

Sunday, March 2, 2014

Wheel Easy Ride Report 409

Medium Ride Report

About 15 of us set off and hopefully about 15 returned after cycling about 35 miles. The route was changed slightly due to muddy bridlepaths etc. At a slightly slower speed than normal Gordon took off to Wetherby via Follifoot Spoforth and those of us at the back eventually found the rest of the pack before setting off up the bridlepath parallel to A168 onto Bramham followed by that nice descent into Collingham and onto Linton. Allison Shaw

Medium+ Slow Ride Report

26 Medium Plussers, good and true, stepped forward for the ride this morning; our ride was so appealing that the would be "Longs" were jumping ship. Kettlewell, a bridge too far methinks, on a wet and windy Sunday. The groups formed up on a speed basis, a bit like handicapping, only the other way round with the slowest at the back, and off we went with a slight route change to take in Burn Bridge instead of Rudding. Sorry Barbara and Nick, you might have still been waiting for us! Not too sure how we managed to get in front of the other groups, but they caught us up during the photoshoot outside Kirkby Overblow. Gia, Monica and Dan peeled off at Weeton, and Colin at Pool, whilst our merry band made good time to the Cockpit Farm, not forgetting to pay a final homage to the sadly departed Dummies, now most decidedly dead. We had acquired Eric and Paul, who was having tubeless puncture problems, by this time. It was with no small feeling of guilt that we left him fitting his inner tube, until someone pointed out that he was on Eric's run, not ours. Trust you got sorted OK Paul. Asquith Bank and the rest was easy today, due to our relaxed pace, and the great West Wind assistance. Thanks to Dave P., Steve, Bill, Debby, Sarah, Jill as well as all aforementioned for a most pleasant ride. Dave S.





Long Ride report

Eric's waning enthusiasm led him to interpret an Iffy weather forecast as a flood of biblical proportions and cancel the long ride to Wharfedale. So off we set on a modified version of the medium + ride possibly to Otley or Ilkley or Cockpit Farm or Askwith. We stuck together until Otley where an unscheduled puncture stop allowed a group to form with the intention of heading to Bolton Abbey. There were only 5 of us; myself (Phil S), Mike Bissell with his son Brandon, Peter R and Richard P but we all agreed that the ride should carry on. Lunch was taken at Bolton Abbey and we then took a decision not to head for Grassington but to turn off at Barden Tower for Appletreewick and Stump Cross. In retrospect this was probably a mistake but we still had Eric's dire weather warnings ringing in our ears. The ride continued in the usual pattern - aimless chatter interspersed with the occasional burst of effort - and despite grim conditions in the vicinity of Stump Cross and Greenhow (nothing unusual there) the weather remained fine. Surprisingly we headed straight into a south wind along Duck Street so a photo stop was a welcome break. Phil S

