

Wednesday, August 26, 2009

## **EG Ride Report**

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The day began with rain. One by one EG`s rang in to say they would not be riding today. This was the sensible option as the weather forecast was horrendous. However, Dave P decided to go to Low Bridge just in case anybody was not aware of the weather forecast and turned up. He would brave the forecasted bad weather and if it was a no show, have a cup of coffee on Waterside and then return home.

On the ride to down to Low Bridge the rain had already stopped.

At five minutes past ten it was obviously going to be a no show. Dave P then had to make a decision, should he cycle or return home to continue emptying the loft and subsequent trips to the municipal tip. It was a no contest, he would cycle (it was not raining), however he would prefer to cycle in a monsoon than drive to the tip.

Just in case the predicted weather occurred it was on to Wetherby for a coffee and doughnut. On the way the sky did brighten, ie a lighter shade of grey. After coffee the pavements in Wetherby were nearly dry and the ridge route back to Harrogate via Sicklinghall and Kirkby Overblow was taken, where despite grey skies good views over Wharfedale could be seen.

Reaching home by 12 noon with a total mileage of 23/24 miles.

These weather forecasters have a lot to answer for. It did not rain on the way to Low Bridge, it did not rain on the way to Wetherby and it did not rain on the way back to Harrogate, and the wind was not a problem. The BBC website quotes the weather station at Leeds/Bradford airport, not a million mile away from us. 4 out of 10 (could do better).

Dave Preston