

NEWFORCE

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Committee meetings are held on the second Tuesday of every third month at the New Forest Inn at Emery Down. All club members are welcome to attend and raise any points or questions.

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Club Policy & Ride Aims

As a club we want to encourage people to share our passion for mountain biking.

We welcome new members to participate and contribute to the club.

We organise regular rides, fortnightly on Sundays and weekly on weekday evenings.

We organise multi day trips to other areas to experience some of the best riding this country has to offer.

Full conditions of membership and how to join are published on the club website under the 'The Club' tab.

Membership Fees

Individual	1 year £17.00	2 years £32.00	5 years £75.00
Family	1 year £25.00	2 years £45.00	5 years £100.00

Riding With Us

Anyone who is competent on a bike is welcome to ride with us although we would politely request that you become a member if you ride with us more than twice.

Cycle helmets are compulsory on all club rides.

Please dress appropriately for the likely weather conditions.

You are advised to bring a drink, particularly on warm days

Ensure you are equipped to deal with punctures, preferably by carrying a spare inner tube or two. Mud and patches aren't a great combination.

Check that your bike is in good working order before the start of a ride eg no cracks in the frame, splits in the tyres, worn out brakes etc.

Finally, please carry emergency contact details — just in case something a little unplanned happens.

Our Organised Sunday Rides

Planned Sunday ride venues are published on the club website and in the newsletter. They generally follow the pattern of two in the New Forest area and one outside, anywhere within an hour's drive from Southampton. A short description of the likely route will be included along with the designated pub or cafe for post ride socialising.

Rides will aim to leave at 10am unless otherwise stated. Most are planned to finish by 1pm but a few will be designated 'all day rides' with a stop for refreshments part way round.

The ride locations are set at committee meetings and if you know anywhere good to ride in the local area that you think we have neglected please tell us.

To aid finding the start location we recommend using www.streetmap.co.uk along with the grid reference supplied.

The Sunday rides usually attract enough riders to split into two or three groups dependent on ability and enthusiasm.

The Club Newsletter

The club newsletter is published quarterly, usually a few weeks after each committee meeting. All contributions written or photographic are very welcome, indeed essential for it to keep going. If any ride has stood out for you in terms of enjoyment, triumph over adversity or something unexpected that has happened, please write a little about it and send it to the editor. If you participate in any other sports or hobbies please tell us all about them via the newsletter. In short, anything that might be a topic of conversation in the pub or café is worth putting into print and telling the rest of the club. The club is as much about socialising with like-minded people as it is about riding bikes so the newsletter content is most certainly not restricted to just biking stories.

The Evening Ride Groups

The evening rides are generally smaller, typically 4 to 10 persons and at some point long, long ago we adopted the 'curry scale' to grade the various groups:

Vindaloo.

A fast paced, strenuous Thursday night ride with no avoiding the more challenging terrain and obstacles, usually with a fairly lengthy pub stop and a late return.

Madras.

This name has been most recently used by a group basing themselves to the north of the New Forest and typically riding on occasional Wednesday evenings for 2 to 3 hours at an enthusiastic pace. Details of their can be found on the bulletin board.

Jalfrezi.

This group rides on Thursdays from various locations in the southern and mid Hampshire area usually with a brief mid-ride stop for cake consumption and a social in the pub afterwards. Pub stops mid-ride have been banned from this group by decree. Ride lengths are from 2 to 4 hours dependent on weather, ground conditions and how lost they get. Start locations are usually published on the bulletin board on the Monday before.

Tikka Masala

A shorter, tamer version of the Jalfrezi. See the bulletin board for the start location each week.

Korma.

Usually Tuesday nights. A shorter steadier ride with more emphasis on enjoying the scenery and company than breaking records or shredding the gnarr. Start locations will be posted on the bulletin board.



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January 2018

Main pic: The Vindy's trip to Fat Camp in the French Jura.

1 Mon Bank Holiday

2 Tues Full Moon

3 Weds

4 Thurs

5 Fri

6 Sat

7 Sun Club Ride

8 Mon

9 Tues

10 Weds

11 Thurs

12 Fri

13 Sat

14 Sun

15 Mon

16 Tues

New Moon

Weds **17**

Thurs **18**

Fri **19**

Sat **20**

Club Ride

Sun **21**

Mon **22**

Tues **23**

Weds **24**

Burns Night
Thurs **25**

Fri **26**

Sat **27**

Sun **28**

Mon **29**

Tues **30**

Full (Blue) Moon

Weds **31**

Sunday 07 January 2018

Garnier Road Park & Ride, Winchester (ref SU 487 281)

Designated post-ride pub: The Queen Inn, Kingsgate Road.

