

Wednesday, June 13, 2012

Wednesday Rides



Poddlers Ride Report
Hornbeam
Grey, grey, grey,
Pannal
Drip, drip, drip,
Hag's Lane
Where are the ladies of a certain...
Spofforth
Puddle,puddle, puddle,
Little Ribston
El Butler leads the way
Cowthorpe
Poddle, poddkle, poddle
Cattal
Blue, blue, blue,
Thorpe Underwood
Sun,sun,sun

Marton Cum Grafton
No chat, chat, chat,
Arkendale
Too tired, tired, tired,
Knaresborough Hill
Gasp, grunt, gasp,
Harrogate
Home, home home

A good 34 miles at 11.7 mph. A super speedy ride, thank you all for waiting for me and a giant sized thank you El Butler, six set off and six returned.
Caroline G

Wheel Easy Ride Report

Four cycled to Timble for the village hall coffee morning feast while four had Sophie's in mind. We merged and mingled with the EG's for a while and as the sun came out altered our route to follow them to Spa Gardens for coffee. Then in to the Deer Park, a first for two of our group to ride the route this way round. On to what was The Drovers and to Bishop Thornton and our second café stop for lunch at Sophie's. Nice ride, good conversations, no rain.
38 miles. Gia

EG's Ride Report

It was a cloudy and COLD day, especially as we are nearing mid June. This showed itself in the gear worn back to full gloves and longs. As the EG`s began to gather at Low Bridge we were joined by Paul T, two G`s (Gia & Geraldine) and Kevin. Paul was on his Rohlfhof belt driven Woodrup, which meant his team departure was delayed as the EG`s descended on the bike, it is well known that they can talk for hours on the colour of a valve cap, so such a bike would have fueled discussions for weeks on end. However, Paul managed to escape and away they went. The sky looked a bit brighter in the North so it was decided to head for Ripon and then on to Bedale. With a final head count of fifteen riders (and counting that number is not easy, its a memory thing) away we went, chasing the patches of blue sky and amazed at the dry roads. By Farnham the group had split into two, and the usual freewheel competition to Occaney was left to the individual. The first group was soon far away in the distance to arrive at Spa Gardens Cafe for the first sitting, followed by the more sedate riders for the second sitting followed by Gia's team. So Wheel Easy had 19 riders taking refreshment, after which it was away again to the North. It is getting more difficult to get the EG`s to fall in prior to departure, perhaps we need a "whipper in" (no PB take that smile off your face). Past Kirklington we had a confused moment, as looking for a cafe alternative at Camp Hill some riders had a problem understanding the

word closed. Bedale is not a cafe heaven so it was takeaway sandwiches eaten in the town centre, Eric not being very hungry attacked a large lump of chocolate thingy (see photo). Then south retracing our wheels to Kirklington, Eric and Marvin headed for Ripon, the remaining riders Bill, Colin, Dave P, Dave W, John E, Norman, Peter B, Peter J, Pete, Rob, Roy, Terry and Theo, East to Ainderby Quernhow, Topcliffe and Boroughbridge and Tasty Snacks cafe, the intention to see the two small ducks (see last weeks episode). Tasty Snacks shut ! so eight cafe hounds made Morrisons their destination the remaining five heading for home. Surprisingly excellent cycling weather, cold and dry, not seasonal but who cares. Mileage around 66miles. If there are any typing or grammatical errors in this report I apologise. I have just seen a photo of the Wheel Easy Ladies in their rubber swimwear and my concentration is now a bit iffy. Seriously though its a great thing to do, please accept best wishes and every success from the EG`s. Dave P



