

Wednesday, May 29, 2013

## Wednesday Rides

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### Poddler's Ride Report

Only 5 poddlers set out on a fairly miserable day obviously everyone else had more sense. The route at break neck speed courtesy of Billy, Flash aka Gordon took us over towards Boroughbridge, Upper and Lower Dunsforth returning via Knaresborough a total of 33 miles.



### Wednesday Ride Report

Everyone today knew that the weather would turn, but Richard and Terry were determined to head for the White Horse. Dave R and John were up for a quick tour to the Deer Park taking in a visit to the church in the grounds. Congrats by the way to John on the safe arrival of his twin boys. His mission was to get home in time for feeding! Good man! We cycled the Greenway, introducing it for the first time to my sister visiting from London, then on up to the Drovers crossroads where we gathered. I thought for a moment that with the impending rain hands were up to turn left to Hampsthwaite! However made of strong stuff, we carried on with Plan A, Colin suggested the shelter of the Markington route to Fountains. Gathering at Spa Gardens we met up with the EG's (and some younger E.G's), and enjoyed the conviviality of an impromptu Wheel Easy gathering. Home by the quickest route with the rain starting in earnest in Knaresborough. As always good to be out on the bike with Wheel Easy. 33 miles. Gia



### **EG's Ride Report**

The weather forecast was not good, with the prospect of it getting less good in the afternoon. This was to confuse Wheel-Easy members who after Sunday's ride thought that Summer had arrived. Despite the miserable start to the day we had thirteen riders at Low Bridge, including a guest rider Ken, Theo's brother up from the smoke, to cycle in God's country. The drizzle and wind direction said Spa Gardens cafe, then review the situation. At the mens downhill competition to Occaney, hot favourite Dave (wonderwheels) Siswick was pipped at the post by less than a foot by new boy Ken. In the dryness of the cafe we were soon joined by more Wheel-Easy to give around twentyfour members, ready for caffeine and calories (cycling certainly stimulates the local economy ). After which five EG's, Bob,Nick, Norman, Rob and Terry headed for home. The remaining eight headed North in the wind and drizzle to Kirklington, the weather not being bad enough to use the cop outs to Sharow or Melmerby. The turn to the South giving the wind on our backs was "nice". At Skipton-on-Swale there was some dissention in the coalition as whether to head to Thirsk for lunch, a political compromise was sort of agreed on, ie on to Topcliffe and think

again. At Topcliffe some of the dissenters opened up their throttles and we soon (after a puncture) found ourselves in Boroughbridge with Sonia for a late lunch. Ken standing in for Eric had egg and chips. After which Bill and JR headed for home, for the remaining six ie Dave P, Dave S, Dave W, Ken, Peter J and Theo it was South again to Great Ouseburn, at Arkendale we met up with Richard P and Terry S returning from Coxwold. Then in to Knaresborough and Harrogate and our separate ways. The weather gods had relented and the 3-4pm forecast downpour waited till we were at home, warm and dry. Mileage around 61/62 miles max. Dave P





### **Richard Pugh's Ride Report**

Dave R wanted to be back before the weather broke, so John went with him and would be back in time for his feeds. Terry was out for the day so we were off towards the Gliding Club. But pleasant bridlepaths, new to Terry, slowed the progress, though the absence of traffic was a bonus, Hay a Park, Fawdington. Coxwold cafe while it pelted down, but Terry made an undignified exit from the loo and broke a unique plate, or was it the thunder? Newburgh to Easingwold was like a bp as the winter waters have removed most of the surface. A voluntary diversion on sustrans (why were NYCC highways there?) to Linton lock and the new archimedes screw (100kw), inside while another downpour. Back from Farnham with the EGs. 66m and hardly damp. Richard.

