made ice cream. We had a warm sunny day and unusually for a Sunday, almost no traffic, splendid scenery and great company. We covered 56 miles. Unfortunately no photos were taken as nobody had a camera. David



