

Wednesday, December 9, 2009

## Wednesday Rides

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'Wheel Easy`s Wednesday Christmas Lunch and all roads led to Ripon Spa Gardens Cafe'.  
Dave P

### Ride Report

The long range weather forecast predicted rain but it turned out to be a lovely day. The plan was to go to Boroughbridge for coffee via Knaresborough, Farnham, Ferrensby, Arkendale, Marton, Great Ouseburn, Upper Dunsforth, Lower Dunsforth, and Aldborough. As we approached Marton Gia, Max, Yvonne and Paul decided to take the shorter route for coffee while Martin and Angela kept to the original plan. After coffee we continued to Ripon via Langthorpe and Skelton-on-Ure.

Twenty six cyclists enjoyed their Christmas dinner of either turkey, pork or a vegetarian option followed by Christmas pudding or trifle or roulade. We returned home via Littlethorpe, Bishop Monkton and Knaresborough. In total we cycled 43 miles. Paul

### EG's Ride Report

The EG`s met at Low Bridge, shortly to be joined by The Double W`s and Poddlers, who was who or who was with who didn't matter, who cares its Christmas. The first objective being to get a cup of coffee in Boroughbridge before heading to Ripon and attacking the turkey.

To avoid cafe chaos in Boroughbridge seven EG`s did Morrisons, three EG`s the top cafe, and Martins group did the middle café. The coffee in Morrisons was wonderful with a touch of "Je ne sais quoi" but we think it came out of a hip flask. First pick up three EG`s from the top cafe then on to Ripon via Marton Le Moor and Sharow. It was great cycling weather, blue sky, the sun on our backs and a friendly wind. The run out saw the EG`s flashing

smiles and trying to present their best sides and also pull their stomach`s in as Norman videoed our sedate pedallings.

At Spa Gardens Cafe we were met by the friendly staff with a non alcoholic fruit punch, the status of which was soon changed. We had a very nice meal in a great friendly atmosphere, with Martin leading WheelEasy`s thanks to the staff. Paul then had the task of collecting the monies, not an easy job, but many thanks Paul for your efforts in organising this lunch. Mince Pies, Christmas Cake and Mints came with the coffee which somehow seemed to have acquired a Gaelic touch.

The ride back was made in good weather, but the Turkey and Christmas pud made their presence felt on the hills.

Approx mileage for western Harrogateonians 39 to 41 miles. Dave P



