



CHAIRMANS QUARTERLY BLOG – SPRING 2021

Hallelujah! Wednesday 31 March we resumed club cycling with 14 members turning out on a warm sunny day ideal for riding. It was great to see so many of you out again for our first club ride of the year, fingers crossed that there will be no further disruptions. I continue to thank you all for complying with the COVID-19 guidelines in these extraordinary times, the latest restrictions applicable to the club can be found on the website www.khwcc.org Members have continued to take many opportunities to continue riding by themselves, or with a buddy, and to take part in cycle challenges or zoom social events. Here are some of the highlights of the last quarter:

Club Rides

Due to restrictions, there have been no club rides in the last quarter excepting the one on Wednesday. However, going forward there are numerous regular rides planned for Tuesday evenings, Wednesday mornings, Thursday evenings, Saturday mornings and Sunday mornings. Other rides will be advertised on the events calendar and/or by WhatsApp.

Club Ride Challenges

Jon introduced these for February and March and it encouraged numerous members to challenge themselves and/or others on pre agreed cycling challenges and also on a photo competition. During February bottles of fizz were won by Rick doing the longest ride in a day of 94 miles, Steve for doing the most elevation in a day of 9,951ft and Graeme for his snow cycle (first photo below). During March bottles of fizz are now heading to Clare for the quickest ladies TT in 30:56 minutes, PhilC for the quickest gents TT in 24:15 minutes, and to Steve for most elevation climbed in an hour of 2,897ft. Chapeau to them all for their sterling efforts. During the rest of the year Jon will be suggesting further challenges for those who wish to partake.



Sportives

Due to easing of restrictions various local Sportives are now confirmed, and I would welcome you to participate in these as much as you are able. Action Medical Research are one of our chosen charities and they have the Castle 100 sportive arranged for Sunday 09 May starting at Tonbridge Castle. The club has supported this Sportive for many years and numerous members have already confirmed they will take part. Please check out our events calendar on the website for further news on Sportives.

Club Events

AndrewS has confirmed a busy events schedule for this year. Already we have had 3 quizzes thanks to AndrewS and MarkW, all of which had good attendance. Congratulations to the Rhodes, Hopkins and Perts for their superior brain powers, all of which received a bottle of fizz. Social drinks get together are also planned. Please check out our website for the up-to-date events calendar.



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Club Website

The Committee have been working very hard at developing content to be included on the website. In particular Neil has facilitated a Google Drive for members where various club information can now be accessed by members, you will have received an access link from Neil. AndyP, Jon and Neil have led this initiative and my personal thanks to them for some great input.

Tim Watling

As most of you will be aware Tim (West Malling Cycles) passed away in early February, he will be greatly missed by many members as a superb bike mechanic and/or as a dear friend. The club arranged a wreath for his funeral and, thanks to members, raised £130 (plus individual contributions) which was donated to his chosen charities. He will be sadly missed. RIP Tim.

Finally

Take care out there on the roads, enjoy your cycling, I look forward to riding and socialising with you all during the year.

Should you have any comments on club matters then I would be delighted to hear from you.

With very best regards

Mat

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