

CYCLE SOMERSET NEWSLETTER

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Update

Despite the weather the club has remained active throughout the Winter with the Ladies continuing to ride beyond their planned calendar, Pub rides on Wednesdays; the two groups who meet at French Weir, Weir Cycling and Coach have managed to keep the programme going plus the occasional Thursday and Ad Hoc rides on Saturdays. It is now officially Spring so here's hoping the weather picks up and we aren't spending our weekends looking anxiously at the weather forecast for the following week!

Certificate for the Weir Cafe



There was much excitement at The Weir recently as Wendy Edwards, their talented chef, received our Certificate of Appreciation. As it stated, we always get such a super welcome there and the home made treats are worth a visit on their own (welcome if it is a rainy, non-cycling day). Peter and Karen Hood, the owners, have made it a real hub for the community.

Monthly Meeting

The first Wednesday of each month sees Cycle Somerset meeting to discuss rides/ socials/ topical issues. It would be good to have female representatives at the meeting as there is a total gender imbalance at the moment. All are welcome. Meet 8.00 upstairs at The HUBBOX (opposite Debenhams).

Ride of the Year



Congratulations to Jonathan whose ride from Yatton to Clifton, and over the suspension bridge, was voted Ride of the Year. It was a super day out and about in the country lanes of North Somerset and on through Ashton Court to cross Clifton suspension bridge seeing the Clifton Observatory. We stopped for a light lunch at The Ashton in Long Ashton and afternoon tea in Clevedon, encompassing many fine views on the way.

Coffee Stop of the Year

Congratulations to North Curry Community Café who have been voted Coffee Stop of the Year. By the time this is circulated they will have received their certificate.



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Back on Your Bike



Back on your bike will restart soon on the 17th of March. Jonathan's aim is to get more people cycling and gradually build the confidence of those taking part, increasing the distance they can cycle from 5 to 20 miles over several months. If there is someone you know who is keen to get involved, encourage them to come along; as somebody who came through the system, I highly recommend it.

Vintage Cycle



Above is a winter restoration project and following a considerable amount of work is soon to emerge, like a butterfly, as an immaculate vintage bicycle, ready to grace any occasion. It is not just intended to look good but must be ridden. For those of you who have a vintage bent a date will be put into the diary soon outlining an inaugural Vintage Cycle day (You can ride any pre 1987bike) with a stop for a cream tea...if anybody is interested.

British Cycle Quest

Promoted in the latest Cycle UK magazine is the British Cycle Quest which may appeal to you if you have a thirst for adventure? Cycling UK's BCQ gives you 402 reasons in the form of checkpoints to discover throughout England, Scotland and Wales. You can visit all of them or as few as 10 to claim an award. Visit: cyclinguk.org/british-cycle-quest



Suggestions for future editions...

A photo competition with some themes e.g. backlit, silhouette, close up, together, favourite cycling view.

Bike guidance, Maintenance, Lubrication and tips.

Tubes, Tyres and Mechanicals.

My Favourite Ascent.

Deadline for submission of articles, ideas or photos relating to historic or recent rides: Thursday 26th March, anything of cycling interest welcome.

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