

Wednesday, August 20, 2014

Wednesday Rides

Poddlers' Ride

The ride went from Hornbeam to Beckwithshaw, Almas Cliff, Fewston, Meagill, Thornthwaite, Birstwith, Clint, Ripley, Cycle path to Harrogate and back to Hornbeam. Only points of note were that it didn't rain, the cafe in the church at Ripley was up to the usual standard and when Jenny was put in as ride leader for part of the journey she managed to lose herself at the turning for Thornthwaite and added an extra couple of hundred yards before correcting the course. Otherwise just a pleasant 27 miles and 2,100 feet of ascent (plus the extra 200 yards for those who followed Jen). Glyn

Wednesday Ride

Beautiful day, little or no rain forecast and no wind so Angela chose today to cycle to York via Beningbrough.

Here we stopped at the farm shop for excellent coffee and cake. Martin and Yvonne left to cycle towards Boroughbridge and Colin to Easingwold and Coxwold. We had a nice breeze behind us all the way to York and enjoyed the usual run in along the river. James led us out through York and across the racecourse where there were gatherings preparing for the Ebor meeting. Lots of hats, picnics and champagne! We had a very modest shower at Askham Richard but mostly a sunny day and a good ride of about 58 miles. Gia M



EGs' Ride

The day started off well with sunshine and clear blue sky, and even better for Dave P who got a hug from Yvonne. It was proposed to ride to Wetherby (and where else but Morrisons Cafe) and head up Wharfedale. This was finalised by Dave S, when he reminded us that York Races were on, so keep away from the land to the East.

So it was on the Wetherby via the B 6164 (B stands for busy) for the fourteen riders. This is the road where we split in to three or four groups, leaving gaps for the cars. The groups sort themselves out in terms of speed, and vary from eyeballs out, to sedate pedalling, however today

we all must have woke up and smelt the coffee and it was a sprint for Morrisons, Dave P desperately hanging on to Roy`s rear wheel (who must have had chilli for breakfast).

After Morrisons we were down to twelve riders, who after caffeine and calories slowed the pace to down to climb on to the Sicklinghall ridge. Here three more riders left us before the downhill hill challenge to Netherby, this was sadly somewhat restricted, due to a car and walkers parked on a corner and a lorry and car coming up the hill. Thus distance travelled was out (hard luck wonder wheels) so the prize was given for speed, Eric taking this with 44mph.

At the junction Bill left to return via Kirkby Overblow as the rain began to rain, the remaining eight heading for Otley where sun was shining. On to Pool where Dave W and Terry left to return home, the remaining six on to Cockpit Farm Cafe, where a bowl of bean had been beckoning Dave S for some time now. Lunch was taken outside and inside, after which the sun shone brightly and it was up Askwith Bank on dry roads in the sun. At Fewston we were minus two Peter`s, leaving three Dave's and an Eric (an honorary Dave) to return via Beckwithshaw and home.

A nice ride, sort of Autumnish with a touch of April showers around 40 plus miles. Dave P



