

KINGS HILL WHEELERS – CHAIRMANS BLOG – SPRING 2020

Wow! What a last three months we have had! From a mild start to the year with lots of club cycling to the unfortunate position of both club rides and social events being in lockdown. Bizarre!

The start of the year was a busy time for the club with a reshuffled committee on board. A big welcome to our two new committee members, Lisa Waspe our new Club Treasurer, and Stuart Skilton our new Events Manager.

We have followed up all existing sponsors who have now all confirmed that they wish to support the club for another year. They have committed a total of £2,100 in donations which the club will in turn allocate to the clubs chosen charities. We have met with last years charities and they are delighted to be associated with the club for another year.

We have undertaken a big review of the website which includes profiling all new committee members, a new club events calendar, posting committee meeting minutes, a velodrome blog and video, posting 20 'Ride with GPS' Club Routes, updating the gallery, providing a link to 'West Malling Cycles', and finally posting a statement on coronavirus which we will update as appropriate. A big thanks to Neil for the posting of all these updates.

The website now profiles 20 planned routes which can be uploaded through the 'RidewithGPS' portal to Garmin, Wahoo, Lezyne and other GPS computers. Much thanks to Jon, Rick and Robin for their superior GPS knowledge in contributing to the compilation of these routes.

Also, many thanks to Rick for arranging another great session at the London Velodrome.



Ciaran, Martin, Jon, Graeme, Mat, Glen and Nick at the Velodrome, 22 January.

Prior to the lockdown the club had a great two months of rides with one Saturday morning turning out 16 riders.



Paul, Trevor, Jon, Andrew, Phil and Andrew, recuperating with a well-earned coffee, 01 February!

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Mat, Jerry, Andre and Trevor at Hush Heath, Hic, 26 February!

Unfortunately, March was a very short month for group riding but started with the arduous Kentish Killer on 01 March. Chapeau to Paul Williams and Steve Pope for completing this really testing sportive so early in the season. Please note that future arranged Sportives are all under review and that the Castle 100 ride has been postponed from 03 May to 04 October.



Steve and Paul



We had commenced organised social events with a great turnout of over 20 at the Spitfire on the evening of 07 March, much thanks to all that attended and a special thanks to Neil for organising.



Margaret, Ellen and Neil



Jerry, Gary and Rick



Richard, Nick and Sarah

Unfortunately, social events are on hold but when we beat this virus, and the lock down is lifted, the committee will arrange a get together so that we can all get reacquainted with each other, catch up on valuable drinking time and plan the future! More details to follow in due course.

In the meantime, you will obviously have to make you own decisions on cycling, I would encourage you all to carry on cycling, whether indoors or outdoors, to maintain your mental and physical wellbeing. Please comply with the official websites, I will regularly check and will provide you with any updates I discover, and I will post these through the KHWCC WhatsApp Ride Group.

Take care and happy cycling.

Chapeau

Mat