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IN THE SADDLE



Quarterly newsletter from Ipswich Bicycle Club



Welcome from the Membership Secretary.

With Anne standing down at the AGM last year, a post I had wanted for many years became available and I was delighted to get voted in by those present. Admittedly doesn't feel as if I have been out on as many SSRs as I would like over the last few months, but I hope to be seen a bit more throughout 2026. I know I will be busy as we hit the annual membership renewal deadline, please do renew as soon as you can, and get in touch if you have any questions.

Sarah Wilcox



THIS EDITION

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From the brief welcome from a committee member/secretary 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@ipswichbicycleclub.co.uk.



Please remember that we as a club extend an invite to the Marie Pickess May Ball to all friends and family. This social is not purely for members but is an opportunity enjoy a fun evening and a great chance to introduce your partner to those people you are always talking about! Oh and please tell them we don't always talk about cycling!

IBC Reliability Ride

This year, in an attempt to have some better weather, we moved our Reliability Ride to the first weekend of March. A change of venue prompted new routes, and we also included a couple of 'off road' routes which utilised farm tracks and bridleways in the area. Those taking part also got a nice little keepsake thanks to Garrath and his 3D Printer!



Clothing

And here is my 'regular' feature. Just a reminder that we do still hold limited stock of both Endura and a few ALE items as listed below. Please get in touch if you 'need' anything as we hopefully approach some better cycling conditions. I am always open to ideas as to what items people are interested in, please let either Mark Salter or myself know and we will make the request to ALE if the numbers are there. Such items may include neck warmers, rain jackets, roubaix style jackets etc. Currently the plan is to get the shop open again end of March/beginning of April.

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FS 260 SS Jersey P4065				1		
ALE PRIME SS Jersey						1
ALE PRR SS Jersey			1		1	3
FS 260 Wms SS Jersey P2065	1	1	1			
FS 260 LS Jersey P4046				1		
FS 260 Wms LS Jersey P2064		1	1			
Pro SL Bib Shorts P6013 (medium pad)			1	1		
Wms Pro SL Bib Shorts P6013 (medium pad)		1	1			
Pro SL Race Gilet P6015					2	
Wms Pro SL Race Gilet P6065		1				
Thermal Arm Warmers P4021				5		
Race Socks P4085		4		22		

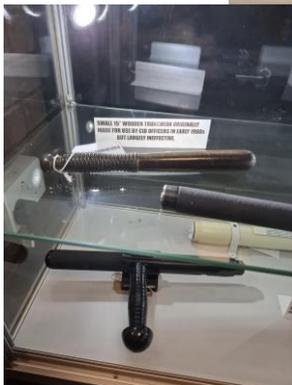
As many may have noticed, we have been experiencing some difficulties with our affiliation with BC which did result in some restrictions in functionality. This has now been resolved, and you should now be receiving emails and be able to renew your membership by the end of the month!

Thursday Socials

Our January social saw us paying a visit to Elmy's where our very own Steve Grimwood provided an excellent input on some basic bike maintenance tips. A great idea was putting a piece of paper on everyone's chair which allowed members to submit a question without the potential embarrassment of asking that 'silly question'. Who knew that washing up liquid often contains salt and therefore shouldn't be used as a washing agent for your bikes!



In February we had a visit to The Police Museum at Suffolk Constabulary Police Headquarters. An interesting, guided tour highlighted some of the equipment used through the ages, an opportunity to see the contents of an operational Armed Response Vehicle oh and they opened the bar for us!





Dates for your diaries

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

DATE	EVENTS
21 st March 2026	Velodrome.
25 th April	SSR followed by Spring Social Lunch at The Westerfield Railway.
4 th June	Time Trial taster , come and give a TT a go in a relaxed environment and then enjoy a well-earned drink from the bar afterwards.
9 th May	The Marie Pickess May Ball. This year we are heading to Trinity Park with a theme of Polka Dots for those King, or Queen of the Mountain challengers!
10 th June	Northern Gateway Training session booked for members under the watchful eyes/instruction of IBC coaches. Be there for a start time of 19:00, finishing at 21:00.
26 th – 28 th June	Not an IBC 'event' but something for your diaries, Pedal Suffolk Festival at Trinity Park . Plenty going on, check out their website for more details.
Please speak with a member of the committee if you have a question regarding any of the events listed. We are always looking for people to get involved.	