

Wednesday, September 23, 2009

Wednesday Rides



Wheel Easy Ride

Seven of us rode out to Weardley via Kirkby Overblow heading towards Bramhope and the top of Otley Chevin. Some decent climbs but rewarded with fabulous views all around and a great descent via West Chevin Road to Otley. Our goal today was the newly opened Cock Pit Farm tea room at Weston about two miles out of Otley. A lost cyclist thought we were the Otley Autumn Tints but we assured him we weren't Autumn Tints at all!

We enjoyed excellent sandwiches and watched Eric indulge in a seriously luxurious cake. Sue had headed home at Otley and after lunch we had the wind behind us as we cycled back to Pool and Castley. In true Yorkshire style the sun came out as we returned home. Lovely ride, approx 38 miles. Gia

EG's

Six riders met at Low Bridge with the promise of a good cycling day, it seems like we have not had many of those sort of days this year, or is that just a perception of people with grey hair. Colin, Dave P, Norman, Peter B and Terry were joined by our guest rider Ken, a founder member of the EGs who now lives in Leven, wearing his Hull CTC shirt. Colin, Peter and Ken had never been to Restaurant 21, so it was on to Easingwold via Raskelf. It was at a good pace and the conversation never stopped and we were soon in Easingwold.

The first timers were quite impressed with Restaurant 21. So it was tea, coffee and bacon sandwiches, whilst the world was being put to right. Then back to Harrogate via Aldwark Bridge with a banana stop in Great Ouseburn to prepare Ken for the hills back into Harrogate, not our biggest hills but more hilly than Hull.

Peter B impressed us with his tale of riding up Mont Ventoux on a touring bike with four panniers and a tent. Another claim to fame for an EG was Normans photo is in the CTC Magazine (at the birthday rides).

Total mileage for Harrogate riders approx 48 to 50 miles. Dave P

