



CHAIRMANS QUARTERLY BLOG – AUTUMN 2022

My heartiest warm welcome to all members. The last quarter has been full of great cycling activities and other events, so let's see below what's been going on and what's ahead.

Club Members

During the last quarter, our membership has further increased to 93 members and 18 guest members, totalling 111 potentially riding with the club. I'm delighted to welcome Craig Ormiston and Paul Thrower who both have now joined the club, I wish you very happy riding and socialising.

Club Rides

There has been a super variety of rides this summer including the regular Folkestone rides. Regular morning rides now continue on Wednesday's, Saturday's, and Sunday's. Please record on the Rides WhatsApp if you wish to ride as it helps with our health and safety policy. We would welcome any members willing to become Ride Leaders as we are often wanting, please contact Jon.



The Italian Job

Our Intrepid Explorer, (Sir) Andrew Scott, Alias Scotty project managed another brilliant overseas club cycle tour to Bormio in North-East Italy. There were 11 members attending which included 3 guests, Amongst other summit climbs the highlight was tackling the mighty Stelvio 48 switchbacks (hairpins) one side and 38 the other side in one day amounting to 14,129ft of climbing in one day in temperatures reaching 35 degrees centigrade. Chapeau to all!



Club Monthly Challenges

These continue to be very popular managed by Jon, congratulations to all 19 members who completed the Cycle Everest Challenge in July and August and to Damian Cairns and Sabrina Boyce for winning the September TT challenge. This month's challenge is to climb the combined height of the 3 Great British Peaks amounting to 9,834 feet, go on give it a go!

Club Merchandise

Mark Watson has been developing new club kit with our suppliers which will include a new Sponsor and also a Pro Kit option (for those with six packs). More to follow from Mark in the coming period.



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Club Social Events

Please note in your diary further club drinks evenings on Saturday 22 October and also on Saturday 26 November when I will be hosting a Chairmans happy hour from 6:30pm at either the Spitfire or Malling Jug depending on weather. The Main Event however, not to be missed is our annual dinner on Sunday 04 December at 5pm at the North Pole Public House and Restaurant until late! Jerry Teasdale has already booked the venue so please save the date and let Jerry know if you can attend!

Club Communications

Please check out our website and the clubs Google Drive for Members for various club information. https://drive.google.com/drive/folders/1LJpgGDdr4PsZ9XVLKYQWyZEGI_p-PW8X

Future of the Club – 3 Year Development Plan

Thank you so much for all of your feedback on what works well, what doesn't work well and what you would like to change on club development. We had circa 40 members replying which was tremendous. We are fully reviewing all comments, I will then respond to each member, and we will then include actions as appropriate in producing a 3 Year Development Plan which is intended to go live on 01 January 2023.

HRH Queen Elizabeth II

The Club paid its respects to our wonderful, deceased monarch by laying flowers at the Running Airman in the company of our club member the Reverend Mark Montgomery.



Finally

Please take care in riding as the weather closes in on us, I very much look forward to riding and socialising with you all in the coming future.

With very best wishes

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