We have ridden from here a few times as a starting point for Boxing Day ride but of course that time slot went to the Drift Inn in 2017. It can be a bit cold at this time of year, so be sure to arrive prepared for a Spartan experience and kitted out in appropriate clothing.

There are a number of options from this starting point but it is possible to ride southwards along the Itchen Navigation where it passes St Catherine's Hill before turning eastwards up Plague Pits Valley, then onwards along the Dongas tracks for Hazeley Down, Morestead, and Cheesefoot Head and the South Downs Way, Milbury's Inn and the general area near Cheriton. Or, we could choose to take the other direction, up Compton Down, around the fringes of Flowerdown, West Wood Farley and other points of note.

Whichever route we end up taking, the Queen Inn offers a warm welcome on our return.

Sunday 21 January 2018

Burley (opposite cricket pitch) (ref SU 214 028)

Designated pub: Queen's Head in the centre of the village or the White Buck close to the golf course

We are designating this a "Beginner's Ride" which will be suitable for people still in their mountain biking early days. There will of course be energetic options on offer as well as the gentler version.

Castle Hill is always a good choice for the energetic ones, whilst the old railway line beckons for those who want a gentler ride. For those who want a change, then Bisterne Common offers an escape from the usual New Forest tracks. All these options have reasonably good surfaces where the seasonal weather does not bring too many disadvantages to progress. It is possible to take in Dur Hill where it forms a perimeter track right on the edge of the Forest boundary but this will be slow going. In the other direction, there lies the chance of Burley Outer Rails tracks and onwards to Bolderwood; these tracks of course are typical Inclosure gravel surfaces which will roll reasonably well.



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February 2018

Main pic: Snow on the South Downs

Astronomical note: This year there is no full moon in February which is something that only happens once every 19 years or so. It means that both January and March both have a 'Blue Moon', a second full moon within a calendar month.

Sunday 04 February 2018

Bishops Waltham

(ref SU 554 176)

Designated pub: *Probably one of the delightful coffee (and cake) venues in the town centre*

The car park is the one on the left side just as the through-road on the one way system leaves the main cluster of shops heading out towards Corhampton. For those of you with long memories, it is where Dukes Mill used to be, but the car park name escapes me right now.

With a start in the centre of Bishops Waltham, we could choose a route that leads up towards the top of Beacon Hill near Exton before turning north west and heading for Lane End at which point we could turn north east for a loop around Cheriton and Tichborne depending on weather and timings. Then it's back via Cheesefoot Head, Old Down, Baybridge House and Bigpath Farm before topping Stephens Castle Down and dropping once more to the valley floor and back to Bishops Waltham.

Sunday 18 February 2018

Ringwood Forest from Three Legged Cross

(ref SU 096 051)

Designated pub: *Three Legged Cross Inn*

You will find the start location by taking the road to Three Legged Cross and the Woolsbridge Industrial Estate in close by the entrance to the Moors Valley Country Park. We will use the Woolsbridge Industrial Estate general kerbside parking and the turning off the Ringwood Road is at SU 096 051. Although the intention is to visit the Three Legged Cross Inn after the ride, please do not use the pub car park and abandon your car for 3 hours, it will be frowned upon by the pub management.

The intention is to ride the usual mix of tracks in the Ringwood Forest environs.

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4 Sun Club Ride

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13 Tues

14 Weds

15 Thurs New Moon

16 Fri

Sat 17

Sun 18
Club Ride

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Tues 20

Weds 21

Thurs 22

Fri 23

Sat 24

Sun 25

Mon 26

Tues 27

Weds 28

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March 2018

Main pic: Allan Knight on the Big Welsh Ride.

1 Thurs St David's Day

2 Fri Full Moon

3 Sat

4 Sun Club Ride

5 Mon

6 Tues

7 Weds

8 Thurs

9 Fri

10 Sat

11 Sun Mothering Sunday

12 Mon

13 Tues Committee Meeting
New Forest Inn

14 Weds

15 Thurs

16 Fri

St Patrick's Day
New Moon

Club Ride

Sunday 04 March 2018

Happy Cheese, Ashurst

Designated pub: The Happy Cheese

(ref SU 335 103)

This ride starts from the car park adjacent to the pub and there is ample free parking available so there shouldn't be any problems for those of you arriving by car. Some of you living locally will no doubt cycle to the start point. From here we can go through Woodlands, on along to Lyndhurst, Boltons Bench, Denny Lodge area and back by a circular route taking us through Deerleap or of course go the other way round taking in "the Wire" and then at the end of it all, a visit to The Happy Cheese.

