

Sunday, December 5, 2010

Wheel Easy Ride Report 241



DUE TO SNOW, LED RIDES WERE CANCELLED. MEMBERS MET TO EITHER CYCLE OR WALK TOGETHER.

ANOTHER SUNDAY WALK REPORT:
Not being there when everyone set off I don't know how many were at the start of the walk, but about 12 of us finished it. There was a really deep frost making for icy patches where the snow had melted the previous day but we were soon ploughing through the deeper snow on the footpaths at the end of Stone Rings Lane. We were crossing Leadhall Lane when a bright spark in the group said he knew the way and took everyone into a cul-de-sac. So everyone had a chance of a verbal pot at me before we headed on up to Whinney Lane, across the fields, and crossing over Otley Road past Harlow Carr. Taking the delightful path across the fields below the Pine Woods the views of the North York Moors and the wind turbines on Blakey Ridge were stunning. I was, however, distracted by Caroline telling me her plans for July when I think she said that her and Max were leading the Wheel Easy Team in the Tour de France time trial near Poitiers. I should have listened more carefully because clearly this should be another spectacular chapter in Wheel Easy history. (Or maybe she said that she and Max were going to watch it - doesn't matter really, the thought of sun, bikes and France took me to another world!) We finished in style at The Catwalk Cafe. A great walk in the snow and sunshine. Martin W.

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Snow Biking Round 3
Lots of Wheel Easy cyclists turned up at Hornbeam today, but only 11 of them had bikes, the others were equipped with trekking poles. Malcolm Y was on his road bike so set off for Pately Bridge. The other 10 were ready willing and able to go off-road so, as this was not a 'led ride', I just happened to be cycling through Crimple Valley and the Great Yorkshire Showground, and a

group of cyclists seemed to follow. I didn't lead them to Calcutt, where Dave W joined us to increase our numbers to 11 on this Wheel Easy non-ride. The weather was wonderful, blue skies, sunshine, clear air, great long distance views. In some places the snow conditions were easier than last Sunday and Wednesday, but in other places there was a lot of ice on the farm tracks making the conditions - well shall we say - a little challenging. Should I confess? No, no, I just made a slightly faster dismount than usual and the subsequent roll was simply to cool myself in the snow! As we wanted to extend the ride (not that we were on a Wheel Easy ride you understand), Dave W, who reputedly knows the outer regions of Knaresborough, took over the non-leadership of the non-ride when we reached the outer regions of Knaresborough. Personally I think he took the non-leadership responsibilities too far, as we were soon not led along a track that was not a bridle path, resulting in the farmer recalling us all, then a short while later we discovered we were well and truly lost! Brilliant - what an absolutely perfect example of non-leadership! Eventually we discovered ourselves in Ferrensby, from where we made our way along the roads to Knaresborough for a cafe stop, and then returned to Harrogate via the Beryl Burton Cycleway. For the Captains Log: 10 riders covered 24 miles, and 1 approx 10 miles: 250 miles total. Special mention should go to Bill W who achieved this on a road bike, without ever dismounting, slightly faster than usual. Eric

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