

Wednesday, February 18, 2015

Wednesday Rides

Very Short Ride

Martin and Yvonne were taking a short route to Boroughbridge but only got as far as Morrisons Roundabout on Hookstone Chase. Martin's front wheel slid from under him and he came off. His helmet took the main force of the fall - see photo. Although slightly concussed, after a CT scan at the hospital he was pronounced "normal". Definitely a first! The moral is WEAR A HELMET! Martin W



Poddlers' Ride

The Poddlers leader Dennis sent his apologies as he was not available to lead, Gordon was the new leader. The day was warmer than last week and nine poddlers set off from Hornbeam through the showground down to Knareborough. At Low Bridge, Steve had a puncture and despite offers to wait while it was repaired he decided that he was near to home and would go home to mend it. Now we were eight yellow cyclists setting off down Abbey Road, where we inadvertently upset an EG whilst we were trying to dodge people, dogs, cars, vans and potholes by riding on the wrong side of the road and nearly colliding with him. Through Knareborough to Farnham, Arkendale and onwards to Great Ouseburn, no sign of a café stop. After a brief drink and choccie bar stop we pedalled onwards to Cattal, Alison decided it was too warm and stripped off layers, unlike last week's ride, when she was frozen to the bone and no warm café was found to warm up in. At Follifoot we headed down past Rudding Park to the showground and coffee at Fodders was suggested, but due to half term it was packed out so we all headed home. A lovely ride out through winding lanes and gentle hills, a warm spring day around 34 miles.
Gordon

Wednesday Ride

Destination Listers Farm Shop Langthorpe - ten riders set off to Shaw Mills via The Greenway. Marion made her way home from the Drovers the rest sped onto Bishop Monkton. Nice cut through to Ripon canal via Littlethorpe and onwards towards cafe. Large cafetieres and bacon sandwiches for many, a really pleasant place to visit. Home via Martin cum Grafton and Knareborough. Weather chilly initially but progressively warmer on way home. 40 enjoyable miles Sue C



EG's Ride

Once again we were without "Captain P" (Preston not Pugwash!) who'd been playing doctors & nurses on Tuesday and needed to rest up. (Hope you regain your strength and rejoin us soon Dave. "Cats & herding" come to mind!)

The forecast was good for the day so fourteen E.G.'s left Low Bridge with excited anticipation wondering what direction deputy Dave would lead them.

As the reputation of Tancred Farm shop has now become legendary for the quality of its sausages & bacon we headed in a circuitous route in that direction via Marton-cum-Grafton and the Dunsforths etc.

Tucking into the bacon and/or sausage "sarnies" and inordinately large toasted teacakes, the conversation was overheard to cover, of all things, space travel (who wants to volunteer for a one way ticket to Mars? or you must catch the film "Gravity") to rugby (the World cup) and mind over matter?(Placebos etc.??)

Refuelled and after Dave T completed extracting mud from his wheels, we parted company with Norman, Terry, Bill & Roy, who meandered off back towards home, whilst the remaining ten followed deputy Dave en-route to a new eating venue in York (for E.Gs), "Your Bike Shed" On the way through Kirk Hammerton we were greeted with an impressive show of early crocus opposite the ancient church and dotted here and there further shows of approaching spring, flowering daffodil at the road side.

Our route through York was impeded by rail works on the "footbridge" which was closed, meaning we had to search out our own diversion to find and cross the river using Lendal bridge dodging heavy traffic on the way but accompanied by the distinct and even today rare sound of the whistle of a steam train.

Whilst the majority of the E.G's availed themselves of the delights of "Your Bike Shed", Peter B. wandered off to find alternative fare never to be seen again!! (Hope you made it home safely Peter)

Our route home took us by the recently rebuilt Holgate Wind Mill (for flour not "green" electricity) looking splendid in the late afternoon sunlight and outbound via Accomb. The weather continued to smile on us and the pace picked up along the road to Long Marston and the "battle" site.

Retracing our earlier course, easing the pace a little we remaining nine E.G's arrived safely and parted company at the end of Abbey Road about 4.30pm having completed, for most of us approx. 60 miles although Eric reports he eventually logged 67 miles. Thanks for your company chaps. A great days cycling! Dave W. Thankyou.