Sunday 18 March 2018

Danebury Hill

(ref SU 326 377)

Designated post-ride pub: somewhere in Stockbridge; to be decided

Danebury Hill can be reached from Stockbridge by following the High Street westwards through the town (A30). Just as you leave the town boundary, the road turns sharp right and climbs a steep hill. Just as the hill starts to swing round to the left, the road to Danebury Hill can be taken off to the right for a mile or two. The venue is clearly signposted off to the left of this road. We can ride around the eastern perimeter of Middle Wallop airfield before heading westwards via Kentsboro, Oklahoma Farm and Georgia Farm and then turn southwards at Over Wallop. Following on will be a sharp rise up Whiteshoot Hill near Broughton and then it's Kings Somborne (Horsebridge) and the Test Way all the way to Fullerton where on a hot day a call at the Mayfly pub is a must, and on a cooler day is still a possibility. Then it's a mere jaunt up Hazel Down and Char-ity Down to return to the car park. Alternatively we could ride off in the opposite direction towards Longstock, Stockbridge Down and Chilbolton. A grand outing.

Sat **17**

Sun **18**

Mon **19**

Tues **20**

Weds **21**

Thurs **22**

Fri **23**

Sat **24**

Clocks Go Forward 😊 Sun **25**

Mon **26**

Tues **27**

Weds **28**

Thurs **29**

Good Friday
Fri **30**

Full (Blue) Moon
Sat **31**



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April 2018

Main pic: Bluebells! Spring's here.

1 Sun	April Fools Day Easter (egg) Day
2 Mon	Easter Monday Bank Holiday
3 Tues	
4 Weds	
5 Thurs	
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7 Sat	
8 Sun	
9 Mon	
10 Tues	31 years ago Martin Wheat bought his first MTB
11 Weds	
12 Thurs	
13 Fri	
14 Sat	
15 Sun	Club Ride
16 Mon	New Moon

Sunday 01 April 2018

Appleslade Inclosure (Easter ride)

(ref SU 183 092)

Designated pub: The Red Shoot Inn

We could start with a sharp rise, but on cold muscles this is not recommended so we might make our way across Ibsley Common (soft, gritty sand and a little bit of a slog) towards Abbot's Well and Hampton Ridge and then circle around Amberwood and Sloaden Inclosures, Splash Bridge and Broomy Inclosure, then Milkham Inclosure and back via Red Shoot Wood and finally come down the hill we didn't start with.

Sunday 15 April 2018

Abbotstone Down (ref SU 584 361)

Designated post-ride pub: The Woolpack at Totford if it's open, or possibly the Globe on the Lake, Alresford.

This popular starting place can be reached by taking the B3046 northwards out of Alresford (towards Basingstoke via the Candovers), passing through Old Alresford before climbing uphill through a spinney. The car park is at the top of the hill. From here the ride may well take us along the Oxdrove towards Upper Wield and Bradley before climbing through Nutley Wood to arrive on the downs above Dummer. A return trip through Breach Farm and the Candovers takes us back up the Oxdrove and thence back to the car park. This ride is always a lot of fun and well worth joining in.

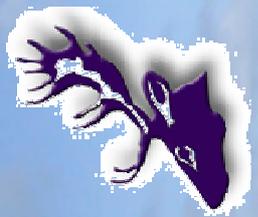
Sunday 29 April 2018

Bolderwood (ref SU 242 087)

Designated post-ride pub: the New Forest Inn, Emery Down.

This ride starts from the car park by the deer sanctuary just across the road from the Cadian Memorial. This can be reached either by coming across Ocknell Plain from Stoney Cross towards Milkham Inclosure and turning left to take the road down under the A31 dual carriageway or by coming through Lyndhurst turning towards Emery Down and then branching left at the New Forest Inn to pass the Portuguese Fireplace before finding the car park after another two miles. From this start point, we can ride down through Millyford Bridge, pick up on the Reptillary and carry on to Rhinefield or we can scoot downhill towards Burley. Either direction could lead us eventually to the old railway line skirting round the back of Wilverley Inclosure. Another route might take us back under the A31 and into Milkham Inclosure, Holly Hatch Inclosure, Kings Garn Gutter, Minstead and so on.

Tues	17
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Fri	20
Sat	21
Sun	22
St George's Day	Mon 23
Tues	24
Weds	25
Thurs	26
Fri	27
Sat	28
Club Ride	Sun 29
Full Moon	Mon 30



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May 2018

Main pic: Riders in the Purbecks heading down to Swanage.

