

Sunday, July 22, 2012

Wheel Easy Ride Report 325



Only twenty three members met at Hornbeam this morning as a large group met an hour and a half earlier for the 100 mile ride.

Short Ride Report

Six young ladies decided to accompany me on today's short ride. We proceeded using the Strayside cycle paths and tracks down to Knox and on to Ripley via Crag Lane. After braving the very busy A61 we headed towards Knaresborough via Scotton, Lingerfield & Scriven, finishing off along Bar Lane and Abbey Road. About 20 miles at a nice leisurely pace. Dennis

Medium Ride Report

Welcome to two new riders Enid and Annette. We had in total 8 riders on this 30 mile hilly route. We headed to Brimham Rocks via Knox Lane, and Hampsthwaite. At this point we were joined by Mr ForgottenHisName where we stopped for a photo shoot including a race down the mountain between Debbie and Mr ForgottenHisName. Mr ForgottenHisName was telling us all about the Tour de France from his perspective, which was very interesting.

However, he was meeting up with some friends in Paris for some do or other, so after the photo shoot he poddled off to Paris, whilst we continued on to Brimham Rocks, a coffee stop, on to Bishop Monkton, and home. Yvonne

Medium Plus Touring Pace Ride Report

Eight of us set off on what was to be a fantastic day of cycling. Great route, great company and two good coffee stops in Ilkley and Weston. We headed to Askwith via Fewston where we debated whether to bother with 'Jill's Hills' up to Langbar Moor. To my surprise everyone was keen to go for it. Unfortunately the leader was so focussed on a coffee that he missed the turn off to Middleton and Langbar. However, no one objected when I suggested 'Avanti' in Ilkley. During coffee, discussion was interesting as always! Neeta was very informative! I also discovered that Ian was also from Sunderland and had lived just around the corner from me, unfortunately in a different decade. However we both love all things 'red and white'. After refreshments we headed for 'Jill's Hills'. The views were stunning and we all agreed it had been worth the effort. We returned through Beamsley, Ilkley, Otley, Weeton and Kirkby Overblow. We stopped on route at Cockpit Farm where we met Angela and Ian Prescott who both looked fit and tanned after cycling in Majorca. We arrived home around 5pm having covered 50 hilly miles. Paul

100 Mile Ride Report

I thought people might be getting a little bored with my annual Milefest, but how wrong can you be! 21 people arrived at Hornbeam for an early start and we collected three more at Spofforth. The fast group led by Richard Pugh soon disappeared, obviously trying to make it back in time for the Bradley/Cav triumph on the Champs Elysee, while the rest of us settled to a steady pace and were determined to be content with the highlights at 7.00pm. Light rain to start wasn't forecast but this gave way to a warm day and glorious sunshine as we finished our tour of the Vale of York and headed up to the gently rolling hills taking us to East Witton and Jervaulx. Then returning to Ripon and Boroughbridge weary legs were the order of the day but despite the headwind we were home around 6.00pm. A great ride with good company. Martin W

Eleven set off promptly, as the faster, not the fast (in hope) group, and the worries of the few rain spots were groundless. Steve left at Boroughbridge loos, we did without sustenance, having done 25m but his probably felt like 40 with a wobbly wheel. Still a fast pace on the flats and regained Peter J at the newly planned cafe at the Adventure Park, he knew the way and we varied it. A swift operation and on our way, less swift while Geoff's rear tube was replaced by committee. Allowing the group to split, Darren not to be

seen again, Dave and Jill ahead at Ripon Spa, and leaving there we regained Eric and James who were denied sustenance as they had had a stop unseen at Jervaulx and lost Dave and sent Peter R home a hilly way as punishment for being too fast on the West Tanfield flats. Some of us had the usual mix ups round Thirn, we all recognised it from previous losts, anyway we did not shorten but lengthened the course. A blustery return that at least kept of the heat of the day, probably as we are not yet used to it. A welcome strawberry scone afternoon at Ripon Spa Gardens and back the prescribed route. Another good 100 ride. Maybe next time done in reverse to get it right and see other riders. 104m av 15, had been 16.2 to the first cafe. Richard



