

Wednesday, May 25, 2016

Wednesday Rides

Tuesday Ride

Strictly not a normal club ride day.

However arguably the best cycling weather in Yorkshire this year.

The views from Greenhow Hill due to the clarity of the skies were great, up` t dales, North York Moors, the Yorkshire Wolds not quite as clear, and the power stations to the south.

There was Max G, on a vintage Colnago, in superb condition, sparkling in the sun, on its first time out.

Congratulations Max.

DaveP.





Wednesday Ride

The weather forecast today definitely played a part in today's decisions of rides. It was cold, nearly everyone had reverted to "longs" and the idea of getting soaked was not a happy prospect. Four of us decided that a ride to Sophie's would be sufficient and after admiring a selection of Sabbath bikes at Low Bridge we headed for Farnham, keeping an eye on the rain we could see in the distance. But it held off on our way to Burton Leonard, Markington, Bishop Thornton and Hampsthwaite. We arrived at the same time as Caroline and Monica and enjoyed our coffees together. Home via Clint and the Greenway and some rain just as we crossed the Stray. An enjoyable ride, no soaking as advertised, 30 fairly speedy miles and as always good company. Thank you Martin, Colin and Jeannie. Gia



Richard's Ride

So a fast blast for me at the back on the hills to Otley 'spoons, Creskeld and K Overblow 35m back before the rain on a chilly windy morning, but good to have gone. RP



Poddlers Ride

Two Poddlers' set off for somewhere before the rain started and it didn't. We did the Little Almscliff, Menwith, and Sophie's loop where we, with perfect timing, walked in to said cafe with the big boys and girls of a breakaway Wednesday riders' group. After a quick coffee and chat, the hill out of Hampsthwaite had been ironed out and we returned to Harrogate via another quick stop for collecting of wild garlic leaves for soup. The rain hit us as we finished the foraging, and we arrived home under cover sheltered by the Greenway's green. Thank you for your company the back, side, and front marker. 25 miles, 14,024 paces, 77 floors, of very pleasant cycling. CG

Wednesday Wanderers Ride

Cloudy skies and a forecast of rain may have deterred some, but 10 hardy Wanderers set off towards Fountains. John left us at Ripley to surge on in his own direction. The grind up Scarah Bank soon warmed us up, particularly those few of us who had opted for full weather gear. Right on Watergate Road and a photo stop with Fountains Hall just visible in the background. No sign of the rain that was forecast so we decided to carry

on while the going was good rather than having coffee at Fountains. At this point, after a little delay by the roundabout outside the Visitors Centre, Mike and his bike appeared to have vanished into thin air, not to be found anywhere in the vicinity. 8 mystified Wanderers continued on their way swooping down the deer park and on through Ripon and past Littlethorpe. Turning right at Bishop Monkton we cycled through Markington and up to the Drovers crossroads (is it still called the Drovers crossroads now that the pub of that name has gone?). Back to Ripley for coffee and cake at the church where Mike had beaten us to it having unwittingly got ahead of us by leaving the facilities at Fountains on a different path. Mystery solved. Having been a pleasant dry ride up to this point it was raining when we left the church, so at least my full weather gear and Mike's red cape eventually came in handy. 33 miles Dave G



EG's Ride

Please don't leave us again Dave; our imagination today would only extend as far as Boroughbridge Morrisons, and even then we managed to lose one of our team, who was last seen charging up his electric bike. I thought you just needed a thirteen amp socket....

Tea and buns inside us, three opted to return to Harrogate, whilst a group set off for Ripon in search of our missing mate, whom we found enjoying the comforts of Spa Gardens cafe. More fuel and a long chat meant we had left it too late to retain any appetite for further miles, particularly as the expected rain was now on us. So back home it was, with the exception of Phil (good on yer mate), who went off in search of more miles. Thanks to Phil, Bob, Norman, Bill, Nick, and Terry for the usual excellent company. Dave S.

