

May 2013 News Letter

Well May has arrived and we have had a slight improvement in the weather, still a little cold on those early Sunday rides. We have now started the Thursday night rides and the turnout has been very good so far, even the short but steep ride this week didn't put anyone off.

Membership has now reached 40 paid up members with some new members still to join so it looks like we should breakthrough the 50 barrier this year which is fantastic!

Please don't forget that if any of you would like to plan a route or event and want it added to the News letter please get the information to me by the third week of the month so I get it published in time. I really could do with some help with route planning so if you have a route that you are desperate to do get it to me ASAP.

May Calendar:

Thursday 2nd May: Leaving from Howmet at 16:45 (Later start to give those who start at the bridge time to get here). The ride tonight heads out to Broadclyst pass the New Inn (I did say past! there will be time to pop in later.) and then turn left through Clyst St Lawrence and onto to Clyst Hydon then follow the lanes out towards Kentisbere where we turn left back into Cullompton from there up into Bradnich and back to the New Inn for the promised refreshments. (25m)

Saturday / Sunday 4/5th May : Today the Lejog team set off with the support of 15 members joining them for the weekend ride back to Exeter on Sunday. Total mileage for the weekend around 150 miles.

Anyone who is not riding the weekend from Lands End but still wishing to ride on Sunday please put a shout on the website or Facebook and let people know what you have in mind.

Monday 6th May: Leaving from Aldi Pinhoe 08:30 the Lejog team are continuing on to Chepstow via Taunton, Bridgewater etc. one or two club members are joining them for part of the route if anyone wishes to join in you are more than welcome. Please be prompt if riding we will leave on time.

Thursday 9th May: Leaving Howmet at 16:35 riding via Bridge (16:50 at Bridge) along river and out on to the Tiverton Rd at Bickleigh we take the back road over Cadbury Hill back towards Crediton finishing up at the Beer Engine for refreshments, then back to Exeter. 30m.

Sunday 12th May: Leaving the Bridge at 08:00 heading out to Mamhead and a gentle climb up our favourite hill, at the top of the hill turn left and follow the road around and down over Mr Wellaway's favourite hill and then around to pick up the main road into Teignmouth where we stop for coffee stop. Then back home via Dawlish. 35m

Thursday 16th May: Leaving Howmet at 16:45 (Later start so those from the Bridge can join us) tonight we head out to complete the Tivvy Loop via, Broadclyst, and Silverton coming back around through Willand and Cullompton and then back to the New Inn for refreshments. Tonight's ride is to practice team riding with the aim to ride longer at pace but at the same time making sure we look out for everyone, so we will divide into two teams one for the quicker riders among us and one for those who are happy at 14 mph average.

Sunday 19th May: Mystery route to be devised by Mr Simon Wellaway but still starting at the Bridge at 08:00 keep an eye out on the website for more details later this month.

Thursday 23rd May: Leaving Howmet at 16:35 and meeting the guys at the Bridge then ride out through Topsham, pass Darts Farm and picking up the Hooker Route around to Budleigh we then head on back to Newton Pop and back up onto Woodbury from here we ride to the White Horse for refreshments before heading home. (35 +)

Sunday 26th May: Today we do something slightly different leaving the Bridge at 08:00 we proceed to Pinhoe and pick up group B opposite the Royal Oak, from here we head off towards Tiverton and then on to Minehead for Breakfast for those of you who don't fancy the mileage or don't have the time you can turn around at Black Cat and make your way home. The short route will be about 35m and the full route will be around 95m. I know a few of you have thought about doing this in the past but haven't had the time so you have now been given plenty of notice to book it in. This is a beautiful ride and is not as hard as you might think.

Thursday 30th May: Leaving at Howmet at 16:35 .Mystery route chosen by Joff not a clue where but will definitely finish at a pub!

Well that's me finished for another month I would like to say that I won't be around for the first half of the month as me and a few mates will be enjoying our jaunt to Scotland. So if you all decide not to do these proposed routes please make sure you inform each other ahead of time it's important that everyone knows what the route is for the day.

Wows are still doing really well and riding on Saturdays, Julie will put a shout on the website each week.