

Wednesday, March 28, 2018

## Wednesday Rides

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### Poddlers' Ride

Six poddlers' all with different weather forecasts set off towards the Greenway hoping that for once the BBC was right. A gentle shower at about 1 o'clock. We managed to hold the Wanderers in check as they tried to zoom passed at the speed of light heading for Boroughbridge.....we knew a much quicker route that did not involve many hills and not via Carlisle. We womanfully headed upwards towards Brimham with Jen, Margaret and Jill (our carer), having what looked (from afar) like a near death experience with a large lorry mid swoop. Luckily it looked worse from far away and we eventually reached Brimham Rocks intact bodily and groupily. The swoop down was as glorious as usual only involving a small lorry incident necessitating Jane's and Sue's dismount...difficult..... Jill and Jen reached speeds of 37 mph and something else very fast. We stopped the speeding at Ripley and went to Ripley cafe...for over toasted tea cakes, cold scones and tea and coffee, served with sulky reluctance. After Easter let's hope the Ladies of Ripley open the church cafe after Easter. We met Glyn on the Greenway....in a state of shock due to the loss of the group David and he were following and we had a mingle with the Wednesday riders who had been caught in a non-forecast hail storm but seemed overjoyed to be out.... 27.5 mile, 14,304 paces and 86 floors with a lot of laughing.CG



### Wednesday Wanderers' Ride

The original forecast for Wednesday was rain in the morning changing to snow in the afternoon, but then it all changed. It was a chilly, cloudy morning and with the sun starting to break through, leading my first ride, 18 Wanderer's set off towards the Greenway and on to Ripley, the Poddler's somehow got in front of us while we went around the Stray, so we followed them to Ripley and regrouped. By the time we cycled up Scarah Bank riders had warmed up, then on to Markington, a lot of riders commented how nice it was to go down the hill rather than peddle up it! On to Bishop Monkton where 3 riders left the group to go back through Mountgarret, Ripley and home. The rest carried on to Littlethorpe where unfortunately a female rider while going around the sharp left-hand bend went on some mud and came off her bike, thankfully no injuries. Having regrouped we made our way passing the racecourse, the daffodils looked nice alongside Ripon canal, then on to Skelton on Ure and Boroughbridge, where we stopped at 'Bean' for coffee, 2 riders decided not to stop and carried on. Here we split into 2 groups, it appeared that while looking out of the window it was raining heavy, so the group on the other table ordered another coffee! They told to us go on and they would make their own way back. We set off, the rain had stopped

when we got outside; cycling through Staveley, Farnham, we decided to miss the traffic at Bond End and went along Chain Lane, Abbey Road and Waterside, then we split up at Bogs Lane. A nice steady ride in good company. Thanks to Mike for being back marker, at least when you saw him you knew no one had been left behind! 37 miles. Chris Rogers.



### **Wednesday Ride**

Destination Birchfield Farm cafe, 13 Wednesday riders set off hoping to beat the impending precipitation. Weather chilly but better than expected, up we went to Little Almscliffe sadly Paul had a puncture and asked us to leave him!! Onwards to pass HMS Forest Hill and then down towards Darley. Brilliant timing by James to meet us as we hit the hill towards the village. Across the toll road onto the Pateley road and before long we arrived at Birchfield Farm. 13 hungry cyclists was a little too many at a time initially but extra staff were called upon probably leaving their lambing duties. Luckily for us it was not lamb bottle time so we were fed instead. Huge scones and other cake type delicacies went down very well with the usual beverages. 5 riders left to return home over the toll bridge and the remaining 8 set off up Stripe Lane and passed Brimham. As we reached the highest altitude it was time for our forecast precipitation, ours came in the form of hail and very painful it was too! Coinciding with our greatest speeds our faces were peppered with hail but we thought it was probably less wet than rain so we took it on the chin! The sun came out and we cycled merrily on to Ripley enjoying the downward route with very little pedalling required. A really enjoyable ride and super views, a route to be recommended. Thanks to all for a lovely ride and 36 hilly miles completed. Sue C



### **Wednesday Long Ride**

The Long Riders were a bit thin on the ground this morning, with only four volunteers. Given the prevailing westerly winds a north-south ride was the order of the day with a ride to Bedale. The usual route of Knaresborough, Ripon, Wath, and Kirklington. The outbound ride was relatively uneventful with the exception that an ASDA delivery van decided to encroach on our road space. By the time we reached Bedale we were down to three riders. We decided to take refreshments at The Bridge Beer Café, where Richard L decided to eat a chocolate coated brick, made out of Rice Krispies, for some reason no one was eager to try the burgers. Leaving Bedale we returned to Harrogate via Burrill, Thornton Watlass, Masham, Kirkby Malzeard and Winksley. Seeing the black clouds on the horizon we decided to head to Fountains Abbey tearooms and watch the hail stones bouncing off the grass. Once the rain had gone we continued our ride to Bishop Thornton, Ripley and the Greenway. A shortish Long Ride but at least we stayed dry, which is more than could be said for the bikes. PCJ

# TUESDAY NIGHT BURGERS

- \* Beef
- \* Zebra
- \* Crocodile
- \* Kangaroo
- \* Venison
- \* Vegetarian
- \* Ostrich
- \* Buffalo + mushroom
- \* Wild boar + apple
- \* Horse, red wine & mustard
- \* Camel
- \* Veal
- \* Llama



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OR MEDIUM WINE.

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