

Good afternoon,

For the past five and a half years I have had the pleasure of being the secretary of the greatest of all Cycling Clubs and have got to know so many lovely people who share the same passion for getting around on two wheels. Sadly, the time has come for me to stand down and have a bit of a rest or perhaps I'll just go for a few more rides. Anyway, this is my last newsletter to you. Thank you all for your support and friendship and I look forward to riding with some of you throughout the summer.

And...with summer just around the corner (?) and longer days ahead, perhaps you will be looking for some different routes to try out. We now have a **SWCC Route Bank** on the club website here: <https://www.sleafordwheelers.co.uk/Routes.html> So far, we have a small selection of local routes for you to try out kindly provided by Mark Taylor, Kath Smith, Chris Close and me (the short ones!!). More routes will be added soon and please feel free to send in your favourite local routes to us and we will add them to the Route Bank.

Club Kit Ordering

Up to date information about club kit can now be found on the Club Website through links on the [Home Page](#). This has information from our two suppliers of kit: Impsport and Pactimo, plus information about our soft kit supplied by Iprint with links to size charts, prices and ordering details. Discounts are currently available (on orders over 10 items) from Impsport and Iprint but not yet from Pactimo. If there is enough interest the club will place orders in the **first week of June**. If you would like to order any kit through the "**club order**" please contact our kit manager, Nige Dean asap with the relevant details: name of supplier, item description, size, gender and quantity. Please also let Nige know if this is your first kit purchase in the last twelve months as you will be entitled to a club subsidy on some basic items of kit.

Members can also order directly from the suppliers by following the links, but these orders will not be discounted.

Nige has a small stock of continental jerseys which can be bought from him at £20 if this is your first order and £50 if you have already had a sponsor subsidised jersey.

John Scott's 80th Birthday Party!

Some of you may know it's John Scott's 80th birthday at the end of the month - Jackie ScottCoombes would like to invite John's cycling friends to a light buffet (with cake!) on **Sunday 30th June** at 4.00pm to celebrate with him. This will be held at Kath and Dave Smith's house across the road in Wilsford. Please contact them no later than Sunday 16th June if you are coming (also advise if you are vegetarian/vegan) so catering can be sorted out.

Refund Reminder from Dennis Don't forget to claim your refund if you paid for a **TLI Licence** to marshal at the Ashby Road Race in April. **These need to be in asap.** Please send your bank details to our treasurer to claim your refund. Thank you for volunteering!

Events coming up in June.

Saturday 1st June – SWCC Ladies Social Rides. Meet at the Horseshoes in Silk Willoughby for a prompt start at 9:00am. At least two groups, possibly three. Café stop included.

Tuesday 4th June – SWCC Chain Gang. Every Tuesday evening with at least two groups to choose from this year. Meet on the Digby Circuit at the top of the Roxholm/Bloxholm Road for a prompt start at 6.15pm.

For further details please contact Dan Simpson.

Wednesday 5th June - Social Rides and Pub Food. Various groups (including an off-road group) leaving the Horseshoes at 6pm and aiming to return to the pub for 7.30pm for an optional basket meal. The food will cost £6.50 and doesn't need to be pre ordered but we do need to have an idea of how many are coming. Please contact Kerri if you are planning to be there. Non riders welcome too, but please let Kerri know. These events will continue on the **1st Wednesday of every month** throughout the Summer.

Thursday 6th June - Road Bike Championship 10 mile TT

This is just like our usual 10mile TT run under the rules and regulations of Cycling Time Trials, but for road bikes only using CTT Road Bike Category rules.

Enter in the same way as for the SWCC 10 league: You will need to book in using this [LINK](#) from Friday morning until 11:59 pm on the Tuesday before the event if you want to ride. NB. The link will not work outside of these times. The start sheet will be published on the Wednesday, then you will need to sign on, pay and collect your number at the Horseshoes between 6.00pm and 6.40pm on the Thursday. The first rider will be off at 7.01pm.

Payment by cash or card when signing on: Adult 1st and 2nd claim members: £4.00; Members under 18 years: £3.00 and non-members: £5.00.

Sunday 9th June - 100mile Club Ride and 80mile Club Ride.

Dan is planning another 100mile ride with a similar set-up to last time when there were two groups and two café stops. Group one leaving the marketplace at 8.45 am on the dot and group 2 following the same route, leaving the marketplace at 9.04 am. Please let Dan know if you are planning on riding.

There will also be an **80mile social plus ride** with at least one café stop, led by Helen Bullement. This ride will leave the marketplace at 9.15am.

Thursday 13th June – SWCC 10mile TT Round 6. Enter as for the Road Bike championship 10.

Thursday 20th June – SWCC 10mile TT Round 7. Enter as for the Road Bike championship 10.

Thursday 27th June – SWCC 10mile TT Round 8. Enter as for the Road Bike championship 10.

Coming up in July.....

Wednesday 3rd July - Social Ride and Pub Food - details as for June 5th.

Saturday 6th July – Ladies Social Rides from the Horseshoes at 9:00am.

Sunday 14th July - Club Photo – details to follow. All welcome!

Wednesday 17th July - TLI Ashby Road Race Entries open until 10th

July at 11:59pm

<https://www.riderhq.com/events/p/6ep18i0y/f/ashby-road-race-4-0>

HQ: Digby Village Hall.

Dennis will be looking for volunteer marshals for this event. Please contact Dennis if you are able to help out.

Saturday 27th July - Heckington Show – details to follow.

And looking ahead to August....

SWCC Gravel Weekender – Saturday 3rd August to Sunday 4th August

Kerri has organised a 2-day gravel adventure in the Peaks. Starting in the Bakewell area on the Saturday morning with a 120-mile loop, returning to the start on the Sunday. Hotel accommodation is available at the Royal Oak Hotel near Chapel-en-le-Frith: <https://www.booking.com/Share-xF2QJI>
For Bike storage please mention Sleaford Wheelers and bike storage in the special request section.

That's all from me,
Happy Cycling and see you soon,
Kind regards
Julie