

Wednesday, June 10, 2015

Wednesday Rides

Short Ride

Five members opted for the short ride today. Sue and Andy are getting into cycling and are hoping to cycle more often with Wheel Easy, while Nicky and Peter just wanted a gentle morning ride. The group requested a ride with a few hills, less than 20 miles and to be home around noon. The route took us up Brackenthwaite Lane to Braythorn, Almscliff Crag, Huby, Weeton, Kirkby Overblow and onto Christians for coffee. The route gave us stunning views and little traffic. We cycled 19 miles at an average speed of 9.6. From Christians in Crimple Hall Peter, Andy and myself made our way home while Nicky and Sue did some retail therapy. After all it was Sue's birthday! A great ride! Thanks everyone. Paul



Poddler's Ride

What a lovely day! David and I were delighted that we'd chosen to head in the Nidderdale direction. 14 of us set off from Hornbeam. We soon arrived at Little Almscliffe for the 'team' photo. Then we made our way to the A59 via the Fewston Farm Shop road, saying goodbye to 'Sir John' at Pennypot. Once having negotiated the A59, we headed through Forest Moor and then down to Thornthwaite and Darley. Throughout we all remarked on the beautiful countryside [sunshine makes such a difference]. We climbed the last 'serious' hill out of Birstwith to Clint Bank. Then it was a speedy ride through Hollybank woods and onto Ripley for a coffee break, before heading for home. An excellent ride with the usual Wheeleasy 'bonhomie.' David A and Alison N



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On one of the first proper summer days this year there was a surprisingly small turnout at Hornbeam....but the day was too good to waste, so it was a number of riders not used to riding together who set off for Lofthouse and Masham. Holding the gate open at the end of Ripley Woods, it became clear we already had a few riders missing, and it wasn't until I caught up that I learned they had stopped at the toilets! Later on, Dave phoned them to say we would be at Teacups.....going via Brimham didn't seem to have slowed them down at all!

Fortified with Tea Loaf, we set off past Gouthwaite Reservoir to Lofthouse and the long climb out of Nidderdale. Thanks to Martin for the photo of the triumphant riders at the summit, well done to those who hadn't been this way before. Then the wonderful descent past Leighton Reservoir, with late bluebells still in the woods, on and down to Masham. It never fails to surprise me how quickly the landscape changes from bare grouse moor to grazing to the soft wooded valleys. Lunch at Masham, then the easy way home...B 6267 a mile or so outside Masham, West Tanfield, Wath, Ripon.....just 2 hours from Masham to Ripon. About 65 miles, they tell me, with a decent climb. Colin T.

EGs' Ride

Brilliant cycling weather, coolish, lots of sunshine and little wind (well manageable).

A few parish notices,

Cheerio last week to Michael who left to move to near Southwell/Mansfield to be near his family, Michael was one of the few native Harrogateonians in the EG`s.

Big welcome back to John R, who joined us for part of the ride. (Good to see you John).

Also a welcome to another Dave, this time from Sussex.

We had fifteen riders at Low Bridge, the destination being Tadcaster.

Tykes Tearooms was now The Lemon Tree, they were very cycling friendly, and came recommended by Bob, and their service was also very quick.

After excellent toasted teacakes twelve riders headed for York via Bolton Percy, Appleton Roebuck and the obligatory stop at Acaster Selby to see which way the Ouse was flowing (again no change).

On to the cafe in Rowntree Park via the solar system for afternoon tea taken in glorious sunshine.

Then homeward bound via Acomb, Rufforth and a banana break taken at Marston Moor.

The group split (as usual) at the B6164 with some heading for Knaresborough the others for Harrogate.

Perfick conditions, with mileage between high 50`s and low 60`s.

Dave P







Bavarian Cycle Tour

Greetings from Bavaria, we managed 2,490 feet of ascent at an average speed of 7.25 miles per hour after cycling 1.1 miles. In true EG style a cup of tea was then taken without causing cafe shock; after a further mile of cycling a banana break was needed.

On the way we were joined by strange marauders from Leeds! After 5 more banana and water stops we started the search for mad King Ludwig at the Lindyhoff Palace. Having seen how Ludwig behaved Eric decided he would be receiving people in his bedroom. However we are certain he will not get many visitors!!

Our return was 99.99% downhill taken at a speed of 15mph dropping 750 feet. A good day out was had by all. Jill J

