

Wednesday, February 20, 2013

## Wednesday Rides

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### EG's Ride

What a Grey Day. Despite the absence of ice, frost and snow, it was bitterly cold so well done the thirteen riders that turned up at Low Bridge. The initial talking point was Theo`s bike, a Jack Jones frame with fancy lugs painted patriotically in red, white and blue. But the main feature was it was geared (a double clanger with a block of five) had Theo forsaken fixed? After assessing the wind direction with our resident sailors and considering last weeks destination it was decided to head for Easingwold with the first cafe stop at Angela`s. Here we were joined by York`s Wednesday Wheelers who warned us not to go via Grafton because of the mud covered road, so it was in to Boroughbridge via the old A1 (A168), here John R, Norman and Roy left to return home. The remaining ten pushing the wind to Easingwold, hoping that the wind would stay in the same direction and push us back home. On the way Theo`s gearing kept making strange noises. This did not worry Theo too much, however an EG with artificial joints found it a bit off putting as initially the source of the noise was not known. As usual the food at Temptations Restaurant was good. On the return journey the wind behaved itself most of the time and stayed on our backs. A thankfully dry but (who cares) cold ride, max miles around 50.Dave P.



### **Short Ride**

A small, hardy group of poddlers ventured forth today. Gordon AKA Billy Whiz led the magnificent 7 away towards Burn Bridge, Kirkby Overblow via Walton Head Road to Wetherby where Glyn effected a repair to a wayward chain on Alison's bike whilst the rest of us stood around posing for Liz's camera. On then along Route 66 (Cycle path - We will save the one from Chicago to LA for another time) to Thorpe Arch and a stop in Boston Spa to stamp our feet and have a banana. We returned to Wetherby along the cycle track alongside the A1 and then took the cycle track to Spofforth returning to Harrogate via Follifoot and past Ridding Park. A good ride with plenty of cycle paths included. 27 miles x 7 + 70 numb toes! Dave G



### **Wheel Easy Ride**

Eight of us beat a hasty retreat to North Street deli in Wetherby. At one point we even thought that we saw the sun come out. Back home via Kirkby Overblow and to make a change returning via Walton head Lane. Good to have Steve with us for his first ever Wednesday ride. Two riders set off for Pateley, hope they had a good ride. Gia