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IN THE SADDLE



Quarterly newsletter from Ipswich Bicycle Club



THIS EDITION

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As promised at the Social back in October, here is our newsletter 'IN THE SADDLE'.

In each edition, we'll bring you news from across The Club.

From secretary reports to upcoming events we want to keep you up to date but also, we'd love to hear from you. Got an idea for an event, or something you'd like The Club to do? Any ideas you want to put forward to The Club, drop us a note on our Facebook page or email at secretary@ipswichbicyclub.co.uk

Welcome from the Chairperson

I'm pleased to write to you all as Chair to re-launch our newsletter. We hope that this will help to keep members up to date with our plans and notify you of important dates for your diary. I am grateful for the opportunity to represent The Club in this role and look forward to riding with as many of you as possible in the coming months.

Lucy Stark



Update from the AGM !

The AGM last month saw the old committee dissolved before many of those old faces were re-elected. One big change was Lucy stepping up from the position of Vice Chair into the hot seat of Chair. Tracy had held the role for four years which required her to stand aside and as a Club I'm confident we'd all like to say a big thank you to her for steering the ship during some challenging times. Thankfully she agreed to swap seats with Lucy and so will be able to provide some valuable assistance to her. A full list of committee members can be found on The Clubs various platforms and in the Membership Pack which we will be sending out to all members prior to renewing in March!

Some positive discussion was had with regards to The Club funds and as a result it was decided that our annual awards night was going to be re-branded as The Marie Pickess May Ball. Please make the effort to join us this year to celebrate the memory of one of, until her passing, our longest serving members.

Other ideas were proposed for the remaining money currently held in The Club savings account. We actively encourage anyone with an idea to not wait until next years AGM. Put a costed proposal forward, the committee can discuss it and call an extraordinary general meeting to vote on any idea where appropriate. All we ask is that people remember any proposal should look to benefit all members.

It was also decided to increase the cost of individual membership this year to £25; the first increase in over ten years, although this year that pill is softened by the additional motion that membership is to be moved back as mentioned above.

Club Clothing!

A rather out of the blue (very fitting given our club colours) update from Endura. They have announced that they are to stop their Custom Range which essentially means no more bespoke clothing. Not quite with immediate effect but no more orders after December 31st 2024. As such we have opened The Club Shop for one last time. Whilst we will be working hard to establish a new supplier, I would strongly recommend anyone who is thinking about a new item to get in on this order, don't use this an excuse not to wear Club colours! Any questions please speak to Kevin Stark or Mark Salter.

We have also refreshed the leisurewear options with STRIPTEES at Diss. I think people will approve of the quality of the new hoodie and t-shirt. The link to our Club Shop with STRIPEES is back on the Ipswich Bicycle Club website under, you guessed it... the Clothing tab.

Recent weeks have highlighted, that our weather has no respect for our desire to get out on our bikes at the weekend.

Virtual SSRs!

Many may already be aware that we offer virtual SSRs on the Zwift platform. Contact Hilary Bond or Mark Cheesman for more details.

The Men's Tour!

We had a great opportunity back in September to ride along the last miles of the final stage of the Men's Tour when it finished in Felixstowe.

This included riding across the finish line, through the barriered off section and a group shot up on the podium!



A great, family day out.

IBC Items For Sale Section

Members have often contacted the committee with the question,

'Can I post an item for sale on the club Facebook site?'

Often a cause of confusion, we have decided to set up a standalone page entitled, 'IBC Selling & Buying'.

Contact Mark Salter for more details.

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/1586421468616356>





Dates for your diaries

Keep an eye on our club Facebook page for more details.

DATE	EVENTS
Sunday 16 th February	IBC Reliability Ride Fynn Valley Golf Club, various distances...
Saturday 31 st May	Marie Pickess May Ball Hintlesham Golf Club. Coinciding with the final weekend of the Giro let's have a pink theme!
More dates to follow when we get those ideas in! So please get thinking and become an active member...	