1 Tues

2 Weds

3 Thurs

4 Fri

5 Sat

6 Sun

7 Mon May Day Bank Holiday

8 Tues

9 Weds

10 Thurs

11 Fri

12 Sat

13 Sun Club Ride

14 Mon

15 Tues New Moon

16 Weds

Thurs 17

Fri 18

Sat 19

Sun 20

Mon 21

Tues 22

Weds 23

Thurs 24

Fri 25

Sat 26

Sun 27

Mon 28

Tues 29

Weds 30

Thurs 31

SingleSpeed European Championships

Full Moon

Club Ride

Whitsun Bank Holiday

Sunday 13 May 2018

Breamore near Fordingbridge (ref SU 159 179)

Designated pub: Bat and Ball at Breamore

Please note that we are no longer able to use the car park at the Museum but will assemble in the car park of the Bat and Ball pub. We will probably be going up towards the gallops along Wick Down and Whitbury Down for a circular route taking in some sweeping tracks and ridges with fine vistas and perhaps reaching down to Martin and Tidpit before returning via Rockbourne and Whitsbury.

Singlespeed European Championships.

This year the event is being held near Arnhem in the Netherlands, just a few hours' drive from the Channel Tunnel, hosted by the guys who run the Mountain Bike Museum.

Sunday 27 May 2018

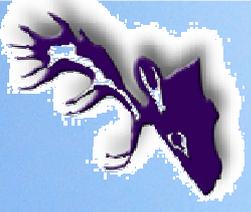
Bank Holiday - QE Park on the A3 north of Horndean (ref SU 719 184)

Designated pub: The QE Park café for coffee and cake

There are several interesting tracks beyond the obvious choice of the official designated blue, red and wall-of-death offerings in the Park itself. Moving outside of the park boundaries will lead us onto large chunks of the South Downs Way. In one direction there is direct access to Butser Hill and the East Meon/Privett neck of the woods, whilst in the other, the SDW takes you out towards Harting Downs and Beacon Hill.

The start point is the visitor centre car park, so don't forget to bring some money for the parking meter.

This ride is not recommended for newcomers unless they are confident on steep ascents and descents and can manage the distance coupled with the terrain. For our regular attendees, the tracks are reasonably good although there are some chalk ascents and descents that will get slippery if they get wet with a summer shower. In such conditions Fatbikes with their better grip have been known to easily outpace the full suspension rigs that many people choose to ride there.



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June 2018

Main pic: A gentle roll down Ryde Pier at the start of last year's ride on the eastern side of the Isle of Wight.

Sunday 10 June 2018

Isle of Wight (east) – all day ride – from the base of Ryde Pier
(ref SZ 594 929)

Designated pub: Pub lunch on the ride.

This will be a day ride but the gathering point will be at the shore end of Ryde Pier, same as the trip we did in 2017. Most riders crossed the Solent on the Wightlink high speed service from Portsmouth to Ryde Pier. A few others crossed on the car ferries either from Southampton to Cowes or Portsmouth to Fishbourne and rode to the gathering point at the base of Ryde Pier.

For those crossing from Portsmouth there is a car park on University land about 5 minutes ride away from either of the ferry terminals on the corner of Museum Road and the A3 that is open to the public at weekends for £2 all day.

Recommended ferry times will be published on the club message board and Facebook page close to the ride date.

The route will likely take in Culver Down with it's stunning views and excellent cake stop before heading inland for lunch at a pub to be decided on the day. The return will pass convenient turn off points for those travelling back via Fishbourne or Cowes.

Sunday 24 June 2018

Longslade Bottom (ref SU 269 002)

Designated pub: One of the Brockenhurst watering holes TBA

This location is right by the old railway line that runs from Brockenhurst to Burley so the opportunities are quite varied. Sethorns Inclosure, Wilverley, Brownhill and Holmsley in one direction and North Weirs, Ober Lodge, Rhinefield and so on in the other direction or perhaps a bit of Bashley and Ossemsley.

1 Fri

2 Sat

3 Sun

4 Mon

5 Tues

6 Weds

7 Thurs

8 Fri

9 Sat The Queen's Birthday

10 Sun

Club Ride

11 Mon

12 Tues Committee Meeting
New Forest Inn

13 Weds New Moon

14 Thurs

15 Fri

16 Sat

Father's Day

Sun 17

Mon 18

Tues 19

Weds 20

Summer Solstice
Thurs 21

Fri 22

Sat 23

Club Ride
Sun 24

Mon 25

Tues 26

Weds 27

Full Moon
Thurs 28

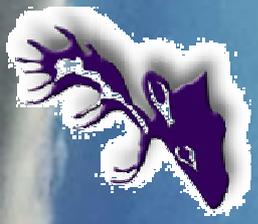
Fri 29

Sat 30

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July 2018

Main pic: Keith Whitten starting the descent from the wind farm above Evanton and Loch Glass whilst on a solo trip to the highlands of Scotland.

