

Wednesday, March 19, 2014

Wednesday Rides



Wednesday Ride

Sue, Angela, John, Colin, Chris and myself opted for the ride to Wetherby via Brackenthwaite Lane, Almscliffe Crag, Huby, Weeton and Kirkby Bank. Although there was a wind it was nothing compared to Sunday! It was a lovely route to Wetherby and a good coffee stop at Costa. We returned via Little Ribston and Spofforth. A good 30 mile ride. Paul

Poddlers Ride

With memories of Sunday's very windy ride, it was with some trepidation that we set off to Hornbeam, as the forecast was for 20+ mph winds from the WSW. We chose a route which went East to start with and was well protected on the way back, so that we should avoid the worst of exposed, high open roads. We had planned Wetherby and back. 10 Poddlers set off up Leadhall Lane, only to be honked at by a grey Transit-type van at the traffic lights on Leeds Road by the new M&S who seemed not to like the fact that I positioned myself in front of him, even though he was stationary. He duly turned left without indicating, probably cursing and swearing about cyclists. On to Burn Bridge and across the roundabout on the Leeds Road and then left into Walton Head Lane to Kirkby Overblow, Sicklinghall, Linton and into Wetherby (where Dennis left us). The ride and the wind had both been very benign (if a ride can be benign, that is), so James suggested that we should do an extension along the A1 and into Boston Spa and Thorpe Arch and back into Wetherby along the cycle path under the A1. Group photo by a budding weeping willow, North Street Deli for coffee and then back along the Harland Way, which was nicely sheltered from the wind. On through Follifoot, where James left us, Rudding Lane where Marish left, leaving 5 of us to face the Showground Hill.

Clive



EG's Ride

March is supposed to come in like a lion and go out like a lamb, (we hope). Because of late we have had a fair bit of the lion. Still we had a good turn out of sixteen riders, including four guesting fast men, Dave R, Mike B, Richard P and Terry S.

Consultation with our sailors on the wind situation suggested we go Northish. On to Angela`s Cafe to pick up Dave S (did he want a lie in). After a surfeit of toasted tea cakes it was on to Grafton, Boroughbridge and Thornton Bridge where Norman and a smaller group turned left, the remaining group turning right then left to Sessay, Dalton and Topcliffe. After Rainton, Richard P punctured and lost a skewer spring.

So it was not spring in the air, but spring in the grass, luckily found by a keen eyed Terry S.

By now the wind had become somewhat inconsiderate, so what !, It was`nt raining.

On to Melmerby, Wath and Spa Gardens Cafe, where Norman`s group were just finishing their tea.

Tea was taken outside in the warm sun perfect!

We were now down to nine riders, on leaving the gardens, Colin P, Richard P and Terry S turned left, up the hill and into the wind.

Dave P, Dave Wilson, Eric, Marvin, Peter B, and Peter J, turned right, down the hill and into the wind.

It has been said that wind in your hair is exhilarating, but as hair is somewhat in short supply amongst the EG`s, it was just a B..... Nuisance.

The EG`s do seem to have problems with wind from many quarters.

A B.....Nuisance it remained all the way to Bishop Monkton, Farnham, Knaresborough and Harrogate

Despite the winging (not to be taken seriously) was a very good ride with a mileage of around 59 miles for the Harlow Hillbillies. Dave P



