

Sunday, July 29, 2018

## Wheel Easy Ride Report 634

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### Short Ride

In 2016 Kevin D organised a tour around Morecambe Bay and it rained heavily the whole time. That's now my benchmark and today's conditions didn't compare so I was determined to cycle. Arriving at Hornbeam I wasn't surprised to see Dave S and James G there as they both cycle whatever the weather. After a quick discussion Peter B, James G, Anna and myself set off on a short ride for a coffee at Sophie's. This was only Anna's second time with Wheel Easy and she had come in from Ripon, so well done to her. Even though it was raining I really enjoyed the 20 mile route through Beckwithshaw and Kettleasing to Hampsthwaite. The staff at Sophie's couldn't believe we had cycled there and told us on leaving not to worry about the puddles we had left behind. The route back home was via Knox Bridge. Thanks for the company everyone! Paul

### It was a busy morning at Hornbeam....



### Long Ride

Well, everyone had clearly seen the weather forecast, as only 8 riders turned up for the Sunday rides. Amongst them was Anna, on her first Wheel Easy ride, welcome to her. On the long ride we welcomed Lionel from France who is on holiday here, and he made up the select group of 4 which set off into the wind and rain as we headed southish down to Spofforth. I for one was soon wet through but at least I was warm and wet. Just after Tockwith, a car spat a stone into my glasses and cheek but no damage was done. If it had been 2" higher and I hadn't been wearing glasses, well..... At Askham Richard we decided to cut off to Tadcaster for a well-earned bacon sandwich and tea at the Lemon Tree where they were very welcoming! We then went to Bramham, Boston Spa and Walton where I departed for an early shower and to take my granddaughter home. I managed about 40 miles and the others probably over 50. A good day's work