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Short Ride Report

Reduced numbers today as there was a group trip sampling the bright lights of Durham on an early Christmas break. Hope you all had a good time. Joyce, Al and myself were the 3 remaining shorties this week after Darren jumped ship to the medium. We took the Forest Moor route to Knaresborough, Abbey Road, Wetherby Road, A59 to the Flaxby turn, through Flaxby, Coneythorpe, Arkendale, Ferrensby and Farnham back to Knaresborough for a cafe stop at Riverside -great scones. We then went our separate ways -Joyce and Al live in Knaresborough and I took the Beryl Burton back to Bilton. New surface a great improvement. A ride of 14.25 miles Hornbeam to Knaresborough. A nice gentle flat ride in good weather. Jean



Medium Ride Report

The Medium Ride today attracted 25 members so we split into three more manageable groups and my thanks to Alison N. and Dennis who stepped into the breach at the last minute to take a group each. I took the first group and although we thought we had left a decent interval with the Medium Plusers we kept catching them up around Ridding and into Follifoot, but they soon left us as we progressed down to Spofforth and along the Harland Way Cycle Track to Wetherby. Once again we were lucky with the weather and although we didn't see a lot of sun, it was dry and clear with no rain and a slight Autumnal nip in the air. From Wetherby we took the Cycle Track under the A 1 and along side the race course to Boston Spa, where a decision was taken to add an extra little loop through Clifford and Braham to pick up the cycle path alongside the A 1 back into Wetherby. The majority were then in favour of a coffee stop and we arrived at the North Street Deli just as a large contingent from Otley were emptying out to head off back home and so we secured warm seats inside! The following groups were not quite so lucky and were reduced to the outside seats or seeking alternative accommodation. After a very pleasant break we returned to the road to get the muscles working again and returned through Sicklinghall and Kirby Overblow, gradually losing members as they peeled off to make their several ways home. A very nice route today with good company and weather, covering just over 30 miles. Thanks to all who came and particularly to Alison and Dennis for their assistance. James G.

Alison adds : We had a lovely ride. We kept catching sight of Dennis and Co and then at the Wetherby roundabout Dennis took home those that didn't want to stop. The rest of us headed for the Deli, but it looked busy. So about turn to Morrisons. However some never turned up , so whether they went to a different cafe or straight home I am not sure. We checked a couple of cafes on our way through the town, but they had melted away! Everyone really enjoyed the final leg along the ridge – enhanced by some low flying red kites. Hope you all enjoyed the ride. Alison

Med+ Ride Report

A glorious, still Autumn day. Following the route as detailed in the calendar. 18 punters set off in 2 groups. Welcome to Chris and John who joined Monica in the pacey group - which proved a wise choice as Sarah had lost 4 by Askham Richard! Keith encouraged a detour to The Church of St. James, Bilbrough where we were able to see the tomb of Thomas, Third Lord Fairfax of Cameron - 'Black Tom'. Fairfax a modest and humble man defeated Charles I at Naseby. Nourishing refreshment and entertainment provided by Bash at North Street Deli, Wetherby and a direct route home via Spofforth. A super ride with excellent company and team work. (Probably 43 miles). Sarah

