

Wednesday, January 24, 2018

Wednesday Rides

EG's Ride

The weather forecast was not good initially but would get better ? and there seemed to be a good slot with some sun before it got worse again, so lets go for that slot.

Cyclists can be a bit like anglers and exaggerate, however round about 8-00 am on Harlow Hill there were strong gusts of wind and horizontal rain.

But by 10-00am at Low Bridge the rain had eased off, and we had four riders, Bill, Dave P, Dave S and Geoff, not a bad turn out, though a set of three riders were seen leaving Hornbeam Carpark prior to that.

Morrisons Cafe at Boroughbridge was chosen for our first stop, now there`s a surprise, but the bikes like it and can find their own way there.

The men`s downhill to Occaney as usual was taken by Dave (wonderwheels) Siswick closely followed by Geoff, while Bill and Dave P where concentrating on a small patch of blue sky to the North.

It was as usual good quality Morrison`s fare and the world was once again put to right.

Then it was home via the Dunsforth`s, Arkendale and Knaresborough, it was a pleasant little ride and well worth doing, and not succumbing to the threats made by the wicked wind banging on the bedroom window at 7-00am which made us feel good. Dave P

Wanderers' Ride

Arriving at Hornbeam this morning there wasn't another cyclist to be seen and a passing lady stopped to ask where everyone was. Fortunately I was soon joined by Alison and Maris who were both keen to ride and we were waved off by James. After passing DP who was heading towards the EGs, our route was Pannal then Drury Lane to Kirkby Overblow. It was damp but not pouring and there were plenty of gusts of wind but nothing we couldn't manage having all graduated from a C to C in a strong headwind last year! The rain had more or less stopped as we approached Wetherby so we turned off to Linton and over the new bridge to Collingham. Here there is need for another bridge as we had to push our bikes on the footway to avoid the new lake at the back of Tesco's! We were soon up Jewitt Lane and heading for Bramham, Clifford and Boston Spa. I hadn't done this route since before the 2015 Boxing Day floods but between us we remembered the way with only one slight hiccup. Soon we were ensconced in the Wise Owl cafe, where we were warmly welcomed and soon consuming excellent food at extremely reasonable prices. My companions declined being photographed so you have a photo of the inside of the cafe with them hiding behind a menu! Our return route was through Thorp Arch village to Wetherby then via North Deighton to Spofforth and Follifoot. This avoided the worst of the wind and we were now enjoying the sunshine. We did think about all those reluctant cyclists staying at home and doing chores! 34 miles. Liz Pugh

