



More Comments on the recent C2C ride

'Fantastic trip from stunning scenery (the lakes to the stadium of light! 3 of us wandering off to inspect it closer!) to interesting locals. The cast of Little Britain appeared in Stanhope on the Saturday night with a fine performance!

Every steep climb was rewarded with a view, a downhill and a coffee. Great company and of course plenty of Wheel Easy trivia and knowledge!' Bridget

Poddlers Ride Report

The inevitable thirteen Poddlers set off towards Beckwithshaw by way of St Georges Road (for a change),

Ashville and The Squinting Cat. After that easy bit it was the comparatively long drag uphill to Norwood Edge and the fine view across Nidderdale before the excellent hurtle down the other side to the Sun Inn. Virtually the last modest climb of the morning brought us all to Pennypot Lane where construction work at the new amenity tip is still in progress - perhaps a route to remember to avoid for the future as the amount of traffic will probably be significantly much greater than at present tho' the lane has been widened and trees/saplings cut back to ease safe progress. A left turn towards the A59 and Hampsthwaite before turning right down West Lane towards Killinghall, Grainbeck Lane, Knox Lane - all these lanes - where without warning two thirds of the group were somehow spirited away leaving an unconcerned foursome to make leisurely progress along Tennyson and the cycle path back to the Dragon Bridge. Somewhere around 21 miles for the morning in good company on a decent morning. Crawford

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EG's Ride Report

On the way down to Low Bridge, desperately trying to avoid the show traffic, met up with Bridget fresh from her C2C ride. Today she was going to Ripon with her son Conal taking the Low Bridge route out of Knaresborough and eventually Spa Gardens Cafe, a good place to stop, especially for young cyclists, Well done Conal. We had three guest riders at Low Bridge Malcolm Yates, to add a bit of speed. Angela to add a bit of glamour. Paul T to give us another look at his titanium framed Audax bike. Plus seven EG's Bob, Dave P, Dave W, Eric, John E, Norman and Terry. We had apologies from Bill (best wishes to Bill & Janice). Peter B being in Todmorden (really sorry to hear that Peter). John R having visitors (what sort was not defined, could range from the gas man to a police snatch squad). The ten then headed for Boroughbridge via Stavely. Due to a longer run being envisaged an early coffee stop was taken at Boroughbridge. Eight to the Tasty Snacks Cafe, with Paul and Angela taking their leave and heading for a cappuccino in the Courtyard Cafe. After the toasted teacakes Malcolm Y left us to head to Ripon in a cloud of dust and a sonic boom, in seconds he was out of sight. The seven then headed for Norton-le-Clay at a slower but still brisk pace passing through Bob's favourite place Cundall. A banana break was taken at Skipton-on-Swale, her Dave W demonstrated a riding style for bad backs (see photo). Then it was on to Sinderby and Maunby before heading south east to Thirsk where it was pensioners special of fish, chips, mushy peas, tea, bread & butter. On asking a question an EG was addressed as "sonny" by the waitress who should of course had gone to Specsavers. On leaving Thirsk the F&C's caused DP to veer slightly off course but this was soon and easily rectified. On the way to Dalton, Eric left us to see a man about a train at Bagby, with the instructions to meet us at Boroughbridge. Then it was Sessay and Thornton bridge (missing Cundall by a mile for Bob's sake). In Boroughbridge Tasty Snacks was closed, so where else on to Morrisons, here we were met by Eric. After tea (the weather being brighter) Norman removed his trousers. A Scotsman without "trews" though not pretty is not unusual and usually invokes a challenge. Norman then accelerated and took max points up the hill to Farnham. The pleasant weather then continued all the way into Knaresborough and Harrogate. Mileages would vary between 68 and 73 miles. So say average of 70 miles its easier. So total mileage 490 miles. Dave P.

Only two of us turned up at Hornbeam for the Wheel Easy ride, so Angela and myself joined the EG's at Low Bridge and rode with them to Boroughbridge. They are a great group to ride with as the pace and humour are 'spot on'. On the journey there the main discussion was bikes. My favourite subject! I now know how to improve my gears and which bike to use if I ever cycle over the Himalayas! We left the EG's to try out the new cafe before returning home via Marton Cum Grafton and Arkendale. In total we cycled 30 miles. Paul

2011 Wheel Easy Miles (approx) Today 823 YTD 96576



