

Wednesday, February 29, 2012

Wednesday Rides



Three rides set off from Hornbeam today, Richard led his merry men and one lady to Pateley, sadly leaving William stranded having arrived one minute after take-off. The Poddlers went to Wetherby and Martin suggested Masham for the rest.

Poddlers Ride Report

Sixteen Poddlers assembled at Hornbeam raring to go on a testing excursion. How disappointing, we went to Wetherby, just for a change. The route was via Knaresborough, Little Ribston and the path alongside the A168 (formerly the A1). After a short break in Wetherby we returned via Quarry Hill Lane and the grass field to reach the Harland Way to Spofforth and all points to Harrogate. Welcome to new Poddler Sarah, I hope she will join us again, and congratulations to Jane for completing the ride. 16 Poddlers approx 23 miles. Oh dear we didn't have a photographer. John W.

Wheel Easy Ride Report

The faster riders left on the dot in order to get back for their deadlines, mine to hear Michael Iveson speak on his new book 'Growing up in Braithwaite 1941-1961+', where we so often ride. Burnbridge then Wyra and the majority consensus was it was too early to eat at Mackenzies so up to Greenhow Hill and down Peat Lane. Darren sped ahead to do a double climb of the hill (foggy at the top) and to report that he had seen the descending Stewart who had obviously suffered a memory loss and texted he could not find the cafe he spends so much time in and had gone home. Julie was to return we suggested with Darren over Brimham Moor and Smelthouses. Richard and Pete stayed on the main road and then Clint and Dave did not catch us up. 41 hilly miles and back just in time and just after the poddlers. Richard

It could be said that we kidnapped a Poddler but as it turned out said Poddler, Kevin showed us a clean pair of heels all the way round. Also his knowledge of everything to do with Sunderland Football Club was much appreciated by one member. Our first stop was in Ripon for coffee at Caffé Nero, here Malcolm left us for a route home via Boroughbridge, clocking up 50 miles while we sped on to Masham through Snape where the daffs are coming on nicely. After lunch in the square we enjoyed wonderful late winter sunshine, fabulous views and after the climb out of Swinton enjoyed miles of downhill back to Ripon via Grewelthorpe. 60 miles, great day out. Gia

EG's Ride Report

We had thirteen riders at Low Bridge unfortunately this could not be made up to a lucky number/even number as the bug population were having a go at the EG`s again, with Bill and Dave W down with one and Peter B involved with that four letter word activity ie work. Easingwold was suggested as a destination and passed by the group. So the thirteen headed for Farnham, Arkendale and Angela`s cafe on the old A1, now the A168. The cafe was quite full with 13 + 2 cyclists and 3 police people, but the service was quick and the toasted teacakes good. On leaving the cafe Eric and John E hung back to phone ahead to Temptations Cafe in Easingwold, the remaining 11 heading for Lower Dunsforth, Great Ouseburn and Aldwark Bridge, no sign of Eric and JE so on to Alne and Easingwold and waiting for us were Eric and John E ?. A slight deviation on their part had got them in front of us, were they continued to sprint to catch us up. Eric`s phone call/ charm had done the trick and tea and tables were waiting for us. After our nice lunches Eric took a fast group of five Eric, Dave S, Peter J, Peter R and John E to York to a garden centre ?? anyhow he was given a special dispensation to take another refreshment stop. The remaining eight headed for Boroughbridge via Raskelf and Brafferton with the bikes stopping of their own accord outside Tasty Snacks Cafe for afternoon tea. Then on to Staveley, Knaresborough and

Harrogate, the sun doing its best to get out but failing somewhat, but it had been dry but compared with last Wednesday heavy rain would have been dry. So it had been around 50 miles with 3 cafe stops (and we don't feel guilty). The greyhound group clocked up the miles to York at a fair pace getting in 60 plus miles one rider nearer 70 miles as reported by Eric. However the day did not end good with two riders coming down (it is thought) avoiding a hole in the road (and we saw plenty of them today). Peter J had a nasty injury to his elbow, but rode back to Harrogate, where Dave S took him and his bike to hospital in his pick up truck. We all hope Peter`s injury is minor and wish him a speedy recovery. Eric will be in contact with Dave S to see what the situation is and if there is any thing the EG`s can do to help. Dave P



