



# NEWFORCE

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## Your Committee

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](http://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 2017

Main pic: Sue and Linda frosty but smiley.

1 Sun

2 Mon Bank Holiday

3 Tues

4 Weds

5 Thurs

6 Fri

7 Sat

8 Sun

9 Mon

10 Tues

11 Weds

12 Thurs Full Moon

13 Fri

14 Sat

15 Sun

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Tues 17

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Sat 21

Sun 22

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Tues 24

Weds 25

Thurs 26

Fri 27

Sat 28  
New Moon

Sun 29

Mon 30

Tues 31

**Sunday 08 January 2017** Royal Oak pub, 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 Sluifers and back across Stoney Cross to Minstead.

**Sunday 22 January 2017** Burley (opposite cricket pitch)

(ref SU 214 028)

**Designated pub: Queen's Head in the centre of the village**

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 2017

Main pic: Frosty morning at Eling.

Fri 17  
Sat 18  
Sun 19  
Club Ride

Mon 20  
Tues 21  
Weds 22  
Thurs 23  
Fri 24  
Sat 25  
Sun 26  
New Moon  
Mon 27  
Tues 28

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1 Weds  
2 Thurs  
3 Fri

4 Sat  
5 Sun Club Ride  
6 Mon  
7 Tues  
8 Weds  
9 Thurs  
10 Fri  
11 Sat Full Moon  
12 Sun  
13 Mon  
14 Tues  
15 Weds  
16 Thurs

**Sunday 05 February 2017**    **Three Legged Cross pub, near Verwood**    (ref SU 096 051)  
**Designated pub: Three Legged Cross Inn**  
 This is a new-ish starting point for the club, in lieu of the cramped parking at Bakers Hanging on the road to Verwood from Ringwood. However there have been a few Jalfrezi style outings starting from here. 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 on-street kerbside parking. The turning into the industrial estate is at SU 096 051. Although the plan 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.

**Sunday 19 February 2017**    **Linford Bottom near Ringwood**    (ref SU 182 072)  
 I had to go back to 2014 and before that 2008 to find the last times we rode from here. If you are coming from the Southampton direction, take the A31 westwards all the way to Ringwood. At the bottom of Poulner Hill you take the slip road off and turn back towards Southampton, get on the eastbound side of the dual carriageway and go back up Poulner Hill again. When you get almost to the top of the hill, there is a nursery/garden centre on the left. Go past this and then take the next turn left onto a narrow side road to head towards Hangersley and Shobley and ultimately to the car park at Linford Bottom. The routes available are across Rockford Common, Linwood, Ibsley Common and on towards Abbots Well or perhaps southwards via the underpass at Picket Post towards Burley Street, Dur Hill, Bisterne Common and Holmsley.  
 A dry period will give you a mixture of rutted horse –hoof stutter or dry sand that challenges directional control and needs a good push on the pedals whereas a wet, soggy period will give you a squelching, slippery track surface or a gritty grinding paste guaranteed to make you rush to the shop for new brake pads next morning. You will also need to pedal with a bit more vigour over this terrain. This early in the year there is no guaranteeing which way the dice will fall.

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# March 2017

Main pic: Summit of Old Winchester Hill on the South Downs Way. Sue M's Good Friday (2016) Newforce Ride.

