

Wednesday, October 16, 2013

## Wednesday Rides

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### Poddlers Ride Report

The ride went down the Ripley rail path and then out on the A61 for 250 yards and turned off to Nidd. After a few turns down little back roads, we were held up when the adjudication committee got their tape measures out to establish that we had done 375yards 9 and a quarter inches of brand new unpoddled road! The rest of the ride through Copgrove, Staveley, Arkendale, Coneythorpe, Flaxby, Goldsborough and Knaresborough was along more familiar roads, albeit in a less familiar direction. Roll on the next ride and perhaps even more new tarmac? Glyn.





### **Wednesday Ride Report**

What a miserable day but no deterrent to the throng of Poddlers and others who gathered at Hornbeam. Poddlers and Wednesday riders exited Hornbeam separately but somehow all came together at Dragon Bridge where we made a great procession out to Ripley on the Greenway. This really is the most civilised route out of Harrogate. Here we left the Poddlers and set off up to the Drovers and Watergate Lane with the only purpose to have a good cup of coffee. Martin spoke up for the National Trust where on arrival at the lakeside tearooms, heard the end of some beautiful choral singing from a group of Dutch Ramblers/choristers. Martin and Yvonne may have stayed on to hear the full concert but the rest of us fearing the forecast left to retrace our steps with the Markington route added for variation. On the Greenway home we met Jane, then on the Stray we waved to Caroline and Sue D in the distance and Sue D and I met on our street corner! Wheel Easy people everywhere! Good ride, visibility vastly improved at Fountains, good coffee, 30 miles and home before the rain. Gia







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

The weather forecast was not good, but on some forecasts the rain was not due till late afternoon, but it was a real misty morn with riders on fog lights. We had nine riders not a bad turn out for the day. Last week we did Wharfedale, and this week that area was where the rain was supposed to come from, so easy decision Ripon Spa gardens cafe, then review the situation. On the mens downhill to Occaney Dave (wonderwheels) Siswick was as usual the favourite to take t`cup, however he was beaten by a "nose" by Dave Watson. Now the statistics ; They were both on Kinesis Racelight bikes, they both had Kyserium wheels, they both had NW winterboots, Dave S is medium to heavyweight, Dave W is lightweight. Now the science ; Dave S needs a nose extension or new tyres with less rolling resistance. After sustenance in the warmth of the cafe, Bill W, Bob S, Norman and Terry W returned via Studley Park. Dave P, Dave S, Dave W, Peter J and Nick headed Wath and Topcliffe, the fleshpots of Boroughbridge were declined to beat the forecasted rain. Just outside Knaresborough the rain started, probably an hour earlier than forecast, raising a comment from Dave S, "nice ride but a mile to long". Who cares if the bikes get a wash. Only wet in the last bit with a max mileage of around 50miles. Dave P