



Short Ride Report

We welcomed two new riders today Andy and Richard. Accompanied by Max we set off in the rain to Spofforth via Little Ribston. Back home through Follifoot and the show ground the rain had eased off and we made good time, both riders thought they might try a longer ride next time as the distance was no problem to them. 15 miles X 4. Sue

Medium Ride Report

Even the temperature of 4 C, overcast skies and sheet rain could not dampen the excitement that permeated moist conditions at Hornbeam, because this morning our leaders were the legendary El Butler and the Great McLeary..... However it is a well known fact that McLearies do not come out in the rain, so sadly we would not have the chance to follow in his tyre marks. We were all stunned and amazed when a rather bedraggled dripping Scot appeared through the cascading water to announce that he would not be joining us, and we were all mad going out in this type of weather. El Butler made up for the lack of the Great McLeary, by outlining a very jolly route via Beckwithshaw to Hampsthwaite and the cliffs of Clint Bank.

This we did bravely and efficiently, only losing Sur John to a lost spoke, as we passed Penny Pot, and were passed by lots of lycra boys off to Carlisle for coffee. From Clint Bank we continued climbing, after a welcome down, up to Cut Throat Lane, where Sally...Holly's mum and Mrs Bryant Steph's mum made up for lack of a cafe, by devouring a couple of Nigella Bars... It did seem by this time the rain was abating slightly.

After the pretend coffee stop we were revitalised and continued to The Drovers and up towards Brimham and the turn off to Fountains Abbey. As we powered towards the iconic tree and the left turn

to the glorious swoop down to Markington, Alec threw off his back light, strewing it all over the road in about fifty pieces. Monica's training for the triathlon was obviously going well as she speeding along womanfully. El Butler gave us a choice of cafes and Ripley scored over Cascades, thankfully that meant no Knaresborough Hill.... we happily turned right and headed for home and cake. At Ripley the nice girl from Knaresborough sped off home safe in the knowledge that the chances of getting another puncture after last week's were unlikely and if she did she could phone El Butler who would gladly mend it for her. Monica, Sue, Alec, Sally and Mrs. B. opted for a large piece of cake, a cream scone or two, and something frothy, creamy and warming, whilst Caroline and El Butler wanted a warm bath and a hot lunch, and returned hastely home via Knox under a strange warm white light streaming from the bright blue sky. 27 miles by 8 people 10 by 1 person. Caroline G

Medium Plus Ride Report

1st Half

Hornbeam:

Team 1: 7 players

Team 2: 7 players

Knaresborough Low Bridge:

Team 1: 8 players

Team 2: 7 players

Burton Leonard:

Team 2: 1 puncture

Bishop Monkton:

Team 1: 1 puncture

Conditions:

Light and variable wind; moderate to good; persistent rain; pressure rising slowly; road surface slight, with occasional moderate wave.

Half Time:

Boroughbridge:

Café 1 closed.

Café 2 - scrum down, 17 players including 2 visiting spacemen!

2nd Half

Refereeing nightmare, play scrappy:

Spacemen returned to orbit, whistling 'O'er the sea to Skye' and the regular tea dance opener 'I met a fair maiden.'

Team 1:

2 desertions

3 merry spinners set off over the horizon never to be seen again.

Team 2: 10 players

Cattal bridge:

Action photos, courtesy of Gia - thank you.

Cowthorpe:

1 desertion

1 route deviation

Folifoot:

Gia - AWOL

Full time
Score draw

Conditions:
Light with occasional gust; good with sunny spells; road surface smooth.

Sarah C.

Long Ride Report

Thanks to Wheel-Easy, I woke at 07:00 prepared a hearty breakfast, donned all sorts of waterproof clothing and set off on a damp, dreich (Scots - wet & dismal) morning heading for goodness knows where when all sensible people were staying at home in bed. And wow, was it worth it! Three undecided long riders agreed to head for Easingwold via Boroughbridge. By the time we passed through Staveley it was beginning to look brighter in the West so we thought that from Boroughbridge we would head to Ripon and the delights of Spa Gardens. We arrived just before 11:00, still raining; by 11:30 it was bright and sunny and the day just got better and better. Our, make it up as you go along route took us to Galphay, Winksley, Grantley Skelding and onto Pateley Bridge for our second cafe stop. Forsaking the delights of Yorkes Folly we headed to Glasshouses, Smelthouses, Burnt Yates and Hampsthwaite for our third café stop. Yes folks, thats right three café stops in a 50 mile ride - the Elderly Gentleman should be proud of the example they set. The route can be viewed at <http://www.mapmyride.com/routes/view/29601166> For the records 3 riders (Jill, Roger and myslef) completed 50 mile - 150 miles total. Phil

2011 Wheel Easy Miles (approx) Today 1096 YTD 29931



