

Wednesday, August 25, 2010

Wednesday Rides



Poddlers

Ride

Report

Sun, 13, buckled wheel, guilty David, plucky Adriana, Kevin and Denis doing the bike wheel dance, home. Caroline

An inauspicious 13 riders set off to poddle, having already left behind one new rider, Sue (number 27), whose tyres proved not to be up to the task. Everyone successfully negotiated Beryl Burton and soon warmed up as we surged uphill to Farnham. Unfortunately two riders were ejected into a hedge, while cycling along a bumpy track and Adrienne sustained a buckled rear wheel. However, a troupe of W.E. gentlemen cycle repair dancers performed a ceremonial ballet on the offending wheel, restoring it almost to its original shape. The injured parties then returned home and the rest of us proceeded carefully via Burton Leonard, Markington, Ripley and Knox to Hornbeam/ the vet's/ Dennis's dinner. Excellent cycling weather and company. 10 x 25 miles and 3 x 12-ish miles. Sue

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Wheel

Easy

Ride

Report

Six headed to Ripon through Bishop Monkton for tea and cakes in the sunshine. It was also so that Gia could meet Caroline at Spa Gardens café to plan the café's welcome for the launch ride of the Way of The Roses route from Morecambe to Bridlington on 11th September. We cycled up the deer park at Studley to the church at the top, had our photo taken by a friendly passer-by, and then, encouraged by Martin, did the tour of the fine church with its unusually colourful apse and windows. Then it was through Bishop Thornton and Hampsthwaite, and up Knox Lane for a total distance of around 37 miles. Malcolm

EG's

Ride

Report

There was a good gathering of Wheel Easy at Low Bridge, probably twenty plus. The Wednesday

group then headed north to Ripon, the EG`s (though today we had four YG`s) waited till 10-00am for two riders before heading out to Boroughbridge. It was decided to take morning caffeine at Boroughbridge, but as we had thirteen riders (which could cause cafe shock with waitresses) we headed for Morrisons self service Cafe. The service was fast, toasted teacakes arriving as soon as we sat down, so we were soon on our way to Easingwold via Brafferton and Raskelf, no stop was taken at Easingwold (yes it is hard to believe), then we were on our way to Oulton and Coxwold. It was recommended we take a light/quick lunch at the tea rooms in Coxwold so we could be on our way with much delay. It was very pleasant sitting in the sun eating lunch in garden, an interesting point, inside the tea rooms was a picture of Sir James Saville O.B.E with the owners. So there is a connection with the dainty tea rooms in Coxwold and Dunnies in Otley were Sir Jim also eats. Leaving Coxwold we headed East on the track in the valley between the North York Moors and the Howardian Hills. One rider remarked "we could get lost on here and nobody would know where we were", I`m tracking this route on my sat nav said Eric, Oh said Peter B does that mean we will have to do it three times ? (memories of Brid run), Oh said Eric that hurt. Soon we were climbing up to Yearsley Moor, now that hurt DP and a couple of others. The Young Gentlemen had been very tolerant of the Elderly Gentlemen, but it could be seen they were itching for a blast. It was suggested to Eric he might like to lead a fast group back from Yearsley, he paled , I thought we were stopping again for something more substantial, he said, DP forgetting he had promised this in order to spend as little time as possible in Coxwold. At Yearsley the fit and the fast, four YG`s and one EG (John Eaton and he is fast) left for a swift return. The remaining eight EG`s did`nt hang about on the the descent from Yearsley to Easingwold, where after checking out Restaurant 21 it was in to Browns Tea Rooms for Bacon, Eggs, Pudding and Pies. Roy ordered a bacon sandwich, but it came with an egg as well, but Roy under great sufferance didn't send it back. This had a great effect on him, in fact we couldn't catch him, he was going out for a meal he said and wanted to get back for a quick shower before going out. Eric logic was perfect, don't pedal so fast then you won't need to shower. Roy was eventually caught near Gibbet Farm, causing Dave W to ask if he had run out of bacon and egg. Seriously though good to see you back Roy after the back problem. It had been a great day, sunshine but some times with an Autumnal chill and plenty of good riding. Riders living in the East side of Harrogate would have done around 66-68 miles. So for thirteen riders assume average distance of say 65 miles. $13 \times 65 = 845$ miles total (this is for Malcolm M).
 Dave P

Evening Ride Report
 3 of us met up at Hornbeam Park tonight for the last evening ride of the year on what can only be described as near perfect riding conditions, no strong winds, not too hot or cold and a small group that shouldn't upset too many other road users! We quickly agreed to head up Leadhall Lane and via Beckwith Road onto Otley Road to Beckwithshaw. From here we did the normal circuit over Norwood (and no headwind, a rarity indeed!) (Ronnie and I managed to average just over 17mph on this stretch, I doubt we will manage this again in a hurry!) A quick right turn and past the sun inn and the normal entourage of bikers parked up outside. We then took the first half of Pennypot Lane at a comfortable pace before entering TT mode (I'll blame Ronnie once again for this sudden burst of speed! I just hung on!!). From here we passed what was Ethelburgers (well known to ex army apprentices' like myself!) then up the hill and onto valley gardens and a quick detour down Cornwall Road due to the ongoing roadworks. We bid farewell to Howard at this point. Ronnie and I headed off towards Bilton and then went our separate ways. Thanks for the midweek rides for the past few months, I've had the pleasure of leading a few and have enjoyed them immensely..3 riders approx 20+ miles. Paul A

2010	Wheel	Easy	Miles	(approx)	Today	1413	YTD	101839
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