

Sunday, November 24, 2013

Wheel Easy Ride Report 395

Short Ride Report

Short ride today went with 13 riders to Kirkby Overblow then followed some unknown off road paths through to Follifoot accepting a squidge of mud and a little drizzle as we went. We then took the non road to Knaresborough and drinks for 8. The usual fine company and pleasant ride of 15miles. Paul Randall

Medium Ride Report

Not a bad day with a good weather forecast. Paul B and Dave P all ready with typed out route. How about a deviation said Martin W, it means we wo`nt have to retrace our route. This has merit, except for some EG`s who ca`nt remember where they have been anyway. This initially caused some confunson, like putting two shovels against a wall and asking the Irishmen to take his pick.. But Martins route went out went via The Greenway, this won the day for five riders, Dave P, Martin, Paul, Roy and Yvonne. So Greenway to Ripley, on the ridge to the Chequers, then left and left again, climbing our favourite swoop down, to the top end of the rocks, then down to the rocks for a quick chat with Caroline and Max (also to see some really nasty driving). Then all the way to Sophies, where Pauls group were already hitting the caffeine and calories. Roy hit the full English which did not seem to effect him on the climb to Penny Pot . A little gem of a ride. Dave P.



Another Medium Ride Report

After much deliberation and faffing the ride leader stayed within his comfort zone and stuck with the designated ride. After all, is not the WE Ride Calendar as immutable as the Bible? He may well have decided to stay in bed had he known he would be in charge of a bunch of Bolsheviks. Nevertheless, with a degree of firmness they were steered to Brimham via Burnt Yates. a hilly progress outwards rewarded with a swoop back down to the Hartwith toll bridge. The Grahams proceeded gently and went on from Brimham to Ripley. We remaining nine were reduced to seven at Sophie's, and then returned to Harrogate via the Greenway. About 25 miles on a day which, thank goodness, was a lot warmer than Saturday. Paul B





Med+ Ride Report

Over 20 riders opted for the ride to Leeds. Ian and Terry led a group of fast riders and Sue and Paul led two groups of 8 at a more leisurely pace. Paul's group certainly had a north east feel with six of the group with strong north east connections. It was a lovely 36 mile ride, unfortunately some motorists seemed to be in a hurry and were prepared to put their and our lives at risk. Weardley bank was new for a few of the group but we all managed it. We enjoyed the route around Eccup and admired the houses on Wigton Lane. The café at Roundhay Park was extremely busy partly due to a charity event in the park so we stopped for refreshments in a café on Street Lane instead. We returned via Slaid Hill, Bardsey, East Keswick, Harewood Road, Collingham, Linton, Sicklinghall and Kirkby Overblow. Ian and Ruth left us at near Wetherby to return home to Knaresborough via Little Ribston. Paul T.



Another Med+ Ride Report

A group of 8 made up the medium fast medium plus group. The weather started with a little fine rain but no wind which was a welcome change from the last few weeks. Plenty of rich autumnal colours still to enjoy as we headed towards Leeds . Kirkby Overblow to Harewood Bridge and then a slightly different route to the top of Weardley Bank a quieter hill parallel to the main road which was a new route for all but the leader. To Eccup Reservoir and across the A61 and on to a very busy Roundhay Park alive with hordes of spectators and runners involved in a Fun Run. Great

teamwork by the fast M Plus group meant that a seamless transition of table occupancy occurred as they saved their table for our incoming group while we battled through the long queue. An uneventful return journey save for Sir John's spoke issue and the weather picked up to be about as pleasant as it can be on a cold November day. The Bardsey loop was not undertaken so maybe slightly less mileage than the other M Plus groups enough though for a chilly winter's day. 35.78 miles Sue Couture Many thanks to all who supported the Friday quiz for Alzheimer's £300 raised for the charity. Sue C.



Med+ Faster Ride Report

As I pulled in to Hornbeam Park, Paul Tindle thrust a route description into my hand and 'asked' me if I wouldn't mind leading a faster group. I looked at the route and confessed that I only knew part of it. Paul assured me that it would be fine and it was thus that Terry, Barbara, Paul (another Paul), David and I headed off on a voyage of discovery. Remarkably between us we were able to piece together the route, arriving at Roundhay Park in the midst of a charity running race. Similarly, we were able to piece together a return route although, time trialling down the A58 into Collingham was probably not on the intended Wheel Easy route! Ian Newall



Long Ride Report

9 set off in drizzle in 2 groups as the 2nd group might turn back early. Unlikely given the cafe destination, and yes they found it first by 8 miles so won a second meal at Morrisons on the way back. New roads for many with a lumpy ride to Coxwold then up the bank as a first for some. To allow for daylight we agreed on a fast direct return down Sutton Bank, and a broken down horse wagon. A sprint towards Norton to overtake the cafers, and to exchange one rider. The last few miles into the low sun. <http://www.strava.com/activities/96836263> Richard P.