

Sunday, December 13, 2015

Wheel Easy Ride Report 502

Unfortunately due to the icy conditions the usual programme of rides were cancelled. However, those who were keen to ride organised their own routes.



Ride to Boroughbridge

One of those difficult days - take on the icy conditions, or be sensible, go home and make some hot chocolate? It was 2C at Hornbeam, with a high of 3C forecast, and James had almost come off on a patch of ice on his way in. Four of us - Charlie, James, Mark and me - decided that we wanted a ride, and set off after the first group, on its way to Ripon. They weren't at Low Bridge, though, so James suggested a route for the four of us to Farnham, Bishop Monkton, Ripon and Boroughbridge. The floods of last Sunday had largely disappeared, and we only had to make one detour, at Copgrove. Coffee at Lister's Farm was followed by a navigational masterstroke from James - Staveley, Arkendale, Coneythorpe, Goldsborough, and Abbey Road. A welcome alternative to Staveley-Farnham-Sandy Bank. Many thanks to James for working out a perfect route for the conditions. 40 miles. Justin K.

Ride to Masham

Despite the unpleasant weather we managed a ride to Masham Again. The route was modified to stick to main roads in the morning while still aiming for villages with two names. Places en-route included South Stainley, Wormald Green, Rip On (where Andrew left us to head home), North Lees, North Stainley, West Tanfield, Low Burton, Hutton Conyers, and Rip On (where Mike left us). Eric, Declan and I headed to Studley Roger and Fountains Abbey tearooms for a late lunch. We completed just over 50 thoroughly enjoyable miles (well, maybe not the first 10 along the A61). Phil S