1 Weds St David's Day

2 Thurs

3 Fri

4 Sat

5 Sun Mother's Day  
Club Ride

6 Mon

7 Tues

8 Weds

9 Thurs

10 Fri

11 Sat

12 Sun Full Moon

13 Mon

14 Tues Committee Meeting  
New Forest Inn

15 Weds

16 Thurs

St Patrick's Day

Fri 17

Sat 18

Sun 19  
Club Ride

Mon 20

Tues 21  
Spring Equinox

Weds 22

Thurs 23

Fri 24

Sat 25

Clocks Go Forward  Sun 26

Mon 27

Tues 28  
New Moon

Weds 29

Thurs 30

Fri 31

**Sunday 05 March 2017 Hatchet Pond near Beaulieu (ref SU 369 017)**

**Designated pub: Turfcutters Arms**

This is Hatchet Pond itself, not the model aircraft car park. This location can take us around the perimeter track of the old airfield, perhaps taking in Diltons Farm without getting up to our axles in mud and other unspeakable mixtures of slurry. There is a loop via Beaulieu around the fringes of Langley, Blackfield, Holbury and Hardley before turning southwards and heading back towards Hatchet Moor or if neither of those routes takes your fancy, there's always Hawkhill, Ladycross, Woodfidley and Denny Lodge on the north side of the B3055 road (the road between Beaulieu and Brockenhurst).

Newcomers might enjoy this ride location, there are no major hills to contend with (well I don't think so, but that's just my view) and the tracks are mostly well surfaced.

**Sunday 19 March 2017 Bishops Waltham, Dukes Mill car park**

**(ref SU 554 176)**

**Designated pub: TBA**

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.



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# April 2017

Main pic: John Pike making a splash in the Quantocks During the Vindys' trip to the 'Love Shack' in April 2016.

<b>1</b> Sat	April Fools Day
<b>2</b> Sun	Club Ride
<b>3</b> Mon	
<b>4</b> Tues	
<b>5</b> Weds	
<b>6</b> Thurs	
<b>7</b> Fri	
<b>8</b> Sat	
<b>9</b> Sun	
<b>10</b> Mon	30 years ago Martin Wheat bought his first MTB
<b>11</b> Tues	Full Moon
<b>12</b> Weds	
<b>13</b> Thurs	
<b>14</b> Fri	Good Friday Bank Holiday
<b>15</b> Sat	
<b>16</b> Sun	Easter (egg) Day Club Ride

**Sunday 02 April 2017** Rufus Stone

(ref SU 270 127)

**Designated pub: probably not The Sir Walter Tyrell. More likely The Green Dragon at Brook**

There are numerous possibilities from this location. A quick trip through the A31 underpass at Stoney Cross leads to Minstead which opens up the whole of the area around the Canadian Memorial, the Portuguese fireplace and Millyford Bridge, whilst heading out northwards you will find the golf course at Kings Garn Gutter and thus on to Fritham and all that lies beyond. No shortage of opportunities whichever way you look and a variety of hills or rolling fire roads whichever takes your fancy.

**Sunday 16 April 2017** Goodwood – all day ride  
(ref SU 896 113)

**Designated pub: Lunch stop**

This has was last used in September 2013 so is overdue a visit. There is plenty of parking at the map reference; it is a popular barbecue/picnic spot. More to the point, there are lots of trails around Singleton, Charlton and East Dean with opportunities to take in large chunks of the South Downs Way around the Graffham Down and Bignor Hill districts. Lunch will be taken in during the course of the ride but the venue has yet to be decided, as has the actual route.

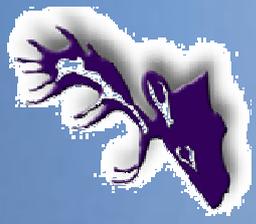
**Sunday 30 April 2017** Martin , car park  
(ref SU 058 193)

**Designated pub: the nearest pub is The Compasses at Damerham, 4 miles south east towards Fordingsbridge.**

The village of Martin is situated to the south of the A354 road that runs from Salisbury to Blandford Forum. For most of us, the village is probably most easily reached by heading north-west for eight miles or so out of Fordingsbridge passing through Sandheath, Damerham and Tidpit before arriving at Martin. Approaching from this direction, the car park can be found by taking a left turn in the village itself onto a dead end road at the end of which will be found a car park at the foot of Blagdon Hill. We shall meet at this car park and head out for the bridleways and ancient drove roads which criss-cross Cranbourne Chase. There will be some challenging uphills, fast downhill and panoramic ridgeways in this delightful area.

**Hints and tips:** Can be slippery on the chalky Cranbourne Chase tracks but other tracks will hold up well especially the ones along the ridges.

