

Wednesday, August 7, 2013

Wednesday Rides

Poddlers Ride Report

The morning weather was good with the sun coming out. Sixteen of us set off with a prompt 9.30 start across Harrogate via Asda and picked up the greenway to Ripley, then onto Fountains for quick comfort break. Down through the park and into Ripon and out via Littlethorpe. Decision was then taken to head back via Bishop Monkton, Burton Leonard, across the ford over to Nidd and then into Ripley some stopping for refreshments at the church before returning on the greenway. Just over 30miles.



Wednesday Ride Report

We followed Sue's wonderful choice of ride to Brimham and Dallowgil Moor, via Hartwith Toll Bridge. Malcolm, Paul and Gia took the turn at the top of the moor towards Grantley and Aldfield to Studley. This is a wonderful route, first the fab views from Brimham, then the thrill of being up on the moor, then a mostly wonderful downhill run to Ripon. Here after advice from the guy from Moonglu he directed us to Oliver's Pantry. Good choice, except it was heaving, a very popular cafe, very busy but well worth the wait. On a busy day could not take a large crowd but. try it if you can. Home via Burton Leonard where we picked up Dennis' route through the Mountgarret estate to pick up the Greenway at Ripley. After a short detour to see a man about a load of log mulch we sped home, being chased by Sue, Angela, Martin and Colin who had stopped in Ripley for a cuppa. Always great to meet Wheel Easy on the run home and see that both councils have done some good grass cutting along the route. Great ride, 46 miles, Gia M



EGs' Ride Report

Leaderless, but by general consensus, seventeen riders including new member, Dave Thomas, (Yes another "Dave") headed for Thirsk, via a brief stop off at The Sun Parlour, Spa Gardens, interrupted by Nicks unfortunate puncture just south of Bishop Monkton. Bill W & John R. disappeared somewhere around Wath, never to be seen again & Peter B cycled off into the distance to follow his own destiny! The pathfinder group wrong slotted for Pickhill, but we managed to meet up at the farm entrance. Thirsk seemed busy and various choices were made for refreshments including just relaxing outside in the sunshine around the market clock with tea & sandwiches in hand. It's off been said that gathering the EGs together after a break is like herding cats. I know what this means now! We aimed for home via Sowereby but at Bagby junction, Eric, Chris, Theo & Rob decided to detour around Kilburn, Coxwold & Brafferton. The remainder of the group, of which some had a deadline to meet, continued to follow the intended route home through Dalton, Topcliffe, Cundall & Boroughbridge. One again various members disappeared to follow their own pace, whilst the remainder encouraged Dave T. along the way, who'd done remarkably well considering this was his first ride with "Wheel-Easy", one which he hadn't expected to be so far, (at least it was flat). Entering Knaresborough it was noted that there remained only five of the original seventeen members of the ride, which doesn't bode well for the usual cohesive nature of the group normally experienced. (Whatever happened to communication?) However someone did remark,(I think it was Eric,) that the ride had been enjoyable and at least our new member was not put off to the point he said he would rejoin us on another ride. Most of the riders will have completed about 60 miles. Eric's group covered 74. The weather remained warm, mostly sunny, and most importantly dry! Dave W.