

Sunday, November 6, 2016

Wheel Easy Ride Report 548

Short Ride

It is fair to say I wasn't overwhelmed with takers for the Short Ride this morning! Just Jean and I headed south through the few showers of light rain to Spofforth. We were caught up by the Medium Group but left them again and so we made our way from Spofforth and over the hill to Little Ribston. Here we joined the "B" road to Knaresborough and heading north into the wind we soon knew where the chill was coming from. Then we turned along Abbey Road and on to Waterside for a coffee and scone at the cafe. To finish it was homeward up the Beryl Burton Way. 15 slightly soggy miles, but so pleased I went out, and Jean felt the same. Martin W.



Medium Ride

The forecast promised heavy rain, low temperatures and a strong northerly wind. But four stalwarts of the medium ride plus a slightly reluctant leader set off on the planned route.

It still hadn't started raining when we reached Wetherby by going down to Spofforth and along the Harland Way (still pretty dry and cycle-able) then turned north into the wind to Cowthorpe, Cattal and Whixley. We were relieved to arrive at the warmth of Tancred Farm cafe and had a pleasant chat over scones. While we were there, the heavens opened and we congratulated ourselves on our impeccable timing, especially since it stopped before we left. But our luck couldn't hold and as we approached Little Ouseburn the rain came so it was heads down and we ploughed on. Fortunately it stopped and we returned in watery sunshine, via Arkendale and Knaresborough.

The actual weather turned out to be much better than forecast and it was an enjoyable ride in the end. 36 miles. Al D.

Medium Plus Ride

Leaving home in the wind and rain I decided to abandon the ride calendar route and just head to Pool for a coffee as I was sure no one would want a medium plus ride this morning. However, thirteen riders decided to head with me towards Pool. By the time we reached Almscliffe Crag the weather was improving and the group of ten decided they wanted to follow the ride calendar route which went along Arthington Lane, up Creskeld Lane to Bramhope and along York Gate before dropping down to Otley. Unfortunately on route a car overtook James too close and clipped him with the car mirror. Fortunately he was fine and able to continue. I had always thought Otley wasn't a particularly good stop for a coffee on a Sunday but Debbie assured us there were lots of cafes and that a Costa had recently opened. No guessing where the majority of us ended up! We returned home via Farnley. An enjoyable 33 mile ride! Thanks everyone.



Long Ride

In view of the weather forecast for wind & rain & low temperatures a relatively short long ride with options for cutting it short if necessary seemed a good plan. Just 4 set from Hornbeam heading out via Goldsborough, Flaxby & Arkendale towards Aldwark Bridge & then through the villages of Aldwark, Flawith, Myton on Swale & Helperby before reaching our café destination in Boroughbridge. It was the first visit to Bean Vintage for most of the group as it has only recently started opening on Sundays – it was definitely worth the visit, a nice welcome, friendly & efficient service & good food. It was also great timing as it meant we missed a heavy rain shower. Setting off again we agreed to stick to the plan of heading for Ripon where we met up for a while with Dave W & Norman. It was then home to Harrogate via Littlethorpe, Bishop Monkton & Knaresborough. Weather conditions were much better than forecast & in spite of the very chilly start to the morning we even saw the sun on the way home. It was a great ride of around 50 miles in good company, thanks to Phil, Dave S & Dan.