Sunday 08 July 2018
James Hill car park, followed by Beer Festival and BBQ at the New Forest Inn – (Ride at ref SU 283 083 – Pub @ SU286 084)
 The best start point is the car park just 1/4 mile along the road from the pub in the direction of the Portuguese Fireplace. It has worked alright for us each time we have ridden from here because parking is at a premium at the pub. We simply leave the cars where they are and walk along the road. Starting from here we have a choice of the Reptilliary, Rhinefield, Bolderwood, Burley, Minstead and so on; all good stuff and just right for working up an appetite.
 Please note that if you have previously taken advantage of parking roadside on the verge, you are now denied that opportunity because a series of protection stakes have been set along the road edge to prevent people clogging up the road and causing a hazard. The choice is now either the pub car park or the official forest gravel car parks.

Sunday 22 July 2018
Corfe Castle, Purbecks (all day ride) (ref SY 955 827)
Designated pub: Lunch stop
 This ride can be reached either by driving all the way the Corfe, or in the past some members have parked in Poole and taken the Sandbanks ferry and riding the short distance to the start point. Whatever your point of origin, the ride will start officially from the Norden Park and Ride facility just near Corfe Castle and that is the map reference given above. Please note that there is a car parking charge payable at meters in the Park and Ride facility. The start time will be the usual 10.00am roll out of the car park. Please allow a bit of extra time to get to the start as it is summertime and the tourists will be out in force.

28/29th July: Twentyfour12, Plymouth
 This event has been attended by club members a number of times in recent years and gives entrants the choice of 12 or 24 hour races either solo or in teams.

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7 Sat

8 Sun Club Ride

9 Mon

10 Tues

11 Weds

12 Thurs

13 Fri New Moon

14 Sat

15 Sun

16 Mon

Tues 17

Weds 18

Thurs 19

Fri 20

Sat 21

Sun 22 Club Ride

Mon 23

Tues 24

Weds 25

Thurs 26

Fri 27 Full Moon

Sat 28 Twentyfour12 Plymouth

Sun 29

Mon 30

Tues 31



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August 2018

Main pic: Dan Whitten lake jumping at the Big Bike Bash.

This year's event sold out in three days!

Bottom pic: Please don't let August be anything like this!

Sunday 05 August 2018

Peaslake, Surrey Hills

(ref TQ083 445)

Designated pub: TBA

Lovely starting point this, in striking distance of so much good riding; Holmbury Hill, Leith Hill, North Downs, just too much to list. Well worth the extra effort to get there.

Sunday 19 August 2018

Fritham (ref SU 230 140)

Designated pub: The Royal Oak at Fritham

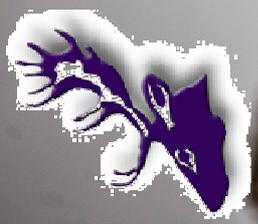
From here you can ride along the RUPP leading northwards from Eyeworth Pond and from there, onto the track that leads towards Hale before turning back towards Fordingbridge and picking up on Hampton Ridge to get back to Fritham. Other options from this starting point are eastwards through Kings Garn Gutter and circle down through Minstead and Bolderwood for a ride with some ups and downs. Alternatively, Hampton Ridge itself can take you through to Hasley Inclosure and thence to the Red Shoot Inn and Milkham Inclosure before riding back through Slufifers and back across Stoney Cross to Minstead.



Fri 17	
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Sun 19	Club Ride
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Sat 25	
Sun 26	BIG BIKE BASH Full Moon
Mon 27	Bank Holiday
Tues 28	
Weds 29	
Thurs 30	
Fri 31	

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4 Sat	
5 Sun	Club Ride
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11 Sat	New Moon
12 Sun	
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15 Weds	
16 Thurs	

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September 2018

Main pic: Ros Harper at the Ard Rock Enduro.

