

Wednesday, February 26, 2014

Wednesday Rides

Poddlers' Ride Report

Our leader Dennis lead a group of sixteen along the new cycle track to the Showground, on past Rudding Park and over the bypass towards Spofforth. After a photo shoot we split into two groups. A "slightly faster" group lead by Gordon (we think) quickly disappeared over the horizon and there was no sign of them for the rest of the ride. The rest followed Dennis to Little Ribson where Alison and Dave had to rush off for home duties. Our route passed Cowthorpe, Cattal Bridge, Thorpe Underwood, Ouseburn, where we were allowed a quick stop and back via Arkendale to Knaresborough and home. We enjoyed a lot of sunshine, a few drops of rain, a good chat and for many the first longer ride of this year, about 33 miles. Thanks Dennis for leading us and planning such a super ride. Liz P





Wednesday Ride Report

We said where we planned and, probably a first for me, we actually did. Thus once we had found the better way out of the car park, but after the Poddlers, six of us set off, including Terry and Martin, via the Greenway survey to Masham. Dave R had said he would return from there, and I expected others also to choose to as the wind and showers set in. But all six were determined. It was hard going up past the full reservoirs towards Lofthouse, but the slightly downhill ridge into the wind seemed even harder. Some claimed it hailed rather than just rained, I thought the sun shone. A staggered regrouping at teacups for the puddings and then two groups back along the school run, easy with the wind assistance to Ripley and the cleaned up Greenway (Sustrans guy said c60 surveyed today), and home by 4.30 for the later group c 60m, 70 for Lesley and Richard. Richard P

EGs' Ride Report

Felt like a spring day today waiting in the sun at Low Bridge. It was also a good turn out with fifteen riders (including Rachel, Mike and Pete who had missed the 9-30 start at Hornbeam) eager to go. No Bill today, but best wishes to Janice and also to Malcolm M, from the EG's.

Consultation with Colin P on the wind (speed and direction) and it was on to Wetherby and Morrison's cafe. The route being Follifoot, Spofforth, North Deighton and Kirk Deighton, just outside Wetheby Colin P punctured, then came the last three which included DP, on drawing level with the repair group, a moments lapse in concentration saw DP kiss the tarmac like he'd just flown the Atlantic, though not in a grateful manner, luckily nothing hurt, only pride, some skin removed from knees and elbows, but best of all no bikes damaged.

After the welcome caffeine and calories it was on to the ridge to Sicklinghall, the freewheel downhill challenge to Netherby, was again won by Dave (Wonderwheels) Siswick, this man is unstoppable. On to Weeton and Westoe Hill, now we were down to six riders, Dave P, Dave S, Dave Will, Eric, John R, and Peter J, and there's more. Dave P and JR made for Huby and Armscliffe Crag, leaving DS, DW, Eric and PJ to head up Wharfedale for ?Cockpit Farm Cafe and Askwith Bank via Buttertubs. DP and JR making it home safely via Briscoerigg and Beckwithshaw. It definitely was a spring day's ride, long may this weather continue, but the breath is definitely not being held. Dave P

