

Sunday, December 28, 2014

Wheel Easy Ride Report 452

Short/Medium Ride

Having had to walk most of the way to Hornbeam over various glaciers I didn't expect to find anyone but yes there was one person for the short ride, and two for the medium. That made four with me, so as it was such a large group and not safe for wheeeasy leadership, we divided into four each leading ourselves with me taking the leading group. We took the gritted roads to Knox walking slowly down to the bridge and then over to Hampsthwaite. By now Linda's toes were turning to ice so she stopped for coffee, while we carried on back up to Pennypot and home, not want to risk the route to Kettlesing. It was a beautiful morning for cycling except for the ice, but if I'm still in shorts then it's not really cold! 15 miles. Paul R

Med+ Ride

I was greatly trepidated at the thought of the sheer responsibility of leading this morning, and secretly hoped that no-one would turn out. Fat chance. The prospect of a free breakfast works wonders, and there were eleven takers at Hornbeam, and a further three waiting in Knaresborough, whom I managed to overlook, and leave behind. Sorry boys.

The ride had an inauspicious start when I was soundly shunted up the rear and sustained minor mudguard damage, speedily rectified from the perpetrator's extensive workshop on the back of his bike.

Gingerly was the password, and Roecliffe was gained without further mishap, so we counted our blessings and set about the grub.

Our three late arriving colleagues turned up, but once we had sat them down in front of the buns, we managed to give the slip yet again whilst their attention was on their stomachs, and we finished the ride without further incident.

A super day out thanks to the company and the weather, and a bit of good luck at avoiding the slippy bits. Dave S.