Easter Monday Bank Holiday	<b>Mon 17</b>
	<b>Tues 18</b>
	<b>Weds 19</b>
	<b>Thurs 20</b>
	<b>Fri 21</b>
	<b>Sat 22</b>
St George's Day	<b>Sun 23</b>
	<b>Mon 24</b>
	<b>Tues 25</b>
New Moon	<b>Weds 26</b>
	<b>Thurs 27</b>
	<b>Fri 28</b>
	<b>Sat 29</b>
Clocks go forward Club Ride	<b>Sun 30</b>



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# May 2017

Main pic: Ashley and Robin's Whitsun break to Minehead last year in the week when the whole west of the country from Devon to Scotland was bathed in dawn to dusk sunshine and temperatures in the high twenties.

<b>1</b> Mon	May Day Bank Holiday NEWFORCE 25th Birthday
<b>2</b> Tues	
<b>3</b> Weds	
<b>4</b> Thurs	
<b>5</b> Fri	
<b>6</b> Sat	
<b>7</b> Sun	
<b>8</b> Mon	
<b>9</b> Tues	
<b>10</b> Weds	Full Moon
<b>11</b> Thurs	
<b>12</b> Fri	
<b>13</b> Sat	
<b>14</b> Sun	Club Ride
<b>15</b> Mon	
<b>16</b> Tues	

## 14 May: Club Ride, Wilverly Plain

This ride will be the official celebration of the club's 25th anniversary. There will be the usual ride groups and it is hoped to have a barbecue on the plain at the end.

## 20 May: Heaven of the South.

Heaven of the South is a non-competitive charity event held in Kingswood near Wootton-Under-Edge, Gloucestershire. There will be 50 or 75km marked rides through the rolling hills of Gloucestershire, followed by an evening party with live music and much cider. Camping is available for both the Friday and Saturday nights.

## 27th May: SSEC2017, Evanton, central Scotland.

If the organisers can do anywhere near as good a job as the Slovenians did last year it'll be one not to miss. We've already been promised a ride to a local distillery. You won't even need a real singlespeed. Bikes can be converted for the weekend or just bodged with gaffer tape. That's how it was in Slovenia.

## 28 May: Club Ride, Inkpen Beacon

Inkpen Beacon, between Newbury and Marlborough is the northern-most end of the Test Way which runs to Totton and also the north western end of the Wayfarers Walk which runs to Emsworth. It is marked by the hangman's gallows at Coombe Gibbet.

Weds <b>17</b>	
Thurs <b>18</b>	
Fri <b>19</b>	
Sat <b>20</b>	Heaven of The South Gloucestershire
Sun <b>21</b>	
Mon <b>22</b>	
Tues <b>23</b>	
Weds <b>24</b>	
Thurs <b>25</b>	New Moon
Fri <b>26</b>	
Sat <b>27</b>	SingleSpeed European Championships
Sun <b>28</b>	Club Ride
Mon <b>29</b>	Whitsun Bank Holiday
Tues <b>30</b>	
Weds <b>31</b>	



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# June 2017

Main pic from last August's Wilton ride.

1 Thurs

2 Fri

3 Sat

4 Sun

5 Mon

6 Tues

7 Weds

8 Thurs

9 Fri Full Moon

10 Sat

11 Sun Club Ride

12 Mon

13 Tues Committee Meeting  
New Forest Inn

14 Weds

15 Thurs

16 Fri

## 11 June: Club Ride, Queen Elizabeth Park near Petersfield

QE Park to the south of Petersfield has had purpose built mountain bike trails for over 20 years. The trail network there has been expanded and improved in recent years but chalky and rooty nature of some areas means they are still definitely a challenge when wet. Outside the park there are some of Hampshire's biggest hills to contend with but as they say, 'what goes up must come down'. Don't forget to pay for parking when you get there.

## 17 to 18 June: Mountain Mayhem, Gatcombe Park, Gloucestershire

This year see's the 20th anniversary of the UK's premier mountain bike 24 hour race. In previous years there has been a strong club presence, peaking with forty or more club members and their families forming their own enclave within the camping area.