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Fri 21

Sat 22

Sun 23
Autumn Equinox

Mon 24

Tues 25
Full Moon

Weds 26

Thurs 27

Fri 28

Sat 29

Sun 30
Club Ride

1 Sat

2 Sun
Club Ride

3 Mon

4 Tues

5 Weds

6 Thurs

7 Fri

8 Sat

9 Sun
New Moon

10 Mon

11 Tues
Committee Meeting
New Forest Inn

12 Weds

13 Thurs

14 Fri

15 Sat
Singlespeed UK
The Isle of Wight

16 Sun
Club Ride

Sunday 02 September 2018 Farley Mount, Westwood (ref SU 420 292)

Designated pub: *The Dolphin, Hursley*

Sometimes we meet at Crab Wood picnic area and sometimes we meet at the Monument car park. This venue is halfway between Crab Wood and the Monument at the junction with the road coming from Hursley and Standon on the A3090.

There are some terrific tracks in this area. Parnholt Wood has a great downhill run which leads to Kings Somborne. From here it is possible to take the Test Way up to Stockbridge and circle out round Crawley almost reaching Wherwell not far from Andover before heading back via Sparsholt and West Wood. For anyone looking for a shorter trip, you could do worse than ride around the many trails in West Wood itself perhaps linking up with some sections of the Clarendon Way.

At this time of year hopefully there will not be mud to contend with but there is a possibility that with some late summer rain some of the tracks might be a bit slippery. There will be some deep ruts to negotiate but don't let that put you off; count it as a valuable lesson in staying upright.

Singlespeed UK 2018.

This year's event is being organised by Keith Whitten, your magazine editor, and will be held in the Sandown Bay area. There will be a group ride, some racing on Yaverland Beach and a meal and party afterwards with very reasonably priced beer and cider. See www.ssuk2018.co.uk

Sunday 16 September 2018 Marlborough – all day (ref SU 188 689)

Suggested pub for lunch stop: *The Inn With The Well, Ogbourne St George.*

The map reference is the public car park behind the shops on the main road but you get to it by taking the B3052 local residential road that runs south of and parallel to the High Street which is the main A4 road. There is never a guarantee that car park charges will not apply on Sundays, so it's best to take some coins for the parking meters, just in case. Last time we rode from here four years ago the weather was awful, but it was good two years prior to that and another two years prior to that as it happens. We could cycle up onto Barton Down and then head east towards the western end of the Ridgeway near Avebury. After this, we could follow the Ridgeway to Barbury Castle and then take a variety of loops to Ogbourne St George for the lunch stop at the Inn with the Well (www.theinnwiththewell.com) which welcomes riders and walkers. This is good riding country so we don't have to stick to that route suggestion.

Sunday 30 September 2018 Appleslade Inclosure (ref SU 183 092)

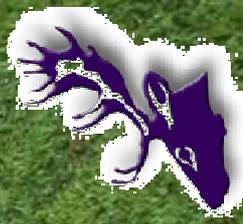
Designated pub: *The Red Shoot Inn - for the Beer and Cider Festival*

Yes, we are back again at Appleslade Inclosure and the added attraction this time is that it is a short way from the Red Shoot Inn and the ride has been timed to coincide with a beer and cider festival. After the ride you will be greeted by a bewildering array of barrels on stillage racks together with a hog roast, so refuelling after the ride could be quite comprehensive.

For the ride itself, we could start with a sharp rise, but on cold muscles this is not recommended so we might make our way across Ibsley Common (soft, gritty sand and a little bit of a slog) towards Abbot's Well and Hampton Ridge and then circle around Anderwood and Sloden Inclosures, Splash Bridge and Broomy Inclosure, then Milkham Inclosure and back via Red Shoot Wood and finally come down the hill we didn't start with.

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What a busy month!



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October 2018

Main pic: Winter's on it's way.
Time to get your mudguards refitted.

Sunday 14 October 2018

Isle of Wight – the western end - all day from Lyminster (ref SZ 333 955)

Designated pub: Pub lunch on the ride followed by the Bar on the Ferry

This will be a day ride starting from the Lyminster ferry terminal and starting on the Island at Yarmouth and it will be a fun day out. Whatever happens, the choice of riding is excellent, the views from the ridges are stunning and the pubs are friendly and welcoming. Remember to bring loads of money for the ferry, the pub, the catering facilities on the ferry and most importantly, a selection of coinage to feed the meter at the car park.

TIMINGS AND OTHER DETAILS TO BE ANNOUNCED

Sunday 28 October 2018

Whiteparish (the doctor's surgery car park) (ref SU 246 236)

Designated pub: TBA

The map reference given is the centre of the village. The doctor's surgery is close by and can be found about 50 metres along from the main junction in the middle, on the road leading back towards Landford. The general plan is probably to head northwards to the area bounded by West Tytherley, Pitton and the Winterslow villages and discover the bridleways and woodland tracks. Volunteer leaders for a particular route will be most welcome.

