

Wednesday, April 4, 2012

## **Wednesday Rides**



### **Poddlers Ride Report**

Sur John surged up to Stainburn Forest on a cold, snowy morning with the wind behind him and also 4 poddlers and 2 faster riders. A unanimous decision was made not to cycle through the forest so we headed down the road, avoiding snow patches and battling with a cross wind. The white scenery was beautiful but the magnet of home pulled us all into Pennypot Lane. We were frozen in our fingers and frozen in our toes. Ice was falling at us and onto the road. Still we battled onwards against a strong headwind. Then Dennis turned to Hampsthwaite ... but Sue headed up Pot Bank while the rest of us headed through to Jennyfield. A great morning out but all happy to head for home. About 19 miles x 7. Liz

### **Wheel Easy Ride Report**

Too cold and windy for some!

### **EG's Ride Report**

It started off as being a sort of confusing day, well the spring flowers on Harlow Hill were confused as the climate changed from sub tropical to snow. Some EG`s were also confused (which happens often) as they checked their alarm clocks and calendars to see if they had done a Rip Van Winkle and slept through spring, summer and autumn to winter seeing snow on the ground. Bill had declined to ride stating force 9 gusts were forecast, and Roy was going to go walking. On passing Hookstone car park two figures could be seen, one looked like Dennis B. Pedaling down hill to Knaresborough in to the wind was different as it is usually a freewheel all the way to Low Bridge. It seemed a different climate at Low Bridge and patches of blue sky could be seen towards Boroughbridge. Soon we had five riders Bob, Colin, Dave P, Dave S, and Dave W, at 10-05am we were away to Boroughbridge soon to be caught up by Eric who had guessed correctly the route we would take. It was a cold day but the roads out of Knaresborough were clear and bone dry and the wind was not as bad as we had expected, though the freewheel competition down to Occaney was a write off. As usual Tasty Snacks Cafe was warm and inviting and it would have been nice to linga longa but it was a fond farewell to Sonia and North to Kirkby Hill and Marton-le-Moor. The run in to Ripon with the wind was great with the feeling your chain is broken because it seemed effortless cycling. Soon we were outside Spa Gardens Cafe, with nobody declining a stop on the grounds of not enough miles put in. After the usual carbo loading we were on our way , the sun coming out and the temperature quite a bit warmer. The climbs out of Studley Park, Monk Wall and Watergate were somewhat wind assisted and then it was the fast swoop down to Ripley on to Knox and Bilton, then for Eric and Dave P the cycle track to the Stray and Harlow Hill. From a grim looking day it turned out to be quite good cycling weather with a max distance of around 43 miles. Dave P

