

Sunday, July 13, 2014

Wheel Easy Ride Report 428

Medium Ride – First Group

The forecast was for an improving situation so there was a huge turnout for the Medium ride, despite the refreshing, persistent, light drizzle at 09.30 a.m.! I took the first cohort of eight rather fast looking riders, including an EG (one of the Terries), Debbie and Me. Welcome to Trevor on his first Wheel Easy ride, on the advice and encouragement of Eric W.

The drizzle was warm and we set a good pace from Knaresborough, through Ferrensby, Arkendale and towards Marton. We were all extremely polite to the nice man over Aldwarke Bridge who, suspiciously, is still counting the exact number of cyclists who pass that way. The sun began to shine more vigorously, steam was rising from the roads as we continued happily to Flawith and Myton on Swale. Here we paused at the stud farm and had a chat about the role it played in the First World War. I am sure I have said this before but this was the farm that was requisitioned to gather the horses from all over North Yorkshire to be prepared and lead down to the Helperby/Brafferton railway station to be put on trains to Hull, then to be taken by sea to France to play their part in the war – in total 9,500 horses passed through this area.

Next stop was Boroughbridge for essential refuelling in the shape of sandwiches, teacakes and a Fat Rascal (or Tubby Scoundrel as we have to say, for copyright reasons). It was also an opportunity to sort out all aspects of current Government policy. David Cameron ought to join us some time – we could be really helpful to him.

The last lap was completed in glorious sunshine with an increasingly refreshing breeze through Minskip, Stavely, Farnham, Knaresborough and home. Thanks to all riders for a most enjoyable, friendly day – particularly to John for taking charge of speed and morale with an encouraging “go, go, go” at every junction! Helen





Medium Ride



LONG RIDE

Those who joined me yesterday hardly need reminding what a fantastic ride we enjoyed, thanks for your company.

For scenic beauty, the section from Penyghent's southern shoulder (see pic) down the full length of Littondale cannot hardly be bettered, especially in yesterday's glorious sunshine. As the cake sandwiching this icing the ride from Cracoe to Settle and down Wharfedale from Kilnsey to afternoon tea at Hebden is also pretty exceptional. This is the stuff cyclists dream about but only a handful woke early enough to enjoy yesterday. Peter R