## 25th June: Club Ride, Moyles Court

### *Designated pub: The Alice Lisle*

This is a popular location situated at the Moyles Court sand pit. From here most of the available routes start with a short sharp rise but once that is out of the way, there are options for rolling on across Rockford Common (firm going) towards Linwood, the Red Shoot and Milkham, or taking a course over Ibsley Common (soft, gritty sand and a little bit of a slog) towards Abbot's Well and Hampton Ridge. We might even make a foray westwards across the River Avon and have a thrash around Ringwood Forest, Boveridge Heath, Ashley Heath and Horton Common, all well worth a visit.

Mountain Mayhem  
20th Anniversary

Sat 17

Father's Day

Sun 18

Mon 19

Summer Full Moon

Tues 20

Weds 21

Thurs 22

Fri 23

New Moon

Sat 24

Club Ride

Sun 25

Mon 26

Tues 27

Weds 28

Thurs 29

Fri 30

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# July 2017

Main pic: WOOF

From Nigel Aiken's photos of last year's Long Mynd trip

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4 Tues

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6 Thurs

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8 Sat

9 Sun  
Full Moon  
Club Ride

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12 Weds

13 Thurs

14 Fri

15 Sat

16 Sun

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Tues 18

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Fri 21

Sat 22

Sun 23  
New Moon  
Club Ride

Mon 24

Tues 25

Weds 26

Thurs 27

Fri 28

Sat 29  
Twentyfour12  
Plymouth

Sun 30

Mon 31

## 9 July: Club Ride, Isle of Wight – Day ride

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

This will be a day ride starting from the Lymington 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 exit barrier or your visit to Lymington could be longer than you planned.

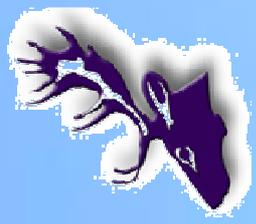
## 23 July: Club Ride, Olivers Battery, Winchester

### *Designated pub: No pub but we will be having the club summer barbecue afterwards*

There are a good variety of trails to the north and west of Winchester that can be easily accessed from this location.. Please check the club website or current magazine issue for exact details.

## 29 July: Twentyfour12, Plymouth

Various club members have entered this event through the years it's been running. There are options of 12 hour or 24 races, solo or teams of 4.



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# August 2017

Main pic: Eleanor earning her wings during last year's Jalfrezi trip to the Alps.

**Barry Collier** was the second club chairman, taking the role within the first year (1992) and handing over to Roger at the AGM in 1998. During the early years of the club Barry was active in organising races under the club's banner, to raise money for the club and for the publicity to the club by supporting the wider cycling community. Summer club barbecues were around, and partly in, his swimming pool with lots of laughter. He took over as Access Officer from Charlie Smith and devoted many hours to tedious and sometimes very rude meetings with the Forestry Commission, Verderers and New Forest Park authorities, making sure that the club's views were taken into account and resulting in the current network of approved routes.

## 6 Aug: Club Ride, Godshill

*Designated pub: The Fighting Cocks at Godshill*

Directions to the start point are to get to the Fighting Cocks pub at Godshill just east of Fordingbridge, and then follow the road to the side of the pub. It goes downhill and through a ford before climbing up the other side of the valley. The road twists sharply at the top of the hill and the car park is right at this location.

From here sensible choices are southwards towards Pitts Wood and Hampton Ridge, Hasely, Holly Hatch and Linwood or northwards through Godshill Inclosure, Hale, Bohemia, Lover and maybe up towards the Peppetbox or looping back eastwards via Bramshaw Telegraph.

## 20 Aug: Club Ride, Wilton – Day ride

The start point is the car park next to the Michael Herbert Hall, South Street, Wilton, SP2 0JS

We did this ride in August last year in fine weather, heading west along the Roman road before crossing the A303 and continuing to Upton Lovell where we had lunch in the riverside garden of the Prince Leopold pub. The return route took in the Monarchs Way which is a rollercoaster of a trail along the southern edge of Grovely Woods. This ride includes some stunning views across the Wylve Valley.

