

Wednesday, May 26, 2010

Wednesday Rides



Poddlers **Ride** **Report**
Ten of us set off from Hornbeam via Forest Moor and Abbey Rd across the A59 to Goldsboro' back along the A59 and left to Flaxby and Coneythorpe. At Coneythorpe we took the right hand uphill road in a big loop to Arkendale then Ferrensby and Farnham. At Farnham Linda and Pete left for an appointment. The remainder battled on thro Scotton along Brearton Lane and Nidd Lane to Raipley. From Ripley we continued on the A61 to Knox Mill Lane and then our various ways to our respective destinations.

Captains **Log:-** **Eight** **@** **26** **miles,** **two** **@** **24ish.**
Sorry theres no humour but nothing startling happened, the only cause for discussion was the noise coming from my bike which has yet to be sorted. John W

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Wheel **Easy** **Ride** **Report**
On a morning that was somewhat colder than the weekend 7 of us set out from Hornbeam in the direction of Knaresborough where, at Low Bridge we stopped for a quick chat with the E.Gs. Malcolm had suggested that we do the Fountains route in reverse and with no dissent among the ranks that was the plan. Off we peddled heading for Ripon where we had decided to try out a new cafe "Chimes." Gia was speeding away on the inclines well impressed with the new front cog that she had just had fitted. However just as cars have a habit of breaking down immediately after a service, so it would seem do bikes. Unfortunately for Gia, on route to Ripon her trusty steed metamorphosed into more of a stubborn mule refusing to move when peddled and even when pushed! Paul our excellent amateur mechanic and Kevin our retired pro. shot off to try and fix the problem. Alas the bike was having none of it and a rescue mission had to be set up. Sue very kindly agreed to come and collect Gia and her offending mount so Paul and Kevin continued onto Ripon where, I am ashamed to say, myself, Malcolm, Keith and John were already ensconced in the delightful new cafe "Chimes" partaking of beverages and scones. Not wishing to be rude and

rush off when they arrived we forced ourselves to order more drinks and linger awhile longer. So much so in fact that Malcolm had to call us all to order and remind us that we were all actually out for a bike ride which I for one, seemed to have forgotten about. So, we saddled up and headed for Fountains in reverse which Malcolm assured me meant that we would see more deer. Yes, absolutely right they were everywhere and riding uphill gave a longer lingering view, very nice. Onwards from Fountains avoiding the gypsies to return via Clint Bank where a spot of house viewing took place including the taking of house photos for future reference. Another wait whilst I answered a mystery phone call from "nobody"- Richard we really must change our identical phone ring tones!! Returning to Harrogate the group went a little astray but not to worry as John had his nose turned for home and I just headed towards the stray where I spotted Malcolm from miles off peddling across a perpendicular path. Good distinctive visible design those wheel easy tops, well done whoever designed them. Arrived back at Hornbeam after a super day in great company with another 39 miles to add to the tally. Angela

EG's Ride Report

After the " Scorchio " weather twelve riders shivered at Low Bridge, with indecisive thoughts on what they should be wearing, considering the weather forecast. Today we welcomed a guest rider, Darryl from Oldham who had been put in touch with the EG`s via Malcolm M. Soon we were joined by the Poddlers who after a quick chat were on their way. Then it was Malcolm M and the WE`s, so it was time for a combined Wheel Easy photo, before the WE`s sped North to Ripon and the EG`s South to Wetherby. As lunch was to be taken at Bramhope (and it's a long haul uphill) it was decided to take a coffee stop at Morrisons Cafe (well that's DP`s excuse). Non cyclists were definitely in the minority here with around 30 to 40 cyclists converging on the cafe. After CTC (coffee,tea and cake) it was on to Collingham, East Keswick, Wike and Eccup Village, here JR left us to return home, domestic chores!, he said. Called in to the sandwich shop in Bramhope the jovial sandwich maker refered to us as "boys", its a long time since the EG`s were called "boys" - readers of this report please refrain from making comments about his eyesight. It had now started to drizzle but this was not a problem as we took lunch on the cricket pavilion veranda. After lunch it came a little chilly, fortunately the rain held off, along the Chevin with a quick stop at "Surprise View" , then the swoop down into Otley via the West Chevin road. Returning to Harrogate via Weeton and Kirkby Overblow The rain held off making it a good days cycling, around 48 to 52 miles. Dave P

2010	Wheel	Easy	Miles	(approx)	Weekend	1112	YTD	52447
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