

Sunday, March 24, 2013

Wheel Easy Ride Report 360



With a thick covering of snow the usual hardy souls turned up at Hornbeam for a walk and no doubt a coffee. Four guys turned up on bikes, unfortunately one on his mountain bike left before Eric arrived on his. Eric determined to keep the flag flying for a Wheel Easy ride every week. Dave P and Peter J braved the roads to advise us it wasn't safe out there!

After the obligatory photo, Caroline and Gia left to plan cycling in warmer climes leaving the walking party heading down the Bridle Path on Hookstone Road.

Crossing the Stray we met a photographer who had come to Harrogate to take pictures of the cherry blossom!! He would have got great pictures of drifting snow and cars stuck at the end of Stray Rein.

The clocks change next week.....! Gia

THE Ride Report

Sadly the other 2 cycles at Hornbeam Park were both road bikes, and their owners (Dave P & Peter J) decided their bikes were going straight bike home. So it was left to 'yours truly' to maintain the Wheel Easy tradition of Sunday rides once more!

I used the usual off-road circuit, from Hornbeam through Crimple Valley, Hookstone Woods, GY Showground, Birkham Wood, Goldsborough, Hay-a-Park, and Beryl Burton Cycleway back to Harrogate, arriving home at noon.

The 20 mile route is familiar, but the conditions are always very different. Today the Harrogate side of the circuit had been well covered with snow over the last 48 hours, but the problem was ice - lots of it. By contrast, the Knaresborough side had a mere sprinkling of snow, but the bridleparks were awash with water and mud, and a fair amount of ice too. So my trusty mountain bike needed a thorough wash before it could be loaded into the car as we set off for a few days in the Lake District - providing roads allow us to get there. Eric

