



CHEDDAR GORGE RIDE END AT CLIFTON SUSPENSION BRIDGE

SWCC newsletter

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Thanks to Pat's efforts in organising our first Away Day Ride of the year it is great to report that we had 18 attendees to the Cheddar Gorge Ride & all had a fabulous ride, even for those who had a little impromptu route back into Bristol who missed a left turn!

The first challenge of the day was the 21% climb up to the Clifton Bridge but with fresh legs it wasn't too challenging then it was south through the Somerset countryside as we headed for the Almshouse Tea Shop in Axbridge, an excellent choice I have to say.

Fully fed it was onto our challenge of the day or so we thought! The long climb through Gorge was managed well by all; it was hard in the early phase at 11% but once conquered it was

an easier ride up through the picturesque gorge.



The early weather was good with plenty of sunshine, dry roads all the way to the Cafe but there after the wind got up and the clouds moved in but it stayed mainly dry for the return to Bristol, where we were soon met with a few 10% plus climbs as we neared the bridge to complete our ride.

FOOD! The need was solved by visiting the superb Mollie's Diner nr Faringdon on the way

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home, thanks to JG for the idea.

Enjoyed it? So where to next?

That decision has already been made as we will be heading for a ride in the Peak's starting at Ashbourne on June 30th, full details have been posted in the Forum, fancy it then please visit and hit the Attending Button to show your interest.

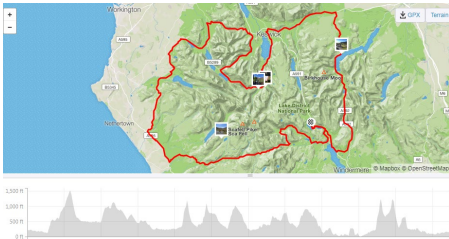
Individual Members Rides

The Fred Whitton Challenge:

If you are not in know this has to be one of the hardest sportive challenges in England as it wanders through the Cumbrian Hills & Swan's "Tall Tim" managed to get himself an entry where others failed.



Sunday 12th May, 6:20am: saw Tim head out for this momentous ride & the stats are as thus: 115 miles ridden, 11,335 ft of climbing with some 30% & more to be ridden or just maybe walked! With some 9 hrs plus in the saddle & thankfully he did have a sunny warm days ride.



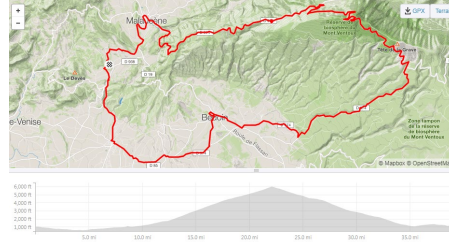
More details for this event at:

2019-fred-whitton-challenge-20th-anniversary/

Hot in from our foreign correspondent!

Happy in her home land we saw our Stephanie on a 6 day riding block in the French Alps covering 236 miles & an impressive 23k of climbing, here is just one iconic ride of note:

Day 3: Monday 3rd June, 9:11am: this saw Stephanie head out for a 39 Mile ride up some 5912 ft over 6hr's in the saddle to ride up the iconic Mont Ventoux.



Hope to have more news on this trip in the next Newsletter.

We have also seen a couple of 100 mile Sportive completed firstly by Paul Tinsley in Birmingham then James Tebboth doing the Cambridge. We also have Stewart Batchelor doing the "Chase the Sun" on 205 mile epic on the 22nd June with 5:30 am start time all to be completed by 21:00, have fun Stewart.

Anton Hobbs is busy now with the four **Night-Riders** events held through-out the country, he's already completed the London ride starting at the Lee Valley Velodrome; then to Glasgow with a planned Lock Ness ride for fun! Next it's Bristol then Liverpool to finish. These are 100k rides starting at 22:00 & riding through for an early morning finish.

Anton is doing this in aid of a local disability charity.. goldengiving.com/fundraising/buds-nr2019



A lot more info at: nightrider.org.uk

Club Kit Shop

The spring purchases did arrive ok but due to demand we have another order arriving this week. We will have some Summer Jersey's & socks for stock for sale.

Membership Renewal

We doing well again this year as we have 42 members re-joined to facilitate their cycling fun & enjoyment.

Dates for the Diary

Next Com' Meeting

- **Thurs July 4th**
- *all of you are welcome*

Day Trip Rides

- **Peak District 30th June**
- **IoW Sunday 15th September**

Silverstone Cup

- **Next Round Wed 31st July**
- <https://www.silverstone.co.uk>

Club Rides

- **Summer Solstice June 23rd to 7th Heaven**

Remember to keep up to date with ALL the Swan activities on the Club Forum & Face Book & WhatsApp group.