

Wednesday, July 7, 2010

## Wednesday Rides

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Wheel Easy Ride Report  
The high hills beckoned so after Knaresborough, Farnham and Bishop Monkton we turned for Markington and the steady long climb up to the moors past Warsill near Brimham Rocks. We were joined by Ed on this ride, a new member and refugee from Malvern CTC, so a first taste of the Yorkshire Moors was thought suitable. Most of us turned across the rough dusty track on Pateley Moor leading to Dallow Moor while 2 riders opted for the soft tarmac option going down into Fellbeck and following the road around. Paul couldn't quite decide which way to go but was seen exiting from the rough track after some delay. Then it was on across the moor with fantastic views and past the Drovers PH

A fast descent to Laverton was followed by a café stop at the Rose Lea tea room in Kirkby Malzeard. Unfortunately this has rather lost its tea room status and now concentrates on more expensive lunches on a few days of the week - one to miss in future. Then we rode home via Ripon and Knaresborough with a few showers to freshen us up, and the delights of getting those dusty bikes clean. 51 miles for 8 riders. Martin

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EG's Ride Report  
Twenty plus Wheel Easy riders gathered at Low Bridge before 10.00am in time for Malcolm M to take a group photo before Wheel Easy Wednesday group set off for Kirby Malzeard. The EG's waiting for the 10 o'clock gun before heading North to Bedale. This week we were joined by a young rider Stephen Charlton from Ashington, who despite the name and hometown was not related to the famous Charlton's or Milburn's and was not a soccer fan. So in the vernacular of the North East it was "Away the Lads" to Ripon. The route choice was due to the East wind and the hope that it would be on our sides there and back and not in our faces. The flatness of the ride would also help some riders who were still

feeling Sundays ride in their legs (DP especially). Eleven riders then took toasted tea cakes in the cafe opposite the Cathedral, after which Norman and Peter B left us to return to Harrogate via Boroughbridge. The wind still on our flanks (in sailing terms via Bill W "Abeam Reach") with that we sailed in to Bedale for a snack taken in the high street. Here Colin who had been sailing in scottish waters for the last few weeks decided to head for Masham, but not before we heard Bill`s rendition of John Masefield`s "Sea Fever", perhaps that`s what influenced his decision. The remaining eight headed South to Kirklington, here it rained but was soon to pass, and on to Topcliffe the wind still being "Abeam Reach" . At Thornton Bridge we headed into the wind (the sailing term being "in irons" according to Bill ). Here a race for Boroughbridge developed and we split into two groups . Eric taking pity on the slower group told us to hang on to his rear wheel, at 14mph he asked if the speed was OK, we managed to gasp the affirmative, it soon became 17/18 mph and the feeling became like team Columbia about to launch Mark Cavendish. Soon we entered Boroughbridge exhilarated but knackered where six of us stopped for a well deserved tea and gooey cake, Stephen and John E being made of sterner stuff carried on. Then it was back to Harrogate in the wind ( sorry Bill "in irons" ) so the ride had a nautical theme about it, fortunately nobody shouted "Hello Sailor" to us. At the top of the hill out of Knaresborough Eric had a short chat with Malcolm and Gia, some of us could only manage a weak wave from a distance. Mileage Bridge to Bridge around 57 miles.  
 Dave P

Evening Ride  
 4 riders turned up at Hornbeam for a Wednesday evening ride. The weather was good and Charles volunteered to lead a 25 mile route via Pannal, Spofforth, Little Ribston, Knareborough, Scriven, Farnham, back to Knaresborough and then home. 100 miles to add to the mileage total. Phil S

2010 Wheel Easy Miles (approx) Today 1380 YTD 75995



