

Wednesday, June 19, 2013

## Wednesday Rides

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### **Poddlers Ride Report**

Today ten poddlers set off but Caroline kidnapped Darren on the Ripley Greenway to make eleven. We continued through Hollybank Wood to Clint and Burnt Yates, to quote Darren "missing the best part of the hill"!! Ursula, Jane and Darren left us to return for Harrogate appointments while the rest headed up to Brimham enjoying the scenery and floral displays though a few moans were heard about hills. There was a bit of confusion when Mike said he was late last Wednesday so had joined the OGs!! Reaching Brimham it was certainly hot though the sunshine was less than expected. Our return was the downhill run past Rabbit Hill Farm into Ripley and then back along the Greenway into Harrogate. About 27 miles. Liz



### **Wednesday Ride Report**

Due to 'Grandad duties' I joined the group of six at Rudding Park for a lovely morning ride to York. We followed the usual route via Tockwith and Askham Richard where John Russell left us to look for the EG's. Everything was going well until we crossed the racecourse and then two members came off their bikes resulting in cuts to their knees and elbows. In York we had a lovely lunch at a 'Bridge Café' where we sat outside in the sunshine. One of the riders disclosed he has cut back on coffee drinking in preference to green tea much to the shock of the group. As I had a 2.30pm appointment in Harrogate the group offered to race back with me and we arrived back in 1 hour 40 minutes. The group were pleased with their achievement until I said I had rang home and postponed the meeting until 3.15. Unfortunately the group didn't look pleased. Should have kept that to myself! Thanks Sue, Angela, Kevin, Neil and Colin for a great ride. Paul

### **EGs' Ride Report**

A good weather forecast, it said no rain, now that's good, cloudy so what, who cares. We had ten good men and true, including Eric making his return to the EG's team though just for the first half only. Away went the ten when the sound of heavy breathing meant that Peter B (unusually late) had caught us up. The route was south to Tadcaster via Rudgate with the aim of assembling outside Tykes Tearooms to assess the first cut off (more difficult than at first thought, herding cats would have been easier). Here Eric who had got his 20 miles in, left us and entered Tyke Tearooms accompanied by Norman for tea and a return home. The remaining nine headed for Lotherton Hall via Towton, and the ghosts of dead Yorkies. After refreshment (during which Roy made the acquaintance of a lady from Derby, he can still pull em), we made for Sherburn in the ancient kingdom of Elmet, to pick up part of KT's excellent medium plus ride of last Sunday. At

Cawood Bill, Rob and Theo (who confused people by free wheeling) headed for Tadcaster, Wetherby and Morrisons Cafe. The word on the grapevine was that Theo set a blistering pace obviously because of the engergy saved by freewheeling. The remaining six, ie Dan, Dave P, Dave W, Peter B, Peter J and Roy headed east to Ricall and a banana break then north to York on the cycle path, passing the planets to Tesco`s cafe at the edge of the galaxy. The return in the late afternoon (dare we say summer?) sun, was great. A short break at Marston Moor then onwards at a steady pace. Some of us older guys can still do the distance but we need a little more time and encouragement. (the scope for innuendo is limitless). Max mileage for the Harlow Hillbillies 73.5 miles (well done Roy). Dave P