



VC COLETS

AUTUMN '21
NEWSLETTER

SUMMER '21 REVIEW...

This summer seemed, at times, like 'payback' for the amazing one of last year.....

This opening line has been copied & pasted from the autumn 2019 editor of this newsletter. Fingers (AND toes) crossed that the next quarter doesn't also follow the same pattern of 2019.

ANYHOW, back to summer '21; and despite the weather it really has been a hugely successful season for our club as we continue to return to where we were before The Pandemic.

Our primary activity, The Sunday Club Run, went from strength to strength. Before the school summer holidays, turnout was at consistently high levels. This was also replicated for our Summer Series of midweek evening rides, and a consistent good turnout along with some members committing to embedding a 'chain gang' ride to our repertoire, meant it was arguably our best Summer Series to date. It was also nice to have our two other annual events, 'Brighton & Back' and the Wales weekend, back on the itinerary. The turnout for the Brighton ride was the largest to date and we were blessed with good weather, so an enjoyable day was had by all. Special kudos has to go to some of our newer members, who'd never tackled anything like this distance before. Due to uncertainty re: travel restrictions and overnight stays in Wales, the finalising of arrangements for the Wales weekend had to be left until the last possible minute, which meant that only a handful of members could make it. Despite that, and the wet weather, a great time was had by all. A further development within the club was the introduction of training for Ride Captains, as they play such a crucial part in our primary activity. Two new RCs went through it and both said how much they'd enjoyed it and how much they had learned. Continuing down this path will hopefully bring greater consistency to ride experience across all groups. Thank you to everyone who has contributed to one of our best seasons yet, shame the weather didn't always do likewise!

COMING UP...

Friday 12th November



There's still a lot to be decided re: this event. It is a normally pretty informal affair of pizzas & drinks and a few awards, though please stay tuned for more details

Save The Date - Details to follow...

Sunday 12th December



One in the morning and one in the evening (we will leave it to your imagination as to which way round), Please make the effort to join us for at least one of them! More details to follow, but for now just pencil the date in.

LIGHTS, TIGHTS, 'GUARDS & WINTER TYRES...

It'll soon be that time of year again, so just a friendly reminder to make sure that you are fully prepared for when it comes!

Lights are pretty essential, full mudguards are strongly advised (not to mention appreciated by your club mates if you do.. it's a mutual thing). Winter tyres with better puncture resistance and increased grip are also a sensible thing to fit. In addition to that please do ensure you layer up appropriately, comfort & safety over 'speed & 'performance' really is the priority at this time of year.



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GALLERY

BRIGHTON & BACK 2021



WALES WEEKEND 2021

