



## Newsletter- March 2022

Welcome to my first newsletter since becoming the Secretary of Worthing Excelsior Cycling Club at our recent AGM. Outgoing Secretary Adrian Palmer, in his final report for that meeting, said it was time for someone young and enthusiastic to take over his role but unfortunately I was the only nomination! I jest of course, although I am definitely not as young as I used to be.

Other new arrivals on the Committee are;

Dave Wilbor - Runs and Touring Coordinator.

Ian Cheesman – Evening 10's Secretary

Nathan Gale – General Committee member.

### **Weekly Club meetings**

The other main point arising from the AGM was that the Weekly Club meetings will now be Monthly Club meetings, to be held on the first Tuesday of each month. Meetings will still be, for the time being at least, held at the Broadwater Parish Rooms, with the next one scheduled for Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> April 2022.

### **Eastbourne 2022**

If my math is correct, 14 members took part in the annual trip to Eastbourne last weekend. We were blessed with relatively fine weather although I could have done without the headwind as we crossed the Pevensey Levels! Thank you to Clive Patterson-Lett for organizing a great weekend, which I hope can be repeated next year.

## **Cycle trip to Paris?**

Our new Runs and Touring Secretary, Dave Wilbor, is exploring the possibility of a Club trip this summer to Paris via the Newhaven ferry and the Avenue Verte route across France. If you haven't done so already, please register your interest with Dave via [clubruns@worthingexcelsior.co.uk](mailto:clubruns@worthingexcelsior.co.uk)

## **Time Trials**

Sadly the Club's first Time Trial of the year on Sunday 6<sup>th</sup> March has been cancelled at the last moment due to temporary traffic lights on the A283 at Wiston. Next Sunday (the 13<sup>th</sup>) the Handicap 10 is being run on G10/98. If you are intending to ride this event and want to receive a handicapped time you need to advise the Event Secretary Chris Putnam, on [chris.putnam@btinternet.com](mailto:chris.putnam@btinternet.com) by Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> March.

The Don Lock Evening 10 Memorial Series kicks off on Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> May. Organizer Ian Cheesman still needs a few helpers on various dates so if you haven't yet volunteered your services please contact him on [clubevents@worthingexcelsior.co.uk](mailto:clubevents@worthingexcelsior.co.uk).

## **Sportives**

There are a couple of local events that may be of interest some members?

On the 27<sup>th</sup> March the Beyond Sussex Sportive has three routes of between 38 and 102 miles starting from the South of England Showground, Ardingly. Further details can be found at, <https://www.beyondevents.org.uk/e/beyond-sussex-sportive-2022-4258>

On the 10th April there is a 50k bike road on closed roads as part of the Brighton Marathon weekend. The ride starts in Preston Park and finishes on the Hove seafront where there will be a Velo Village. Further details can be found at, <https://brightonmarathonweekend.co.uk/events/bm-ride/>

## **Looking for a mid week ride?**

If you are looking for people to ride with mid week, there is a group that includes some WECC members who meet for a ride on Wednesday mornings. The ride starts at 9.30 from the Sea Lane Café at Worthing with other riders joining at the River Arun footbridge in Littlehampton.

From there we head to a variety of café's at places like Slindon, Pagham and Aldingbourne. I would describe the pace as somewhere between that of the two Sunday Club rides on relatively flat roads. Get in contact if you would like to join in.

### **The dark arts?**

I am not certain that I should be admitting this but I sometimes wear baggy shorts and ride off road on a mountain bike. Outrageous I know but if there are any members with a similar affliction feel free to make contact if you fancy joining me on an ad hoc basis. I should clarify that I can't do any stunts on my bike and if my wheels don't remain in contact with terra firma, it is purely accidental.

### **New Member**

Finally, a very warm welcome to Matt Nixon who becomes our latest and newest member.



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