



# SWCC NEWSLETTER

Dec 2023

A warm August Midweek ride at Culworth

Hi All, we hope that we find you all well as you prepare for the festivities ahead.

So it's a Merry Christmas and all our very best for the New Year, let's make 2024 as good or better than '23.

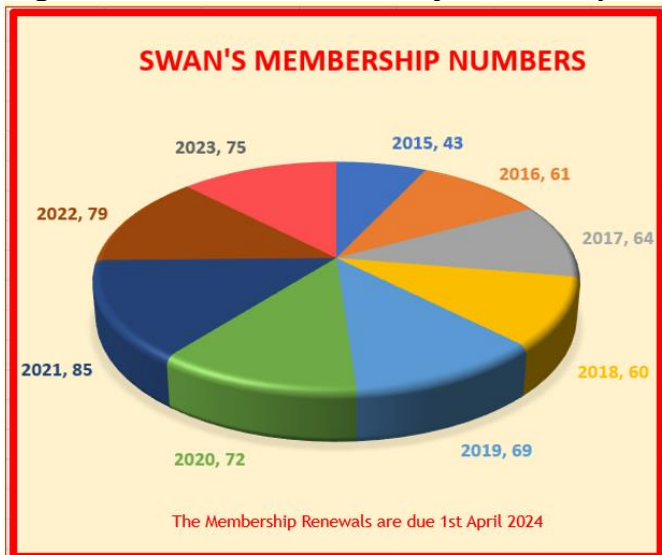
### The Club Solstice/Equinox Rides:

For the three runs this year we have used the Phoenix Kitchen at Claydon House twice and the Westbury Community Hub with the Club continuing to give back to those attending with free refreshments to the tune of £400 net this year.

The Spring Equinox is not included in this total as that was paid for by British Cycling re: our support for the Ladies Breeze Rides.

### Club Membership:

Whilst 2023 itself draws to a close our membership numbers are remaining at a healthy level as you can see. We've had 17 newbies so far join us since April so obviously a good number that have not joined this year.



### Ride Leader Up-Date:

It was all change at the AGM for this important Club Role with KirstyC taking the reins for us, we instigated a change with Group Ride Captain's for each ride group that is working reasonably well for us, BUT!

Ride Types→	A	B	C	LEISURE	BREEZE	MIDWEEK	NOTES
Group Captains→	James Tebboth	Stewart Batchelor	Niall Brash	Clymki Eastwood	Paul Woodham		
SUN 17-Dec		John Walker	Paul Woodham	Niall Brash		Paul Woodham	Solstice Meet-Up-Phoenix Kitchen
MID 20-Dec							
SUN 24-Dec							G&D for Xmas Cake?
MID 27-Dec						???	
SUN 31-Dec							Sunday social week
MID 8-Jan						???	
SUN 7-Jan						???	
MID 10-Jan						???	
SUN 14-Jan							Solstice Ride
MID 17-Jan						Paul Woodham	
SUN 21-Jan							
MID 24-Jan						John Hamilton	
SUN 28-Jan							Sunday social week

The schedule is always available to view on the 'Ride' page on the Club Website, it's updated weekly, it replaced the old google calendar.

We are also running more Leisure Rides currently which are proving successful, BUT!

We are thankful that some of you have stepped up to help your GRC's, BUT! as always we make no excuses to ask yet again for more RL Volunteers to help.

We are also looking to run another Ride Leaders Meeting one evening soon?

As they say *Your Club Needs You!*

### Financials'

As of 2<sup>nd</sup> November we are managing okay, up on the year by £88.08 with a positive balance of £1741.62. A few expenses have been applied since like our British Cycling (£74) fee, Internet charges (up 30%) & our Winter Solstice payment.

Note that the Club income is from our membership fees.

## Riders Competition '23:

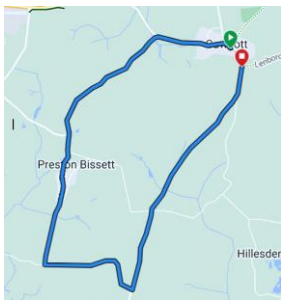
This is always available to view on the 'Ride Competition' tab on the Club Website, currently we have had 72 attendee's out & currently it's all very close at the top so maybe give it a view?

Remember it's 3 points for a Ride Leader, 2 points for any 2<sup>nd</sup> RL and a point for attending. Further graphs for you are the Ride Attendees & Cafés visited these can also be viewed there plus a bit of the Club history!

## Swan's Challenge TT Cup '23:

There was a change this year with a course improvement with it ending before the Gawcott street calming.

The Strava 'Swans Section' (Gawcott-Preston Bissett-Gawcott) 6.47 mile Segment.



We introduced a tweak to the format as well, running these fortnightly from the end of June over six evenings.

We are considering a change of course for our 2024 competition or may we get back to use the Silverstone Circuit again? So watch this space.

## Derby Track Club Event

As the attendees last year enjoyed riding the boards we've decided to head back for some more of this fun, so if you wish to have & to enjoy the same experience with us head for the 'Out of the Saddle' forum for more details and of course to sign-up to join in the fun.

No previous experience is required, we have all had to start from somewhere, isn't that right Katie!

## Dates for the Diary:

Next Committee Meetings at the Buckingham Cricket Club: Thursday's: 4<sup>th</sup> Jan, 8<sup>th</sup> Feb, 7<sup>th</sup> Mar.

Club Curry Night - The Fort - Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> January - book-in on the 'Out of the Saddle' forum please.

Club Shop Window: March

Membership Renewal: due 1<sup>st</sup> April

Derby Track: Friday 12<sup>th</sup> April - book-in on the 'Other Rides' forum please

Your AGM: Friday 19<sup>th</sup> April - TBC

Bike Maintenance: 27<sup>th</sup> April - TBC

Mouvaux Trip: planning for May - for some insight go to view in the 'Club Events' forum

North Bucks Charity Ride: 14<sup>th</sup> July

Finally I must thank you all again for your continued support for this great Club (yes I am biased!) as we ALWAYS look forward to seeing your smiling faces at another Club ride/event.

*Again Seasonial Greetings & All the Very Best for 2024.*