



Newsletter-November 2022

Ladies and Gentleman

The clocks went back last Sunday and I was certainly grateful for the extra hour of rest in bed by the time I had completed the club's Tourist Trial competition that day. Ken Newton devised a devilishly challenging course which, along with the inclement weather, tested the competitors to their limit. Fortunately Mrs Newton is a kinder soul and her excellent cakes and bottomless cups of tea and coffee were our savior on the day. On behalf of the club, a big thanks to both of them for making it such a good event.

Club Competitions

All our 2022 club competitions have now been completed and Mike O'Gorman has compiled a comprehensive list of the results, which can be found by following the link below.

Congratulations to both the winners but also to all those who took part as without you there would be no competitions.

https://www.worthingexcelsior.co.uk/uploads/4/4/6/3/44636025/2022000_wecc_competition_placings_03.pdf

Cyclo-cross

Our very own Karen McGrath is having a belter of a year. Following on from winning a round of the London and South East CX league at Gatwick last Sunday, Karen was third in the 2022 European Cyclo-cross championships held in Numur, Belgium on Friday. What a week and congratulations to Karen.

Ben Toovey continues to fly the Worthing Excelsior flag in the men's London and South East CX league, with Round 8 being held at East Brighton Park on Sunday 6th November. I suspect that might turn into a mud bath after all the rain we have had this week!



Provisional dates for your diaries

Although awaiting final confirmation, the provisional dates for the annual trip to Eastbourne are 25th and 26th February 2023, with the Reliability Trial being held the following Sunday, the 5th March.

Our Runs and Touring Co-ordinator, Dave Wilbor is looking for up to three likeminded souls to join him on a short trip to ride the Paris Roubaix Challenge Sportive on Saturday 8th April. He is looking to travel out on the Thursday before, stay in an Air BnB for three nights and return home on the Sunday evening after the professional's race the same course you will have ridden the day before. Contact Dave at clubruns@worthingexcelsior.co.uk to book your place. You might also want to pre-register at <https://www.timeto.com/en-GB/sports/cycling/paris-roubaix-challenge/preinscription> so that you are notified as soon as registration opens.

Club kit

The first orders from our new clothing suppliers (Kalas) have either been received or are on route but I'll look to organize another opportunity to buy in the New Year in good time for the spring. In the meantime I do have in stock some men's short sleeved jerseys in the most popular sizes for sale at £56.40. Let me know if you are interested please.

I also note that Mike O’Gorman is selling some WECC club kit on our Facebook page. If you are interested but aren’t a FB user, let me know and I’ll pass your details to Mike.

British Cycling

WECC are members of both British Cycling and Cycling UK (who were formerly known as the CTC).

I renewed our membership of British Cycling last week just as news broke that they had parted company with their CEO by ‘mutual agreement’ and with immediate effect. Whilst the exact reason for his departure hasn’t been given it follows a number of controversies this year, the latest being signing a 8 year partnership deal with the oil and gas giant Shell, which many feel doesn’t reflect cycling’s green image. The departing CEO came from the world of Rugby with little or no background in Cycling, just like the previous CEO as it happens and one wonders if we may see a repeat of 1996 when British Cycling all but collapsed following a vote of no confidence in their entire board by the membership. Let’s hope that’s not the case and the current board realize they need to have people who understand the sport to lead them?

Anyway enough of that nonsense! I hope you manage to keep your wheels turning despite the current inclement weather.

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