Another option from this start point is to head west along the top of the ridge past the Pepperbox and cross the A36 for a circuit on the (mostly) well drained trails between Alderbury and Downton.

1 Mon

2 Tues

3 Weds

4 Thurs

5 Fri

6 Sat

7 Sun

8 Mon

9 Tues New Moon

10 Weds

11 Thurs

12 Fri

13 Sat

14 Sun Club Ride

15 Mon

16 Tues

Weds 17

Thurs 18

Fri 19

Sat 20

Sun 21

Mon 22

Tues 23

Weds 24 Full Moon

Thurs 25

Fri 26

Sat 27 Clocks Go Back

Sun 28 Club Ride

Mon 29

Tues 30

Weds 31 Halloween



NEWFORCE



November 2018

Main pic: Watching the boats with a well earned kebab.

Sunday 11 November 2018

Four Marks (halfway between Alresford and Alton) (ref SU 672 361)
Designated pub: TBA

This ride starts at Chawton Park Woods which is on the back road from Four Marks to Medstead (if you can remember the Windmill pub (long gone) it is just behind there. From here the usual suspects are likely to be Medstead, Bentworth and the Upper Wield areas, joined up with Moundsmere and the Candovers. All good stuff.

Sunday 25 November 2018

Deerleap, near Colbury (ref SU 353 095)
Designated pub: The Happy Cheese, Ashurst

Believe it or not, the last time we started from here was in 2009. This place on the eastern boundary of the forest can link up via Ashurst into Ironhill Inclosure and thence to Lyndhurst before circling down through Denny Wood and then finding a return route. It is quite often used as a starting point by the groups that ride out on Thursday evenings, so we will be retracing some tracks that have passed into club folklore.

1 Thurs

2 Fri

3 Sat

4 Sun

5 Mon Guy Fawkes night

6 Tues

7 Weds New Moon

8 Thurs

9 Fri

10 Sat

11 Sun Remembrance Sunday
Club Ride

12 Mon

13 Tues

14 Weds

15 Thurs

16 Fri

Sat 17

Sun 18

Mon 19

Tues 20

Weds 21

Thurs 22

Full Moon
Fri 23

Sat 24

Club Ride
Sun 25

Mon 26

Tues 27

Weds 28

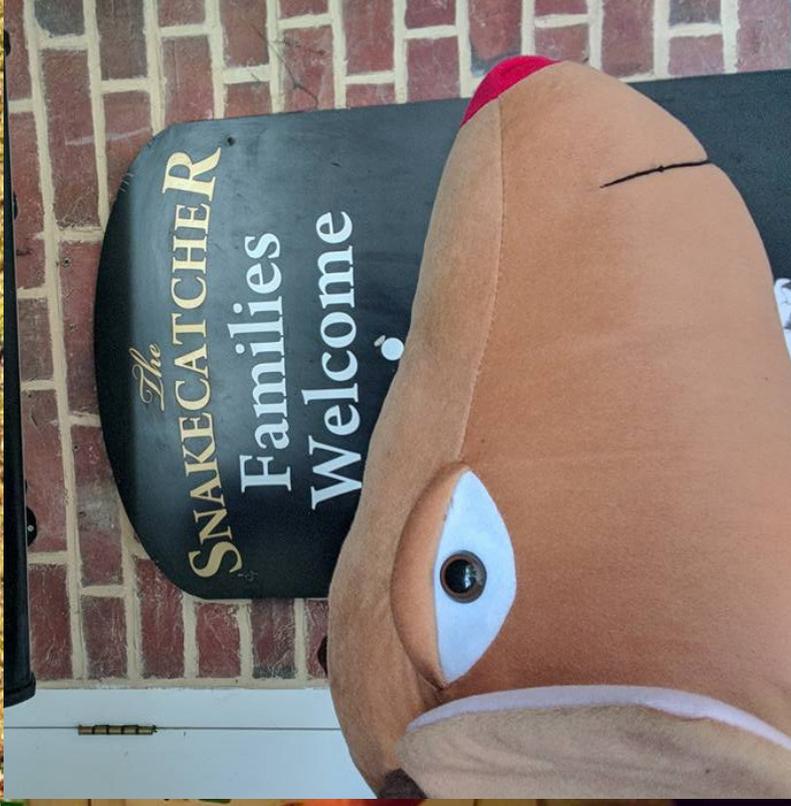
Thurs 29

St Andrew's Day
Fri 30

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NEWBORCE



December 2018

Main pic: Well it wouldn't be a Newforce Christmas without a picture or two of the Vindys annual fancy dress ride.

