

Wednesday, July 24, 2013

Wednesday Rides

Poddlers Ride Report

Hornbeam, Leadhall Lane, Church Lane, Pannal, Cross A61, R @ Riding Stables, Cross A661, Spofforth Hags, Spofforth, over bridge, Little Ribston, Knaresborough, Cross A6055, L to Scriven, Lingerfield, Scotton, Brearton, Nidd, L @ roundabout, Ripley, Greenway. 25M. Prior to the departure to France of the President of Poddlers, I had enquired whether there was a co-pilot for today's poddle. She said there wasn't and not to worry as everyone would be on holiday!! Thank you to the 18 riders who were happy to be led at my pace and thank you to those who did polite surges and then waited. By the time, we reached Knaresborough, Steve had been stung on his neck by a bee. In the absence of anti-histamine treatment, he left us at Scriven, where he lives fortunately, to search the medical chest. Trust all is well now. Whilst having a moment of quiet contemplation, John was joined by a family of four deer who seemed quite fascinated before going off to seek further fun.....We all arrived safely in Ripley where Dennis (who was worried that he may be too early for lunch – such was the pace!), Gordon and John decided not to scoff cake and left us. I have to confess that despite reading Malcolm's information, I had forgotten that coffee etc was being served in the Church. Others, thankfully, had remembered and so to the joys of a cornucopia, a veritable extravaganza of homemade deliciousness. Bearing loaded trays, we sat in the churchyard (Gray would have been elegiac) and ate and drank and had a very jolly time hearing about the excellent Danube trip organised by Eric and the holiday plans of fellow Poddlers. As we were leaving, Glynn announced that we had cycled at an average 11.9 mph – in opti-mathspeak, 12mph!!! We followed the cycle path through the Ripley estate where we were briefly joined by a very small rider from Otley and his Dad. The ride along the Greenway was as lovely as ever. There was a fair number of walkers one pair of whom were picnicking beside our statuesque Malcolm. After ascending Claro Road, the main peloton turned left leaving two to return to Hornbeam. Thank you everyone – I hope that unlike me, you have not spent some of this afternoon removing dog dirt from your tyres... Welcome to Howard and Rachel – hope you'll come again. Sue Downes





Wednesday Ride Report

Seven set off, taking Stray paths to the Greenway, Ripley, Drovers' crossroads, Sawley, for an early stop at Risplith. After High Grantley, three turned back for an early bath, leaving Monica, Martin, Neil and Colin. We took the delightful little lane that by-passes Laverton and comes out on top of Dallowgill Moor by the Greygarth Monument. From there, it's a lovely run down to Kirkby Malzeard, Grewelthorpe, and Masham, for further sustenance. Then over the bridge for the quiet, gentle way home, taking in Snape, Carthorpe, Kirklington, and Wath on the way to Ripon, then Littlethorpe, Bishop Monkton and Markington before a final cup of tea (well, hot day, don't you know?) in the churchyard at Ripley, and back along the Greenway.....so much better than Knaresborough on a hot afternoon. Those that measure such things reckoned we were a bit short of sixty miles, but more important to me we had some scenery, mainly minor roads, a bit of climbing and a good smattering of flora and fauna. Home around five. We reckon Monica is well on the way to End to End fitness.

Long Ride Report

Visitor Dave from Canada was introduced and politely said he could cope with us. He is here for this weekend's 1400k LEL ride. (B15 rider). So a chance to show off Yorkshire and 4 dales. Even a first new bit for Phil, and we were not even lost. Big breakfast at Burnsall (where a LEL volunteer happened to be there) then Grassington Square and a loop round Arncliffe and on for Curds at Kettlewell. Cavendish water stop and then gave first aid to a wasped Langbar family. Just made tea at Ilkley Church and more hills by when Dave took the lead as he is training for twice as far each day. We suggested he had had a good scenic ride and all quality with fine weather that stayed dry and no mugginess. 88m 5300ft
13.2 Richard <http://app.strava.com/activities/69483700>

EG'S Ride Report

There were fourteen riders at Low Bridge, were should we head for ? The BBC forecast said go west (young man Ha Ha!). The Met office said east, to much to take in without caffeine so on to Morrisons at Wetherby passing some W.E.W. ers coming the other way. After caffeine and a good chat, the beeb forecast was in the majority so on to Sicklinghall and the Netherby descent. Here our lightweights took the honours, Dave W. closely followed by Norman. This sparked a debate on Aerodynamics, advanced physics and who`s got the most bottle. Most bottle won the debate. Then on to Otley via Weeton and Pool, Cafe Cafe said DW ? Ok, however Cafe Cafe being closed it was on to The Walkway Cafe, six riders then turned round to find eight riders had sneaked off to Dunnys (this included riders who usually do not frequent such a place). Round up took place at Dunnys here the group split in to three. Eric, Peter B, Peter J and Marvin taking the Askwith climb to get on to the ridge. Norman, Roy and Terry retracing the ride back to Harrogate. Bill, Bob, Dave P, Dave S, Dave W, John R and Theo heading for Stainburn. At Leathley Bridge Dave S took a wrong turn (we think) however said wrong turn meant he met with two nice young ladies to ride back to Harrogate with (two ? and at his age?). Such was his undivided attention to the young ladies he scarcely noticed passing three EG`s. The now six fragmented at Briscoerigg and Beckwithshaw with Theo doing a lap of honour round Harrogate to get his miles in. The "A" team, Eric, PB, PJ and Marvin did a very hilly 45 miles arriving home at 3-15pm (some pace). A bit hot and sticky but no thunderstorms (BBC 1 - Met Office 0) another good days ride. Question ; Was it the weather that got Dave S in a sweat or was it the company?. Dave P