Thurs 17	
Fri 18	
Sat 19	
Sun 20	Club Ride
Mon 21	New Moon
Tues 22	
Weds 23	
Thurs 24	
Fri 25	
Sat 26	
Sun 27	BIG BIKE BASH Avon Tyrell
Mon 28	Bank Holiday
Tues 29	
Weds 30	
Thurs 31	

1 Tues	
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4 Fri	
5 Sat	1st anniversary of the death of Barry Collier
6 Sun	Club Ride
7 Mon	Full Moon
8 Tues	
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14 Mon	
15 Tues	
16 Weds	



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# September 2017

Main pic: Last year's Surry Hills weekend.

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13	Weds
14	Thurs
15	Fri
16	Sat

Singlespeed UK  
The Lake District

Club Ride

## 1 - 3 Sept: Singlespeed UK 2017

This year's event will be held in Stavely in the Lake District. The usual format for these events is as follows: Friday evening meet and greet, where old friends catch up and new friends are made over a beer or three. Saturday morning race which some of the less hung-over folks choose to take seriously. Saturday evening party with live music and more beer. Sunday some folks ride to see a bit of the area others pack up and go home.

## 3 Sept: Club Ride, Exton

The village of Exton is approximately 7 miles south east of Winchester and 4 miles north east of Bishops Waltham. From there the South Downs Way can be accessed as well as the many trails to the east of Winchester. At the time of writing the exact start point is not available to me so please watch the club website and magazine for further details.

## 17 Sept: Club Ride, Three Legged Cross pub, near Verwood , (SU 096 051)

### Designated pub: Three Legged Cross Inn

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Club Ride

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Sun	24
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Tues	26
Weds	27
Thurs	28
Fri	29
Sat	30

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# October 2017

Main pic: Fatties in the Forest as the nights draw in.

1 Sun Club Ride

Your newsletter editor's birthday. Don't forget to buy him a pint.

2 Mon

3 Tues

4 Weds

5 Thurs Full Moon

6 Fri

7 Sat

8 Sun

9 Mon

10 Tues

11 Weds

12 Thurs

13 Fri

14 Sat

15 Sun Club Ride

16 Mon

Tues 17

Weds 18

New Moon Thurs 19

Fri 20

Sat 21

Sun 22

Mon 23

Tues 24

Weds 25

Thurs 26

Fri 27

Clocks Go Back Sat 28

Club Ride Sun 29

Mon 30

Halloween Tues 31

## 1 Oct: Club Ride, Surrey Hills, Day ride

In previous years there has been a group from the club head top the area on the Saturday and stay overnight for two days riding. Other club members have set off early to meet up with them for a single day. Please look on the club message board or in the current issue of the magazine for further details of where the start point will be.

## 15 Oct: Club Ride, Cheriton Flower Pots

### Designated pub: *The Flower Pots Pub*

We have ridden from here a few times now. We usually make use of the field at the back of the pub for parking on the basis that we will spend lots of money at the bar upon our return. If we do not benefit from a BBQ, there is limited availability of Sunday Lunches (with a need to pre-book) but bar snacks are readily available. We could head north towards New Alresford and pick up on the Oxdrove network of tracks or we could stay southwards and take in parts of the South Downs Way and the tracks around Brockwood Park and Bramdean.

## 29 October: Fritham (ref SU 230 140)

### Designated pub: *The Royal Oak*

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# November 2017

Main pic: John Hawkins chasing Linda across Cheesefoot Head near Winchester.