2 Dec: Global Fatbike Day, Various locations

GFBD is a gathering of fatbikes and plus sized bikes and their owners in various locations around the world, often facilitated by local bike shops hoping for a bit of positive publicity. The rides generally last all day but are quite sedately paced, sociable affairs with refreshment stops and often a meal after.

Sunday 09 December 2018

Christmas ride and lunch (ref SU 275 079)

Designated pub: *The Swan Inn, Swan Green, Emery Down – Christmas lunch. (Pub @ SU291 082)*

The start point is the James Hill car park just 1/4 mile along the road from the Emery Down Inn in the direction of the Portuguese Fireplace. We have traditionally eaten at the Emery Down Inn but were victims of its popularity and at Christmas 2017 we were obliged to dine at the Swan Inn where we were well received so we have chosen to go there again in 2018 for our Christmas meal. Starting from James Hill car park, we have a choice of the Reptilliary, Rhinefield, Bolderwood, Burley, Minstead and so on; all good stuff and just right for working up an appetite.

Sunday 26 December 2018

Beaulieu Road Station (ref SU 349 063)

Designated pub: *Drift Inn*

Same as Boxing Day 2017, we are visiting the car park opposite the Drift Inn at Beaulieu Road Station for a chance to shake off the excesses of the festive season. Obvious choices are Denny Wood, and the triangle between Lyndhurst, Brockenhurst and Beaulieu. Less obvious choices are back towards Longdown, Deerleap or down towards Holbury, Hythe and Dibden Purlieu which was where the 2017 ride went.

1 Sat	
2 Sun	Global Fatbike Day (probably)
3 Mon	
4 Tues	
5 Weds	
6 Thurs	
7 Fri	New Moon
8 Sat	
9 Sun	Club Ride and Christmas dinner
10 Mon	
11 Tues	Club Annual General Meeting
12 Weds	
13 Thurs	
14 Fri	
15 Sat	
16 Sun	

Mon 17	
Tues 18	
Weds 19	
Thurs 20	
Fri 21	Winter Solstice
Sat 22	Full Moon
Sun 23	
Mon 24	
Tues 25	Christmas Day
Weds 26	Boxing Day Club Ride
Thurs 27	
Fri 28	
Sat 29	
Sun 30	
Mon 31	New Year's Eve

January 2019

Shops offering club discounts:

Boost Bike Hub www.boostbikehub.co.uk

Brookley Road, Brockenhurst tel: 01590 624204

Cycle Experience

179 Barrack Road, Christchurch tel: 01202 486278

10-20 South Street, Hythe tel: 02380 840765

Sinclair Cycles

9 Westcroft Parade, Station Rd, New Milton BH25 6JG tel 01425 837071

Cycle World Wessex

36 Thornhill Park Road, Southampton. tel: 02380 471140

109a Winchester Road, Romsey. tel: 01794 513344

373 London Road, Portsmouth. tel: 02392 666551

Sandy Balls Cycle Centre

Godshill, Fordingbridge. tel: 01425 657707

Bournemouth Cycleworks, www.bournemouthcycleworks.co.uk

1143-1145 Christchurch Rd, Bournemouth, BH7 6BW tel 01202 424945

Primera www.primera-sports.com

183 Bournemouth Rd, Parkstone, 01202 775588

244 Charminster Rd, Charminster, 01202775588

Perfect Balance Cycles

87 Junction Road, Totton. tel: 02380 871777

Hargroves Cycles www.hargrovescycles.co.uk

150 Commercial Rd Totton. tel: 02380 862011, Also in Winchester, Chichester &

Fareham

Peter Hansford Cycles

91 Olivers Battery Road South, Winchester tel: 01962 877555

Southampton Road, Park Gate and 32a Hursley Road, Chandlers Ford

Ride

111 Commercial Road, Parkstone. tel: 01202 741744

The Hub Cycleworks

105-107 Shirley Road, Southampton.

Hampshire Trailer and Roofrack Centre

Solent Business Centre, Millbrook Road, Southampton. tel: 02380 333111

The Woods Cyclery

56 High Street, Lyndhurst, SO43 7BG. tel 02380 282028

1 Tues New Year's Day

2 Weds Bank Holiday

3 Thurs

4 Fri

5 Sat

6 Sun

7 Mon

8 Tues

9 Weds

10 Thurs

11 Fri

12 Sat

13 Sun

14 Mon

15 Tues

16 Weds

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