

Wednesday, September 19, 2012

Wednesday Rides



Poddlers Ride Report

A lovely sunny September morning greeted us at Hornbeam and forecasting cloudy by late afternoon. A large number of Poddlers were keen to set off so I lead off with one group and John H followed with a second (thanks for your help John). Down to Knox Bridge where we regrouped and a quick count indicated 20 Poddlers. On we went via Killinghall to Ripley where again we regrouped it was then up hill towards Fountains but turning off to Markington for a welcome downhill stretch. Over the A61 to Bishop Monkton where 5 left the group to head direct home. At Roecliffe we regrouped again and split into two groups, those wishing to have a coffee stop and others to be lead by John W back to Harrogate. The coffee shop in Boroughbridge had a sunny back garden which 10 of us took advantage of. We returned home via Marton, Arkendale, Ferrensby and Knaresborough 34miles in total in very pleasant weather. Thanks again to John W for his assistance. Steven Perry

Wheel Easy Medium Ride Report

A chill in the air as befits a September morning but glorious sunshine brought out a healthy number of riders this morning. Richard mustered his troops and they sped off to Masham, The Poddlers as always impeccably organised set off to regions unknown but all chatting happily, which left six of us to gather our thoughts. Ripon and Fountains seemed very agreeable for such a sunny day and as it turned out we had a coffee stop at the visitor centre and lunch at Sophie's in Hampsthwaite on the way back. As we passed Spa Gardens Paul made enquiries about the annual Wednesday Christmas Lunch so expect an email about that very soon. Lovely ride, not too many miles (about 38) but good company and some good views enjoyed on this fine autumn day. We all agreed Yorkshire is hard to beat! Gia

EG's Ride Report

It was a good start to the day promising to be everything the forecast predicted. It had been a poor summer weatherwise, so now was our chance to get some mileage in as the nights are beginning to draw in, and soon this will not be possible. The destination chosen was Northallerton, plenty of miles but quite flattish, so sixteen riders headed for Boroughbridge and the first cafe stop at tasty snacks. A fair number of toasted teacakes were consumed outside in the bright sunshine, after which Norman left us for an appointment with paint and Terry to tickle the keyboards. On to Tockwith, Skipton-on-Swale and Ainderby Quernhow here John R left us to do who knows what? (your secret is safe with us JR). Pickhill and Newby Wiske followed and at the A684 Peter R headed East to Bedale the remainder West to Northallerton. Lunch was taken here outside in the sun by some, others in cafes. A CTC recommended cafe was found to be very good. A novel ice cream van was seen (see photo) which begs the question as to what extras you could get with your cornet?. Then it was South retracing our route to Newby Wiske then South Otterington and Thirsk. Still south through Sowerby on to Dalton, Topcliffe and Boroughbridge where six riders who had obtained extended pass outs stopped for late afternoon tea. Then it was back to Knaresborough & Harrogate in the low late afternoon sun. It had been a fantastic cycling day, sunshine, a kind wind, a slight chill to keep us comfortable, and we have not had many like these this year. A high mileage (easy peasy for the 200 Ks), but quite an achievement for us lesser mortals. Hero of the day was Roy who had not been on his wheels for two weeks, and when he had it was low mileage but he finished on 82 miles. Also mentioned in dispatches was Marvin who paced us out of Boroughbridge to Harrogate, nice and steady. Dave P



