

Wednesday, September 29, 2010

Wednesday Rides



Poddlers Ride Report
Poddlers persevere against prevailing winds and penetrating rain! Determination, fortitude and a great sense of fun were the chief characteristics of today's poddlers who faced adverse weather conditions, filthy roads and some very bad-tempered vehicle drivers.. Aply and very considerately led by Stephen, six waterproof-clad poddlers left the Beam promptly and headed for Knaresborough. Progress down Beryl Burton Way was arrested momentarily when Caroline leapt into a sort of cavalry action - having dismounted nimbly from her bike, she began to caress some piebald ponies who were grazing on Beryl's verge. Explaining that they could well be being bred for consumption abroad (perish the thought), these equine friends nuzzled their potential saviour but in the interests of progress, the bike saddle was remounted and off we set. We had a good pace through Scriven, Scotton, Farnham and thence to Staveley, Arkendale, Flaxby and back Knaresborough and Forest Moor to Harrogate. Stephen led along some delightful traffic-free roads enabling Dave and Caroline to demonstrate their sartorial inventiveness. Dave's headgear was legendary - a beautifully arranged shower cap covered his helmet and looked stunning. Such was his ability to pose and pout beside his bike as we sheltered under a tree that Alison asked if he had actually been a male model. We gather not but suggest an eye might be kept on the fashion pages of the more respectable "Sundays". Should anyone wish to copy Dave's headwear (which was just plain and transparent), I do know of a certain supermarket which stocks similar millinery decorated with strawberries and cupcakes. So, all the more reason to shop at ... Caroline, too, was having a fashion moment - having removed her outer waterproof trousers, she discovered her shorts were on inside out. Apparently, this was due to changing the duvet cover whilst dressing - it is feasible that she could have appeared adorned in a pillowcase! However, it seems inside out shorts can be very uncomfortable so the shower cap wins on this occasion. Stephen continued to lead to the roundabout at the end of Forest Moor and then headed off home - presumably to have a man in a shower cap and lady in inside out shorts can be a little disconcerting for a leader! The remaining five by now sodden and dishevelled poddlers gave thanks for what had been a very, very enjoyable ride with new bits. Please do it again, Stephen. 23 miles. Sue D

Wheel No riders Easy turned up. Ride Where were you Report all?

EG's Ride Report

A wet morning and a poor weather forecast saw Dave P ride into Hornbeam Car Park, hoping to see Gia to give her some money for a map. Only a solitary Stephen could be found sheltering under a tree, DP waited for a while before heading for Low Bridge and perhaps a sneaky coffee at Morrisons. On the way down a solitary Poddler in the form of Caroline was seen heading for the car park.

At Low Bridge there were some very chatty lady runners who stayed awhile, but it was a no show for other EG`s (the positive side was that the ladies were better looking). The score in the game so far was EG`s 1 - Poddlers 2. The rain had now stopped, and did so all the way to Wetherby and to Morrisons. The ritual of tea and toasted teacake was taken before heading to Sicklinghall. Leaving the sanctuary of Morrisons a slight drizzle had begun but this was to fade away before Sicklinghall. The ridge route to Harrogate is always good even on dull days, with views of a misty Wharfedale.

The weather gods continued to smile on the solitary pilgrim as he made back to the highlands of Harlow and was safe inside before the rain (not heavy) started again. Mileage Oh solo mio x 24 = total 24 miles. Dave P

2010 Wheel Easy Miles (approx) Today 162 YTD 115312

