



ROCKINGHAM FOREST WHEELERS

End of Year (2022) Update

Club Membership Renewal

Your club membership fees are due on the 1st January every year and I would like to thank those that have already made Eileen's life easy by already renewing.

As a reminder the membership fees are as follows:

- £15.00 for adult first claim
- £7.50 for adult second claim (must state what first club they are in by completing a membership form)
- £25.00 for couple or family (with up to 3 children under 18
- £5.00 for juniors (16-18 years)
- Juveniles (under 16) are Free
- If you are having to pay by cheque then there will be an 80p surcharge on this as we are not getting charged for any cheque that we have to deposit.
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Payment terms: Bank Transfer A/C Sort code : 40-26-07, Account code 61871005 Ref: **subs2023**

If you are not planning on renewing or if any of your details have changed then please let either David (chair@rockinghamforestwheelers.org.uk) or Eileen (Treasurer@rockinghamforestwheelers.org.uk) know

Last Year (2022)

So as we have come to the end of the 2022, I thought I would provide you with my review of the year and a summary of what I think we have achieved as a club.

Last year as a club we ran a road race as part of the NCRA series, weekly club time trials, a round of N&DCA, a Mountain Bike race and 2 Cyclocross races.

As most of you know unfortunately the road race made a loss due to low entries which was partly due to the course we used and also other events happening on the same weekend. Fortunately the club wasn't affected by this as the loss was covered off by NCRA.

The weekly time trial were a great success not just from the number of people riding the events, but also the number of people who ventured down to the clubhouse to socialise and support those taking part.



The success at the clubhouse was significantly boosted by the work that Giles has put in to make it feel like a proper clubhouse again.

That 'club' feeling then progressed into the support we had from members for the Mountain Bike race at East Carlton and then also the N&DCA time trial at Southwick. In between these 2 race events we had the 50th Anniversary Weekend at the clubhouse and I have to say the support we had from members and other local clubs was amazing to see and to be part of.

Now we move onto the Inter Club competitions and in 2022 we were closer than ever to gaining the trophies back from our local rivals Welland Valley CC and from 2023, the Inter Club 25 will follow the success of the Hill Climb and become a tri-club competition which will include Kettering CC.

Throughout this year we had had members taking part in numerous challenges which have included Paris-Roubaix, Italy Divide, LEL (London-Edinburgh-London), a 12 hour Time Trial and both the European and World Masters Cyclocross Championships, as well as many other individual and group challenges. So well done to everyone who achieved something they either set themselves, or thought they couldn't do.

Unfortunately I haven't been able to get on many club rides during 2022, but the ones that I was able to attend were well attended, even though the ones that I did get to all seemed to be 'Hilly' ones (thanks Steve W). The club rides are all going well and its great to see that we now include the Tuesday 'Good Bean' rides and also have regular off road rides. Thank you to everyone who is involved in organising these.

We are still in the Cyclocross season, but a bit of an update on how things are going. As of today (Jan 1st), we now have about 16 of our members (which include 2 new signings) who regularly compete in cyclocross races. These members range from 8 years old to over 60 and from this season included both men and women. It is great to both see this and be part of this at events and really does echo that 'club' feel. These members have competed in local leagues, national series and also international events. A full season review will be sent out once the season has ended.

Club AGM

We have set the date for the AGM and this will be held on Wednesday, February 8th 2023.

The meeting will be at the clubhouse as always and all members are invited to attend and an agenda will be sent out prior to the meeting.

Should you want anything added to the agenda for discussion then please send these to our General Secretary, Sean Adamson on GenSec@rockinghamforestwheelers.org.uk



Merit Trophy

This is awarded annually for the merit of any act or service by any member or non-member during the course of the life of the club over the last year.

If you wish to nominate anyone for the award then please do so confidentially by email no later than 5pm on Monday 16th January, together with the details of the act or service and your reason for making the nomination. Please send these to General Secretary, Sean Adamson on GenSec@rockinghamforestwheelers.org.uk

Annual Prize Presentation Evening

First things first, to the members who were fortunate enough to win a trophy or two last year, could you please return these to Giles ASAP so that we can get them ready for the presentation evening!

Our Prize Presentation Evening will be on Friday 24th February at the clubhouse, doors will be opening at 7pm. Food this year will be Wood fired pizza from Janet's Pizza, which will be available to purchase throughout the evening.

Free glass of fizz or soft drink on arrival

If you are able to provide a raffle prize or know someone that can then please or for more information please contact our Social Secretary, Giles Barringham on SocialSec@rockinghamforestwheelers.org.uk

Reminder of your current committee

- President - Norman Needham
- Chair - David Hill
- General Secretary - Sean Adamson
- Treasurer - Eileen Doherty
- Race Secretary - Vacant (currently being covered by David Hill)
- Cycling Development Officer - Paul Dickens
- Club Ride Secretary - Steve Wickham
- Youth Representative - Michael Carter
- Social Secretary - Giles Barringham
- Welfare Officer - Steve Woolmer



Looking forward to 2023

So what have we got planned for 2023?

Well from what we thought might be just another year of doing the same things, is now turning into be quite a busy year with quite a few events being planned.

So far we have the following in the pipeline:

Round of NCRA (1st April - Old Circuit)
Round of N&DCA
2 rounds of FNSS
At least one round of CCXL
One round of LCXL

There are also already plans taking shape for members to take part in various local, national and international events again.

This year the Hill Climb is being organised by Kettering CC and the interclub 25 is being organised by Welland Valley CC, the dates for these are:

Interclub 25 - 5th July
Hill Climb - 24th September

We then have a jam packed social calendar which Giles has been working on and as always we will have our weekly club time trials which start with the Early Season Dash on the 3rd May. The full TT & Social calendars are still to be fully confirmed but once they are they will be sent out.

Something from our resident Judith Chalmers!



New members

Welcome to Rockingham Forest Wheelers. You may have heard that we are travelling to Spain for a cycling trip next year. It's not too late if you want to join us. 10 of us have booked our places and flights etc. but Cycle Sierra Nevada can probably accommodate a few more. If you are interested then let me know. More details below 📌

<https://www.sierranevada.cc>



Cycling In Spain 🇪🇸 🚲 25th March to 1st April 2023. €600 including 7 nights accommodation, 6 expertly guided group rides (at different paces to accommodate everyone), bike rental and transfers to and from the airport. €100 single supplement if you want your own room. Return flights currently about £75 -£100. If you want any more information then please contact Giles on 07540 887198

So for now, Happy New Year and here's to 2023 and many more miles on the bike.
