

WHEELER'S DIGEST

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Wellesbourne Wheelers

Diary Dates

Friday/Saturday 18/19 March - Spin-a-thon (WSCC)

Sunday 20 March - Mad March Hare (Longbridge)

Saturday 09 July - Rawlinson Bracket (Harbury RC)

Sunday 10 July - Myton Hospices' Challenge (Warwick)

Saturday 20 August - Cotswold Classic (Stratford Racecourse)

Saturday 10 September - Bards's 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 by the end of the month.

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

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

Committee; Chair's note

So who is this new Wellesbourne Wheelers Chair?

I pilot a tandem with stoker Claire and enjoy a regular cycle ride and café stop with the Mountford Group.

Getting out riding a bike is what brings us together and our great Club offers a variety of groups to cater for different capabilities; something for everybody.

Any group activity needs organisation and I would like to thank, on behalf of all Wheelers, those volunteers who have done a sterling job in keeping our wheels turning throughout the pandemic; Big Cheers! This leads on to thanking those who have volunteered to serve and lead this year. With the easing of the severity of the pandemic and Springtime beckoning we look forward to good cycling and broadening our Club activities.

Club Awards

Sunday Casual Rider of the year: John Tuck has been chosen for this award for his outstanding qualities whilst riding with the Sunday Casual group. Weather rarely phases John but safety and road conditions are paramount.



His support on Sundays is almost 100% unless his grandsons are at home and then they rightly take priority.

Sunday Club Rider of the year: Rob Lillywhite has made an outstanding contribution to the Club ride over the years and has been responsible for organising the group and keeping us in order during this period.



He has always looked out for the weaker riders and worked hard to ensure the ride stays together as well as providing interesting and challenging routes when taking on the ride leader's responsibilities.

Many thanks to Rob for his hard work for the Sunday Club group and the whole club over many years.

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 Tuesday regulars and newbies on the 5th.

Ps Whilst we will be unable to finish the ride at The Stag's Head as in the past rumour has it that a new venue will be available to Members; "The Wheeler's Rest" which will be open on Tuesday evenings after the ride. Full details in the next newsletter.....

Paul (Tuesday Evening GO)



Personal Insurance

To answer the question about rider's insurance on a Club ride, under Appendix One,3, in Club Constitution all riders should have in place their own third-party liability insurance.

Check your home owners' Insurance policy first as cover may well be included.

If not personal membership of British Cycling or UK Cycling will provide cover.

Club Kit

Anyone out on the club rides over the last week or so may well have seen a new red Wellesbourne Wheelers jersey that was born last year. The Women's group were keen to support the idea of advertising the club but with the various new kit proposals failing to generate sufficient support ended up with a design built on one of the proposals and incorporating the new logo, but in red.

16 women ordered long sleeve jerseys and we have just placed an order for summer short sleeve jerseys.

Whilst modelling the jerseys to Dene & Mountford groups the approval ratings have been very high so we will be providing details to allow everyone to order either or both style of jersey if they wish, within the next week.



Spin-a-thon

The Wellesbourne Sports & Community Centre team are hosting a 24hr Spin-a-thon on the 18-19 March in aid of Comic Relief. The aim is to keep at least one spin bike running for the 24hr duration.

It would be great if we could show our support and participate, or donate to help them reach their goals.

Other events will be running over the 24 hour period so it should be a good day even if you aren't on the bike. Take a look at our [Comic relief page](#) for more information.

(We would like to include regular news items from groups and around the Club in future editions – so please forward items to secretary@wellesbourne-wheelers.org.uk)

Stay safe and be kind.