

Wednesday, June 5, 2013

Wednesday Rides

Poddler's Ride Report

After a warm sunny day on Tuesday, the Wednesday Poddlers were greeted with a cool dull day, but their enthusiasm was not dimmed and 19 of us set off from Hornbeam to head towards Little Almscliffe by the usual route. Just beyond the Squinting Cat we discovered we had acquired another lady, who admitted to being a "non practising" member who was out for ride on her own and decided to join us! Needless to say she was welcomed and encouraged to start coming again. All went well until we arrived in Beckwithsaw to find the place alive with 4x4s heading for the Northern Sheep Association meet at Crimple Head Farm and as a result the normally quiet pull up from the village to the car park at Little Almscliffe was like the M 1. Having narrowly avoided being shepherded into the car park or in with the sheep we made it in one piece to the car park, where our "temporary" lady thanked us and turned for home. We pressed on passed the Sun Hotel and said goodbye to John, who due to time constraints turned for home down Penny Pot Lane. The main group turned left down the dip towards Fewston and met up with a splinter group who decided to take the earlier left turn, but we all managed to end up together and after the usually short sprint along the A 59 turned left past Fewston Cemetery and then along the gated road past the old military installation (no photos at the point) and right at the end where a photo was managed without causing a crisis with the police. Following the ridge past Menwith Hill Station we progressed on to Birstwith and down into Hamsthwaite where the die hard Baristas went to Sophie's for coffee and under the guidance of Stephen P the remainder returned via Clint Bank, Ripley and the Greenway. The coffee addicts also returned the same way after enjoying the culinary delights of Sophie's. Thanks to Stephen for being a first class back marker and to every one for their company on an enjoyable ride. James G



E G's Ride Report

The morning and the weather forecast was somewhat disappointing compared with Tuesday's sunshine. However we still had fourteen riders at Low Bridge ready to go, including Chris who has ridden with us before, but not regularly (welcome Chris) and a farewell ride for Glyn, who will be working Wednesdays in the future (best wish's Glyn from the EG's). The decision was made to head up Wharfedale (not done for a while). So as usual on to Wetherby and Morrisons cafe, who can cope with fourteen riders, and the number of toasted teacakes required. Then on the ridge to Sicklinghall and the freewheel competition down from Kearby, taken by Marvin closely followed by Chris, both exceeding 44mph, with some of us lesser mortals hitting 40mph. Near Castley, Roy punctured, but nothing serious. The next cafe destination was Cockpit Cafe, but just for old times

sake Dave S and Marvin choose Dunny`s (it is being demolished soon). The remainder headed for Cockpit, despite an offer from Dave S to buy us all lunch at Dunny`s (he had found an extra £2 coin in his pocket). At Cockpit cafe shock was seen for the first time, in the way of twelve cyclists a fiftieth birthday party and numerous others. But it was not a problem to sit outside in some sun and the chickens (who moved fast to avoid getting caught between two slices of bread). Then came the climb up Askwith bank(nuff said). At the Timble turn off there was an option to continue to Blubberhouses and Menwith. Only Theo seemed keen ,and him on fixed.! So it was back to Fewston, with some returning via Penny Pot Lane and other via Beckwithshaw. A good days cycling, dry and around 45 hilly miles. Dave P





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