



# NEWSLETTER

## AGM

Just a reminder..... the AGM is to be held at the Clubroom at Broadwater Parish Rooms at 8.00pm Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup> February, 2022. It's the day after Valentine's Day so you'll have no excuses for not being there.

This is an important meeting and, without being alarmist, could define the future of the Club. One item for discussion is the future use of the Club room. Currently the Club pays £33 each week for the use of these premises and, although it's true that we have been going through difficult times socially, the Club room is simply not being used. On occasions only TWO - yes TWO - members have attended during an evening and one of those only went to unlock the premises. So the future use of the Club room is up for discussion and your views are important.

In addition, a number of the Committee members are standing down from their roles so it will be a chance for you to either volunteer or, at least, get to find out who the new Committee members are.

Free tea and coffee will be provided so, if that's not an incentive for you to be there, I don't know what is!

Agenda documentation to be circulated shortly.

## Reliability Trial

This is your final reminder that the Club Reliability Trial takes place on 13<sup>th</sup> February, 2022. Details are on the Club website under the listings for Sunday Club rides. Certificates will be awarded at the AGM to those who satisfactorily complete the course.

## Surrey League

The Surrey League has now joined forces with the Kent Cycle Racing League. The Club has been invited to re-affiliate with the Surrey League but the Committee has given some consideration to the merits of re-joining for another season. Whilst the cost for re-affiliation is £60, there is a requirement for the Club to provide volunteers to support these events. In the case of the Dunsfold Circuit there is a need for 10 volunteers and, for the Kirdford Circuit, 16 volunteers are required. If the Club is to opt out of promoting such events then the cost of re-affiliation becomes £750. As there is no one in the Club at the present time who has expressed an interest in riding events within this League, the Committee has decided not to seek re-affiliation. This does not prevent individuals affiliating at a cost of £25, plus a need to purchase a transponder at £39 for the first year, although they can be hired for £5 for each event.

## CTT London South

Those of you who love your time trials - and I know there's a few of you - should be aware that there's a new Facebook page for this group under the group title of 'CTT\_LSDC'. You might find it useful to link up. I know that some of you have already but it's there if you want it.

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## **Handicap awards**

Just to remind you that there are TWO handicap awards up for grabs – the early season Handicap 10 on 13<sup>th</sup> March and the 25 mile handicap for the Clapshaw Trophy which, this year, is being run in conjunction with the SCA 25 on 8<sup>th</sup> May. Incidentally, this event is also the Club Championship so, if you're really good, you could come away with more than one trophy. However, if you want to stand a chance of winning the handicap award then you MUST NOTIFY THE CLUB EVENTS SECRETARY BY THE TUESDAY BEFORE THE EVENT SO THAT A HANDICAP CAN BE ALLOCATED. It may come as a bit of a surprise but, as much as you may like it, he cannot allocate a handicap allowance after the event.

## **Did you know?**

Did you know that Saturday 30<sup>th</sup> April, the weekend of the May Day Bank Holiday, is to be 'Local Bike Shop Day'? The idea is that anyone can pop into their local bike shop and take part in 'ask us anything' sessions and it is hoped to encourage new cyclists into a friendly and encouraging environment. If you know a local bike shop that's taking part in the scheme, perhaps you could pop along and represent the Club. Just a thought.....

## **Have you got a 'Giant' bike?**

Giant and Liv have issued a recall on some of their bikes namely the Giant Cypress DX; Giant Escape Comfort; Liv Flourish FS1 and the Liv Alight 3 Comfort. Apparently these models are affected by a handlebar loosening issue that has been linked to 86 incidents, some of which have resulted in the rider crashing.

## **The London Cycle Show**

This year the London Cycle Show is being held at Alexandra Palace from 22<sup>nd</sup>-24<sup>th</sup> April. Some of the stars on show are Tom Boonen and Sean Kelly and the man who cycled around the World in less than 80 days – Mark Beaumont.

## **New Members**

We have some new members so a great big warm Worthing Excelsior welcome to: Nick Beaumont (is he related to Mark Beaumont – see above) and to Ken and Rosie Wingate. Rosie is only 2<sup>nd</sup> claim at the moment as she is currently 1<sup>st</sup> claim with 'Solent Pirates' which is focused on aspiring racing cyclists aged 6-18 years of age. Welcome to you all!!!

The opinions expressed above are not necessarily those of Worthing Excelsior Cycling Club, but could be the ramblings of a senile old duffer. [adrian.wecc@gmail.com](mailto:adrian.wecc@gmail.com)