

WHEELERS' DIGEST

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Wellesbourne Wheelers

Diary Dates

Saturday 09 April - Rawlison Bracket (Harbury RC)

Sunday 08 May - May Flyer Sportive (Cobham Surrey)

Sunday 03 July - Tour d'Ilmington (Newbold on Stour)

Sunday 10 July - Broughton Castle (Broughton)

Sunday 10 July - Myton Hospices' Challenge (Warwick)

Saturday 20 August - Cotswold Classic (Stratford Racecourse)

Saturday 10 September - Bards' Ride (Honington)

(Please let the Secretary know of events to add to this list)

Membership

The current membership year ended on 28 Feb. Thanks to all who have renewed for 2022 already, those who have not please do so as soon as possible.

Simply go to the website home page and use the **Join Us** button.

<http://wellesbourne-wheelers.org.uk>

WW Summer BBQ

Given the absence of the awards evening this year it is even more important that we have the opportunity to gather as a club in a safe and fun way.

We have arranged for a BBQ event to take place on 06 May 22, 7pm at Lighthorne Pavillion. Cost will be £20 per person which will cover starters, mains, desert, tea/coffee. Please bring your own booze if you're not driving or cycling.

Everyone on the committee is eagerly anticipating getting to catch up with people from across all groups of the club in a nice social setting. We will also be naming "Wheeler of the Year".

Please use the link to book your place and submit your preferences: <https://forms.gle/5ku4yQ7mkCUee7CY9>

Final confirmations and payments need to be made before 23 April, all payments are non refundable so please be sure before transferring funds.

Club Awards

Mountford Rider of the year: Here is Richard Bacon receiving his Rider of the Year Award at Mountford's The View café stop on Thursday 17th March.

Amazingly through the year Richard ensured there was a weekly ride skilfully negotiating pandemic regulations, weather, deputising as ride leader and being cheerleader par excellence. Always attentive for group safety and developing new ride leaders. - Philip Harris



Dene Rider of the year: John Sulley received the award for unstinting service in taking us on multiple exploration routes to discover the delights of the local area, even to the far distance of Burford and your guided tours of the Isle of Wight.

Add to this assistance in breakdown situations and offers of free "air" to inflate sad tyres, a man for all seasons.

- David Thomas



Tuesday Evening Ride

Tuesday Evening Ride season kicks off on 5 April. Meeting at 6pm, aiming to complete the ride in daylight, but please have lights on your bike in case it is gloomy.

The distance will be about 25 miles and we have a selection of routes that take into account wind direction on the day. Pace will vary to accommodate all riders, and a Tuesday Evening ride is a good way to ease into the Club.

I look forward to seeing a mix of regulars and newbies. - *Paul Markwick*

Mad March Hare

Two of the Hastings group - Peter Coote and myself - recently took part in the infamous Mad March Hare Sportive, which is an "interesting" early season challenge which starts and finishes in Longbridge.

The ride itself was 68.5 miles with 5,021ft of climbing, so you can now put your own interpretation on the word "interesting"!

The weather conditions were excellent apart from being cold. Peter started at around 8.10am, but I left it until 9am in order to benefit from as much warmth as possible!



A nice pasta based meal awaited all the finishers, so it wasn't all bad!

We both finished with Peter smashing his target, completing in 4hrs 41mins. I fell short of my target but a good time of 4hrs 39mins.

If you fancy a tough early season challenge next year, then think about putting this one in your 2023 sportive diary! - *Gary Gristwood*

Hastings rider of the year: Gordon was one of a group of eight core riders who turned out at least 25 times last year and the continuing success and strength of the Hastings group is largely based on this consistency.



A willingness to help others, a very positive attitude and his

invaluable help in getting our Hastings team over the line to win the Broughton Castle 57 mile team event last July were all contributory factors to him being such a deserving winner.

Hastings/Tuesday Morning rider Peter Coote tucking in to his pie, chips and vegetables. Big breakfasts are also on his agenda at the end of our Tuesday morning rides so, if there was to be an award for "biggest eater at the mid point or end of the ride" it would surely be no contest! - *Gary Gristwood*



The Wheelers' Rest & The Alps

Tuesday evening cycling restarts 5th April with separate rides for men and women. We tend to decide on routes on the day, women aim for 22-25 and men 25-27 miles.

Tuesday evening has always been a social ride finishing at the pub, but with the Stag's Head unavailable there's a new plan. The Wheelers Rest is a new venture for Tuesday evenings aiming to raise funds for the William Wates Memorial Trust.

The charity supports youth projects encouraging young people to keep away from anti social behaviour and criminal activity, allowing them to fulfil their potential. Their main fundraising activity is "Le Loop" which offers the opportunity for amateur cyclists to tackle between 2 to all 21 stages of the Tour de France, fully supported one week ahead of the pros.



I hope you will support Sue and I who will be undertaking the Alps loop at the beginning of July.

Please do drop in for a drink at The Wheelers Rest - 2 Canberra Close (access from the back gate on Bristol Way, look for the sign!) Open Tuesday evenings from 7:30 pm and

please support us via <https://fundraising.wgmt.org/fundraisers/alisonandsue> - *Alison Speechly*

(We would like to include regular news items from around the Club - so please forward potential article to secretary@wellesbourne-wheelers.org.uk)

Stay safe and be kind.