



NEWSLETTER

GDPR/EDPB

Do you remember a while ago that there was a lot of fuss about GDPR (General Protection Data Regulations)? Well, this is likely to be extended by the EDPB (European Data Protection Board) which is looking into surveillance cameras which MAY include helmet cameras. According to the EDPB, an individual's rights outweigh capturing footage by dashcam or helmet camera to provide evidence in the event of a road traffic collision. That's one of the DRAFT guidelines put forward by the EDPB after it examined the intensive use of video devices.

Neil Brown, an internet lawyer, tweeted..... 'Got a dashcam or helmet cam to collect evidence in case of an accident? According to new (draft) guidance, you must ensure it is "not constantly recording". You also need to tell everyone who gets recorded that you are doing so. Good luck.'

The draft guidelines are designed to sit alongside the GDPR, and, if not adhered to, could perhaps give rise to a legal challenge about the admissibility of evidence gathered on video by a private individual.

Recently, camera footage from shop premises, where the camera had been installed for security purposes, was used to convict a motorist who deliberately knocked down a cyclist. Would that evidence be admissible in future cases?

Ultimately, of course, the implications for people in the UK may depend on what happens with Brexit. However, according to the Information Commissioner's Office, the GDPR as a European Regulation has a direct effect on UK law and automatically applies until we leave the EU. However, there's no escape because it will still form part of UK law under the European Union (Withdrawal) Act 2018 with maybe a few tweeks to make sure that it works here.

Don't panic! Remember that it's only a DRAFT and the consultation period doesn't end until 9th September, 2019.

Detour

If you're heading out along the B2116 through Hurstpierpoint in the direction of the Velusso cafe at Ditchling, be warned that for about 16 weeks the junction with the A273 at Hassocks is closed and fenced off so you won't get through. You MAY be able to squeeze through on the grass verge at the side, but it all depends on progress of the roadworks. You'll have to make a detour – possibly through New Way Lane to Clayton, but remember that this route has suddenly become very popular. It's only a single carriageway often used by horse riders, but it can be quite amusing watching two motorists arguing about who is going to back up first.

Got a Colnago???

18th August, 2019 is the Colnago Owners' Day. The event will take place at Chavenage House near Tetbury in Gloucestershire. You'll have a chance to peruse some Colnago bikes from the past 65 years and have an exclusive run through the new 2020 Colnago range. There will be a 40 miles ride through the English countryside and a champagne lunch followed by Q & A from pro riders and Colnago's brand ambassadors. I won't tell you how much the tickets are but, if you can afford a Colnago, you can probably afford a ticket.

Steep Hills

According to the Guinness Book of Records, Baldwin Street in New Zealand (No! It's NOT named after John Baldwin) is no longer the steepest road in the World. That's only got a gradient of 35 %. The steepest road in the World is Ffordd Pen Llech, Harlech, and that's in Wales so you can always pop down and ride it's 37.5 %.

However – which is the steepest road in Sussex? What do you think, and have you ridden up it? What was it like?

Weight watchers

Guess who has only now realised that he needs to lose a bit of weight? Well all I can say is that saddles don't break in half all by themselves. I can assure you that it was not a comfortable ride home!

Special Offer

Fancy a 'Velosock' to protect your precious equipment. Checkout the web site and add the discount code 'july15' to get a 15% discount

Job Vacancy

Just got an e-mail from Phil Hawkes, the District Secretary of CTT London South

'I am writing to let you know that I will be standing down as district secretary at the AGM in October this year. So the district is looking for someone to take on the position.

It isn't a great deal of work. There are six committee meetings per year plus the AGM, the DGM and the National Council if you fancy it.

If you think you might be interested or want to know more about what the position involves, then let me know.

Phil Hawkes
District Secretary (for now)
CTT London South'

If you're interested then let me know and I'll pass on his contact details.

Channel 5

Did you watch that documentary 'Cyclists; The scourge of our streets?'. What was your opinion? According to some - cyclists are "lawless," "aggressive," and "like a plague of lotuses (did he mean locusts???) coming down the road ... herds of them." Those were phrases fired during the opening salvo of the Channel 5 documentary which was so one-sided it makes you wonder why they bothered with the question mark in the title. There was a cycling 'vigilante' by the name of Dave Sherry who wants to prosecute all motorists who break the law by filming them and who, according to some, didn't do cyclists any favours as he focused purely on motorists and didn't feel the need to review cyclists' behaviour. Perhaps we should all take the opportunity to re-dress the balance and have a quiet word with those cyclists who do break the law. Perhaps we should start a 'charm offence' with motorists so that they understand that not all cyclists are 'urban terrorists'.

It was good to see a couple of our Club members in the documentary tackling the hills of Surrey, and I bet they were nice, well behaved cyclists and didn't ride more than 2 abreast and discard their rubbish all over Box Hill. That's because Club people are nice people aren't you, Sharon and Shannon?

Be Prepared

We all know someone who has ridden a 50 mile TT in carpet slippers because they've left their cycling shoes at home. We all know someone who didn't check the weather forecast properly and went out without their rain cape/jacket. (Never trust a BBC weather forecast!). We all know someone who had deep section rims, but only spare tubes with short valve stems. We all know someone who couldn't change a punctured tube because they didn't have the right tyre levers. We all know someone who went for a ride without having proper sustenance. Be prepared. Don't let it happen to you. Always check before you leave home that you have all the right equipment and that it's in working order. Don't wait until the start of your ride to discover that you have two right-handed gloves only to discover that, when you get to elevenses, you had a pair all the time but the left one was inside-out.

Handicapping

How do you feel about handicapping? Is it relevant? Has it lost its value? Is it a throwback to past glories? Whatever you think is important. The Committee believes that handicapping has had its day. The number of 'Open' events that have handicap prizes you could probably count on the fingers of one hand. There is no evidence that newcomers are inspired to take up racing in the knowledge that they may win a handicap prize.

There was a time when all riders rode on fairly standard machines, but nowadays there are acknowledged benefits from riding sooper dooper expensive racing machines so you could say that it's possible to 'buy' your best results – or am I being provocative?

We do have the Clapshaw Trophy which is a specific handicap award and will be retained. Perhaps those wishing to compete in this event could all ride on 'standard' road bikes without the benefits of disc wheels etc. Now that would be interesting.

There will be a Club-wide survey going out soon so let us know your thoughts.

You know you're a cyclist when.....

You know that 'comfortable' saddles are never comfortable.

You you're an OLD cyclist if you remember.....

Reynolds 531 double-buttet tubing; the Holdsworth catalogue; Wooden sprint rims.

The opinions expressed above are not necessarily those of Worthing Excelsior Cycling Club, but could be the ramblings of a senile old duffer.

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