

Wednesday, June 30, 2010

Wednesday Rides



Wheel Easy meets the Press Ride of the Way of the Roses. Martin, Yvonne, Malcolm and Gia were invited to join the Press Ride of the Way of the Roses route which is due to be launched on September 11th 2010. We joined them for the Ripon to Beningborough stretch. The day coincided with one of the hottest of the year and the visitors were seeing Yorkshire at its best. They loved the characters sitting outside the pub at Roecliffe, the toll bridge at Aldwark and the fine entrance in to Beningborough. Here the National Trust treated us to delicious scones, tea and coffee. The journalists were all freelance representing the following publications, The Guardian, BBC Countryfile, The Times, The Daily Telegraph, Yorkshire Post, Cycling Active and a Healthy Living magazine. The press officer for Sustrans was also there along with Rupert Douglas who is the consultant who has masterminded the route. We hope we got lots of good publicity for Wheel Easy (never miss an opportunity!) and they were certainly keen to hear about us. We will let you know when articles are likely to be published, but if you see them before us let us know.

The away day ride this weekend to Bridlington via Pocklington follows the Way of the Roses route. The ride through the Wolds is fabulous. Gia

Poddlers and Wheel Easy Ride Report
Due to holidays and other commitments numbers were going to be down for today's ride. By 9.30 ten male riders had assembled and questions were immediately asked. Where were the female riders? How would we cope? Who would lead us? What would we talk about? It was suggested that Richard lead us on one of his magical tours on the quiet roads towards the reservoirs. We left Hornbeam wondering what had we done wrong and would the ladies ever return.

As we approached Timble six riders, who were obviously missing the female company, returned home. Richard continued to lead Kevin, Ben and Paul on his magical tour around Blubberhouses, Thornthwaite, Dacre, Darley, Kettlesing and Hampsthwaite. We did break off the tour for

refreshments at Darley Mill. Overall we covered 31 miles. Thank you Richard! Paul
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EG's Ride Report
Eight riders met at Low Bridge. In view of last weeks rather "lumpy" ride and the promise of a hot day it was decided to head for the northern "flat lands" of Yorkshire, Thirsk being the objective. As "cafe culture" is dear to the EG`s hearts the first stop was at the top cafe in Boroughbridge. After tea and toasted teacakes seven riders headed north to Dalton, Dave W leaving us at the Borough Bridge to head to Ripon for a shorter route, still feeling the effects of Sundays ride in his legs.
Then in to Thirsk via Sowerby for lunch in the Square, here two EG`s availed themselves of the pensioners special of fish, chips, mushy peas and tea, bread and butter. The thinking being that on a flattish route such a lunch would not make itself felt later. Leaving Thirsk by the A170 a right turn on to an unmetalled road was taken (Dave P had done this route on a DA event a few years back) fortunately it was bone dry underwheel as it turned to grass track.
(DP did not recall it like this, but then his memory cannot be relied on) and it was only a mile and a half long. There were a few "lumpy" bits from here on and John E, John R and Bill W fought a few duels for the red spotted jersey. Then it was on to Kilburn and Husthwaite here John E left us for a quick blast back. Six heading for Easingwold, and here also Bill and JR left us for a quick return, the remaing four succumbing to tea, scones and a chocolate éclair in Easingwold. It was then on to Alne and Aldwark Bridge with a banana break taken at Branton Green before heading for Harrogate, just in time to have a short ride with Jill as she headed for the night shift, ie the Wednesday evening ride.
It had been an excellent days ride the heat making up for those harsh winter rides, it also seemed years since we had melting tar sticking to our wheels. Total mileage aprox 68 to 71 miles. Dave P

Evening Ride Report
Eight people gathered for an evening ride. The usual discussion of where shall we go tonight prompted a request for somewhere not too hilly so Boroughbridge was agreed on. Our outward route took us through Knaresborough, Farnham, Ferrensby, Arkendale & Marton & we returned through Minskip, Staveley & Knaresborough again - a fairly brisk ride of about 28 miles. Jill

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