Fri 17

Sat 18

Sun 19

New Moon Mon 20

Tues 21

Weds 22

Thurs 23

Fri 24

Sat 25

Club Ride Sun 26

Mon 27

Tues 28

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St Andrew's Day Thurs 30

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1 Weds

2 Thurs

3 Fri

4 Sat Full Moon

5 Sun Guy Fawkes night

6 Mon

7 Tues

8 Weds

9 Thurs

10 Fri

11 Sat

12 Sun Remembrance Sunday  
Club Ride

13 Mon

14 Tues

15 Weds

16 Thurs

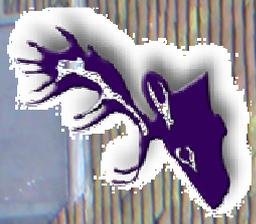
## 12 Nov: Club Ride, Swinley Forest

### *Designated pub: cake and coffee at the Visitor Centre*

Swinley Forest is an area of Windsor Forest located between Bracknell and Bagshot to the west of the A322. Cycling is permitted on hard tracks and within a specific expert mountain bike area. It is a condition of cycling within Swinley Forest that you must hold a cycle permit if over 16 years of age and we must comply with the requirements of English Nature. The forest is open 24 hours a day 7 days a week with access available from a number of entrances. The car park is at The Look Out Discovery Centre which not only is the source of Day Permit purchase, but has toilets and cafe is open every day except Christmas and Boxing Day from 10am to 5pm. Whilst the Swinley Forest Map showing the boundaries of the areas available to ride is available to purchase from the Visitor Centre if you are not familiar with the land but whenever we ride there, we make our own way around usually guided expertly by Carolyn. There are purpose built singletrack trails within the Expert Mountain Bike Area but these are not marked on the Forest Map so it is a case of finding a likely looking track and riding it.

## 26 Oct: Club Ride, Watership Down

Watership Down is visible to the east of the A34, north of Whitchurch. It is a hilly area by Hampshire standards and I remember many years ago the challenge being to ride the path that goes straight up Beacon Hill to the hill fort at it's summit. Full details of the start point for this ride are not available at the time of writing so please check the message board or current magazine issue if you intend joining this one.



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# December 2017

Main pic: Celebrating Christmas the Vindy way. Not for the faint hearted!

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

## 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. Charlie the Bikemonger down in Swanage has for the last few years done an excellent job of organising a group Fatty ride in the Purbecks and for the last two years a top quality meal in the evening, hosted in a seafront café. Charlie has a number of demo/hire bikes available for those without their own fatties but a few interlopers with skinny wheels are unlikely to be turned away as they will be sure to provide comedy moments struggling on the soft sand that is always included in these rides.

## 10 Dec: Club Ride, James Hill car park, followed by Christmas lunch at the New Forest Inn Christmas ride and lunch, (ref SU 283 083)

**Designated pub: The New Forest Inn, Emery Down – Christmas lunch.**  
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.

## 26 Dec: Club Ride, The Drift Inn

### Designated pub: The Drift Inn

The Drift Inn is located right next to the Beaulieu Road station so it's conceivable that anyone not wanting to drive to this one could arrive by train. If there are any running at that time on Boxing Day. The Boxing Day rides are usually a little less strenuous than most, something that will be aided by the largely flat nature of this area of the Forest, but undeniably good social occasions with a higher percentage of riders staying on for a drink or two afterwards than is normally seen.

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

# January 2018

## Shops offering club discounts

- Cycle Experience** [www.cyclex.co.uk](http://www.cyclex.co.uk)  
 Brookley Road, Brockenhurst tel: 01590 624204  
 179 Barrack Road, Christchurch tel: 01202 486278  
 10-20 South Street, Hythe tel: 02380 840765  
 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](http://www.bournemouthcycleworks.co.uk)  
 1143-1145 Christchurch Rd, Bournemouth, BH7 6BW tel 01202 424945
- Primera** [www.primera-sports.com](http://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](http://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  
 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

**1** Sun New Year's Day

**2** Mon Bank Holiday

**3** Tues

**4** Weds

**5** Thurs

**6** Fri

**7** Sat

**8** Sun

**9** Mon

**10** Tues

**11** Weds

**12** Thurs

**13** Fri

**14** Sat

**15** Sun

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Tues **31**