

Sunday, March 9, 2014

## Wheel Easy Ride Report 410

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### Short Ride Report

8 riders for the short ride today. What a lovely sunny day. Hope for lots more to come. We rode to Knaresborough via the new bit of tarmac to the showground and then through the cycle path near the tip. Lovely and quiet route. Thanks to whoever provided it. From Knaresborough a circular route to Farnham, Lingerfield, Scriven for the photo and then on to Riverside cafe where the scones had just come out of the oven. Delicious! Around 17 miles I think. Jean



### Medium Ride Report

The first fine weather for what seems like months brought out a large group of over 30 cyclists for the medium ride. We were efficiently organised by Gia into 4 groups; John W. volunteered to lead at a faster pace and Sally and Peter offered to take a medium paced group. That left Dennis and myself to take the slower and slowest! Seven of us brought up the rear at a leisurely speed towards Ripon, ably back marked by Caroline. Around Bishop Monkton we shed Justin (hope that's right!), who was convalescing. After cycling up the deer park we were all ready for refreshments at Fountains Abbey, where we met some of the 'faster' groups. By the cycle racks Anne captured a lone cyclist, David, who rode with us as far as Markington and was persuaded to join Wheel-Easy! We decided to return via Ripley and the Greenway, avoiding the hills of Clint, which nobody was too disappointed about! A very pleasant and sunny ride of about 33 miles. Sue W.





### **Another Medium Ride Report**

First of all a big thank you to all our ride leaders and to our website guys, Dave and Al who put the ride reports on site twice a week and to Paul, Malcolm and Martin who keep the website up to date. Today as befits the best day of the year so far there was a good crowd of riders including 32 for the medium ride. Today's announcements included the need for support for ride leaders and for an orderly exit from Hornbeam. Also that we should be patient and take the time to allow ride leaders to organise the groups. I rode with the medium group today and must thank John, Peter, Sally and Joe and any other back markers who helped Sue and Dennis by offering to lead a group. This meant that we were able to lead out four groups of 8, nice and manageable. After Bishop Monkton with Dennis' group hard on our heels I left to return to Markington and Cut Throat Lane where I tried taking a selfie of Gia with no mates! Didn't quite work! On to Clint Bank and Hollybank Woods where I met Malcolm and we rode back via Ripley stopping there for coffee. Approaching Dene Park we met Dennis' group cock-a-hoop that they had persuaded him to stop for a coffee. Dennis you are a star. Great ride today and if anyone would like to help with rides we shall be looking for lots of supporting ride leaders in the next few weeks. Gia





**Selfie!!**

**Medium+ Ride Report**

Eleven takers this morning for the medium+ ride, none of whom wanted anything other than a gentle passage through the beautiful Yorkshire countryside on such a wonderful day. Two groups formed up with much flexibility as to which group one was actually with, and we were soon looking for a few extra miles to fill the time before lunch break at the cafe on Thorpe Arch Trading Estate.

The ride leaders had lied about the route being "flat" and there were one or two pairs of tired legs on the return journey, but everyone was accompanied and an early return to Hornbeam ensured that Rugby could be watched, and this season's gardening started. Three skylarks and one peewit were spotted en-route. Thanks for a super day out to Peter, Michael, Bash, Colin, Glyn, Dave P, Debby, Bill, Paul, John, and Tony. Dave S.



## Long Ride Report

It was a lovely sunny morning at Hornbeam as eight people (Phil, Eric, Dave, Steve, Peter, Barbara, James & myself) set off on the long ride to either Masham or Newton Le Willows. Leaving Harrogate via Knox Mill we took the familiar route through Hampsthwaite, Burnt Yates, past Brimham Rocks, Fellbeck & then up onto Dallow Moor where James encountered a problem with his chain. This was soon fixed with help from Eric. A decision was made to head to Newton Le Willows for a café stop so we took a fairly direct route to Masham. Here Eric had to leave us to ensure he was home by his appointed time while the rest of the group continued towards the café, taking in some new roads for some members of the group. Lunch was taken admiring the view from the High Parks Tea Room just outside Newton Le Willows. Our route home took us past Thorp Perrow arboretum, through Well, West Tanfield, Wath, Ripon, Knaresborough & Harrogate. A lovely spring ride of 65 miles in good company, thanks everyone. Jill.

