



#### Short Ride Report

Six opted for the short ride to Hampsthwaite including new member Carl on his recently purchased Cube bike. He now has a stable of seven! No sooner had we left Hornbeam and the heavens opened. We were certainly not prepared for rain and just after the Squinting Cat John and Sarah decided to return home. Linda and her daughter Rachael were soaking wet but were keen to continue onto Hampsthwaite. By the time we arrived at 'Sophie's Cafe' the sun was out and Sophie met us and encouraged us to come in even though we were still wet. We returned home via Knox having enjoyed a 14 mile ride. Paul

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#### Medium Ride Report

The day started with funny sort of weather, cold on Harlow Hill (well isn't it always) and hot sun in Hookstone car park. Eleven riders including leaders Julie E and Dave P opted for the medium ride to Washburndale, the set ride being approx 25 miles. The eleven headed West up Hookstone Road, with Martin W`s words ringing in our ears "it`s not going to rain" Ha !. On Leadhall Lane Julie led out a fast group of four, the remainder setting a more leisurely pace (well it did contain two EG`s and a Poddler). Then it started to rain, not a patch of blue to be seen, so Oakdale Bridge was deleted and Pot Bank inserted (a bit longer, but better for bad weather). Then it was up Penny Pot Lane to where patches of blue could be seen. At the road junction a meeting was called to discuss the fact that no Cafe stop was down on this ride, did we want one ? the aye`s were overwhelming. Caroline approved of the cafe stop

but as she was having people for lunch declined, would coffee and cake dull her appetite? was Hannibal Lector a guest also? So Adam (from the fast four), Dave P, Justin, Monica, Sally plus Sally and Roy headed for Fewston and the Heritage Centre Cafe. After refreshment it was back on to the B6161 via Swinsty Reservoir As we had put on a few miles to Fewston it was decided to miss out Norwood Bottom (well that's my excuse). Then on through Stainburn Woods and then Beckwithshaw, where Roy in true EG form stopped to have his Sunday Lunch, thanks for back marking Roy its a big help. On Leadhall Lane the riders disbanded to make their own way home in "sunshine". A nice little route that can be testing at times.

Approx mileage 7 x say 23 = 161 miles Dave P

#### Medium Plus Touring Pace Ride Report

Two groups were required as there were almost 20 riders . Bill kindly led a faster group while the steady away group were guided by Martin. Unexpected showers arrived early on but didn't spoil the ride. We all agreed that the road to East Keswick and then Wetherby was a less muddy option in view of the recent rain. On to Thorpe Arch where a mutiny occurred, 11 riders choosing the cafe and 8 deciding to continue to Boroughbridge before sustenance was taken. Dennis and Bob went home for their respective roast lunches doing a good 30 mile circuit. The Tasty Bite was our target and led by who ever knew the way (thanks Max , Debbie and Terry) we arrived at half past the Barn Owl leaving shortly after the Chaffinch's call was heard. (A detailed study of the clock in said cafe is required to understand these allusions!) Bacon sandwiches for most and Terry got one this time which was good to see. We made good time on the return leg and were lucky with the wind which had been in our favour and never really turned into the expected head wind. Plaudits to Sue T on her first Med Plus ride we hope she will be back again, she coped admirably. Home just before the cuckoo hour ended well done all. 2X30 miles. Approx 17 X 44 miles Sue C

#### Long Ride Report

Nine left Hornbeam promptly and were quickly at Borougbridge where Jim, who had overslept, was waiting to join. We took a loop through Bagby and Kilburn in order not to reach Ampleforth College Tea Room before midday opening. But Dennis returned home before that on the strength of a good shipping forecast for Valley Gardens. Over lunch Jim described an electronic device fitted to car tyre valves that enables a remote pressure reading and when we returned to our bikes and found a flat front tyre, we saw the future. Imagine being able to sit in the café and check your tyre pressures! We had already seen the cycle event notices and realised our ride coincided with the Ryedale Rumble which starts from Ampleforth College. The 110 mile long course includes both Boltby Bank and Rosedale Chimney so what a pity we could only wish we had arrived earlier. Roger took a more direct route back whilst the remaining 8 pedalled to Nunnington, Hovingham and the long climb up the escarpment before cruising down Brandsby Bank and on to Easingwold. Here Jim and Geoff showed their will power by resisting all Temptations and departed homewards whilst the remainder succumbed to tea and cake. Suitably fortified we headed into the wind for the homeward stretch via Aldwark Bridge and Knaresborough. Another great WE ride in good company, We reckoned 77 miles for 8, plus 1x 65 and 1x45 miles. Peter

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