



Short Ride Report

The 15 mile short ride to Hampsthwaite via Beckwithshaw attracted twelve riders. The ride had new members, returning members, a new Trek bike, a mechanical failure, two falling off stationary bikes and the need to split into two groups. After a good coffee stop at Sophie's we returned home via Knox. A lovely short ride with good company. Thank you Steve and David for leading the second group. Paul

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Medium Ride Report

A large group elected to do the medium ride today. It transpired that some of us knew different bits of the route, but nobody was confident of the whole lot. However 25 of us set off in small groups for Stone Rings and soon spotted daffodils at the back of Hornbeam. With regular rendez-vous we made our way to Kirkby Overblow and onwards to Kearby Methodist church. Here, thanks to Alec and Debbie we were able to split into 2 clear groups. They sped off with 11 following, while the rest of us frolicked in the daffodils at Sicklinghall, safely negotiated Wetherby and onto the cycle path. It was so pleasant to be away from cars. At Bramham Sue W. kindly led us to Boston Spa and thence to Thorpe Arch. There was a puncture stop for Paul and Jane. While waiting for them, a group of familiar cyclists came into the view. It was the faster group who had done an extra loop. We added to the roaring trade at the cafe and then set off in several groups for Hornbeam. Another puncture held up some of the faster group, so we tootled along the Harland Way together. A lovely ride with lots of sunshine and daffodils. Well done to Rob on his first outing with his panniers. 13 x 37 miles and 12x 34 miles. Alison

Medium Plus Touring Pace Ride Report

Today was the Daffodil Ride and there were plenty of the golden hosts to see even before we arrived at our destination of Snape. The village was a picture in the sunshine well worth the ride. A pleasant day weather wise to start with but April showers were around. We were however in luck as our lunch stop at Thorpe Perrow was carefully timed to coincide with heavy rain while we were eating. The leader was ably guided by various competent navigators who were ready with advice at all times. The return journey was a revelation as it was a new route to many. We climbed up steeply to Swinton along the ridge, affording glorious views in all directions followed by a pleasing swooping descent back down to Ripon. Half the group headed straight home but 8 took up Terry's invitation of a jolly cuppa at the Spa gardens plus plenty of banter in the sunshine and then back home. 17X 60 miles Total 1020 .Calories used approx 3,500 leaving plenty of scope for a tasty Mother's Day Dinner. Sue Couture

Medium Plus Ride Report

11 riders, then 9, then 11 again at Thorp Perrow (cafe stop). 11 set off together, lost 2 at Masham, then another 2 at Grewelthorpe, then one left to go home at Kirkby Malzeard. Six arrived in Harrogate at approx 3.00pm. Mileage: 11 x 58 miles = 638miles @ over 14 miles per hour (average). Glyn

11 were under starters orders at Hornbeam and made it safely to Thorpe Perrow for much needed refreshment. Is it something arboreal which makes it rain every time we're there? Passing the second group in the rain we set off home. A couple of the boys were off like rockets and a couple more missed a turn. The rest of the group opted for a detour through hilly ground as if they weren't already pooped! Great day out. 11 x 63 miles (ish) Steve

Long Ride Report

5 of us set off to Beckwithshaw, B6161 to Leathley then Otley and Ilkley. The Moor is straight up and any rearward glances are worth the exertion. Kerbstones placed diagonally at intervals across the upper unmade road section ensure that there is no speeding to the summit. Down to Riddlesden and a cruise alongside the canal to our lunch stop in Silsden where a large slice of cake was 65p -- if only they sold Sam Smiths as well. Richard decided against the hand reared paninis and flouted convention by ordering cheesy chips with a side dish of beans on toast. Eric and I thought we were daring by having spam with our breakfasts. South to Steeton, Steeton Moor, west along a ridge road overlooking Howarth, looping north to Sutton in Craven, Cross Hills, Kildwick and a long moor ride to Draughton. We crossed the A65 and A59 to Halton East and coffeed at Bolton Abbey. Storiths beckoned and it is still upwards. By now we were travelling parallel with the A59 but we only used the main road for 1.5 mls by using the old roads and the metalled bridlepath at Kex Gill Moor. Our next landmark was the dam at Thrusscross and a little climb before turning for Menwith and Penny Pot Lane and the traffic free conditions created by the re-cycling site development.

The route is now in the WE archive and if you have a spare day, give it a try. 4,900 feet. 5x 67= 335 mls. Peter Bradley

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