

Wednesday, January 29, 2014

## Wednesday Rides

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### **Poddlers Ride Report**

Our leaders Gordon and Alison had devised a semi circular route round Harrogate so that if the weather got too bad we could all quickly escape homewards! 11 set off from Hornbeam 2 latecomers joined us and only a few escaped. We followed the Greenway to Ripley where the pessimists got excited but the rain soon fizzled out! The route was then Brearton, Scotton, Lingerfield, where Caroline's bike got caught in a grating on the corner. She took a tumble and has gained a few nasty bruises. Max won the fight to escort her home. Do hope you are OK Caroline. We continued then to Knaresborough, Spofforth, Follifoot and home via Rudding Park. About 27 miles, mostly dry and it was lovely to be out on our bikes. Thank you Gordon and Alison for a great ride. Liz



### **Wednesday Ride Report**

We waited for new Colin (welcome) and his BJ off the train and by then there was no sign of the poddlers. Passed Dave P still dreaming of snow and blue skies. At Calcutt we allowed Colin to sample the EG's ride as we set on to Follifoot thence Ingmanthorpe, on surfaces new to most and then the community café at Boston. Phil had to dash back and with a wind in favour should have made record time. The flag was flying the less normal way at Rudgate and again at Green Hammerton. Dead end diversions took at old buildings, but the mince for dinner smell at Thorpe Underwood did not tempt us so onto Tasty Snacks. Crossed the swollen Tutt and onto Markington, where Richards back tyre exploded, and again at Ripley where he gave in like the broken down 36. Good ride and not even damp even a glimmer of sun. 60m for Terry. Richard



### **EGs Ride Report**

Once again a poor weather forecast and that raw wet sort of cold did not seem to bode well for a good days cycling. On passing Hornbeam Carpark met with Colin Irving (from Leeds), heading for the carpark. At Low Bridge we had only six riders (the weather again ?). Soon we were joined by Colin I, who had missed the W.E Wednesdayer`s, so joined the EG`s, no probs as we are all Wheel-Easy. Whilst waiting at Low Bridge two young ladies jogged passed us and asked if we were the EG`s, Wow ! fame at last, we hope it is fame and not infamy. The forecasted downpour had not yet arrived so it was on to Angela`s Cafe for caffeine and calories, and see what the weather turned out like. There we met Mike and Wendy from CTC York section who asked us if we had seen rain, we had not and neither had they, coming from yon side of York, but they too had a poor turn out. Then it was on to Grafton, in the dry but with gloomy skies to Great Ouseburn where Norman left us, the remainder, Colin P, Colin I, Dave P, Dave S, Dave Wilson and Terry W headed for Aldwark Bridge and Beningborough for yet again more caffeine. York seemed a bridge to far, so we returned via Tollerton, Alne, Youlton and Aldwark Bridge, taking a short break at Branton Green. The roads were now quite dry (except for the large puddles), now that`s Irish for you. Into Harrogate for 3-00pm, no rain, with a max mileage of around 51/52 miles. A good ride despite gloomy skies. Dave P

