

Wednesday, May 15, 2013

## Wednesday Rides

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### Poddlers Ride

"Shall we go or shall we stay" (Aha) seemed to be the order of the day with the inclement cold wet breezy weather determining as to who if any would venture out on such an awful Wednesday morning, notwithstanding the cold wet drizzle 4 brave souls Gordon, James, Chris and John congregated at Hornbeam to keep the flag flying "Lonely are the brave" sprang to mind. After a delayed start (waiting to see if anybody else turned up .. which they didn't! ), off we all set braving the weather and decided on a route to Wetherby via Kirby Overblow. With no "discussion groups" crystallising at the at the back of the compact group a good steady pace was maintained and onwards we cycled with aplomb. Arriving at Wetherby and by this time cold and wet with the constant drizzle the group split, James and Chris continued on for a slightly longer ride and the others turned back to Harrogate for an early finish seeking warmth and comfort, a thanks to all those who ventured out in the face of adversity. John W



### EG's Ride

The day started with persistent precipitations and a text from Eric, declining to join us because of the weather and a previous appointment. However he could have been looking out of the window at the weather and laughing. Despite the weather and Peter B seeing snow yesterday (should have gone to spec savers Peter), we had eight (keen??) riders at Low Bridge. Considering the wind direction and the rain, and the cold, where should we go?, lets go east was a suggestion, how about Saudi Arabia said Peter B, so Boroughbridge it was (on a budget) hence Morrisons Cafe and low cost caffeine. Here the only photos were taken, removing a camera from under ones rain gear whilst on the move is extremely difficult. Various forecasts had given different time for the weather to break, with this in mind it was down to Aldborough and Great Ouseburn, where the turn in the weather seemed a long way off. So it was a return home in the wind and the rain via Branton Green, Arkendale and Knaresborough. The Harrogate westsiders via Stray Rein to be told by some pedestrians that it was for pedestrians only, despite politely pointing to the blue sign next to them, they were adamant "no bikes". Not a bad ride considering the weather, around 36 miles max for some, apologies to Rob for not getting a lunch stop in the ride (4/10 DP could do better). Dave P