

Sunday, July 2, 2017

Wheel EasyRide Report 581

Medium Ride

There were 14 at Hornbeam, a little too many for a single group, but we set off on the basis that we would stay in groups of 3-4 on the Greenway and beyond. Joe joined, by arrangement, at Dragon Bridge, making 15. At the top of Scarah Bank we came upon Gordon and Alison: it was very good to see them both, joining us for a few miles on their route to Fountains. Max was going to leave us to go straight to Brimham, but even so, we resembled nothing so much as a Tour de France peloton. Joe very kindly offered to lead a separate group, so I led a breakaway 8 down Watergate Road, and then left at the bottom and back up to Sawley. This part of the route was new to several of us, and very attractive it was too. Coffee was taken at Risplith, and then it was the climb up to Brimham: as always, the wind was dead on the nose, the down payment for the reward to come. But what a reward, on the road past Brimham and then a free-wheel down Stripe Lane, and on down to Hartwith Toll Bridge. One more climb up Clint Bank, then it was along the Greenway and home. Near the end we met Geraldine, looking cool in her shades, and then Fiona and Jenny: great to see them all out. A brilliant ride, thanks to everyone for the company. Special thanks to Joe for leading the second group. 52km/33 miles, and 700 metres of climbing: a testing, but excellent, Medium route. Justin K.



Medium Plus Ride

Ride to Easingwold:
SEVEN : riders
FORTY : miles
ONE: EIGHT: Stop
ONE COMPLAINT: Why can't a cafe serve eggs after 11.30 when the majority of their clientele are cyclists?
MANY COMPLIMENTS: for quality of same cafe's coffee
ONE: Electric bike
FOUR: Straight handle bar bikes
THREE: Road bikes

TWO:

FIVE:

ONE

FINE

Thanks for great company today, Debbie, Dan, Carl, Paul, Malcolm and Gia.

Ladies

Gentlemen

DAY.



100 Miler

Sunday dawned bright but coolish, with light winds favourable for the outward leg to Selby, where a quick break at Morrisons refreshed us all.

A navigational malfunction shortly afterwards in Barlby resulted in losing a couple of miles of the ride. If anyone wants to go looking for them, they are in South Duffield.

Gradually round into the wind on a now pleasantly warm and sunny day, ideal for our purpose, led us to Strawberry Fields on the A19, an excellent "old style" transport café, frequented by ageing motor cyclists reliving their youths. Our three groups briefly met up here.

Plenty of bacon sausage and beans inside us and off again up the planets cycle path, across the Knavesmire and onto the riverside cycle way to Beningborough, where some could now sense the distant tea and buns. Before we knew it we had arrived in Rocliffe, chez moi, for what is becoming the traditional 100 miler tea stop. Again, our three groups met up to compare the merits of carrot cake versus scones versus Yorkshire recipe parkin. A splendid afternoon tea stop, where the collection on behalf of Rocliffe Church raised a staggering £234.05.

Heartfelt thanks to all for these contributions; the money will be carefully spent. Massive thanks as well as to James for so caringly backmarking all day.

The discipline finally broke down a bit for the final leg of the journey back to Hornbeam, and a bit of competitive spirit crept into the proceedings. Well it wouldn't be right to get back with something still in the tanks, would it?

Great thanks to all who turned out for an excellent day. Dave S.















