

Thursday, December 26, 2013

Boxing Day Ride

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Brrrrrr Boxing Day -At 9.30 it was bright, clear and freezing cold - not encouraging for cyclists. Nonetheless five hardy souls wearing all the layers that their wardrobes could supply bravely set off for a 'make it up as you go along' ride sticking to any that road that's been gritted. We arrived in Boroughbridge, having used the main road, too early to stop for coffee. Dave S's local knowledge advised us that the gritting lorry had passed through Roecliffe so the road to Bishop Monkton and Ripon should be OK. The sun had really got up by now giving us great scenes of icy white fields with a clear blue sky, so appropriate for Boxing Day. Dave P left us at Bishop Monkton to head back home while the rest of us ventured as far as Morrisson's in Ripon for refreshment and more importantly warmth. The return journey seemed much warmer although the actual temperature difference was probably little more than one or two degrees - perhaps there's something in the water at Ripon. Thanks to all. A fine ride on a crisp and clear day. Phil S





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