

East Grinstead Cycling Club

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Greetings one and all

As the racing season comes to a close [where has the time gone?] it's nearly time to pack away the 'best bike' for another year and look forward to the social season.

First and most important it's the **Club AGM on the Thursday 3rd November at Turners Hill Church Hall 8.30 sharp** – formal notice attached. There are a few gaps in the committee to fill as a some of us are doubling up on our roles. So if anyone would like to be either Road Race or Membership Secretary [or anything else for that matter] let me know or make yourself known at the AGM.

The thing most dear to a cyclists heart, next to a new Colnago is food. With that in mind the **Club Annual Dinner and Prize Giving will be on 21st January 2012 at Rowfant House**, tickets will be £28 and will include a superb 3 course meal and disco. Social Secretary Ute Woodward. [01342 322549 ute.woodward@yahoo.co.uk] is taking bookings and with limited places after last years sell out I'd get in fast – first come first served!

....and if you want to receive some of the clubs silverware at the dinner be sure to let Paul Blackmore have your times for consideration [Paul.R.Blackmore@BritishAirways.com]

The **Christmas 10** is on the **18th December** with a lunch party after at **Horne Village Hall - start 11.00am**. Fancy dress optional, prizes for youngest rider to complete, best dressed bike, best dressed and most deserving rider. After the last two years I won't mention the 's' word or say I'll hope it will be all white on the night!

Clubruns have continued throughout the summer and I've been sending weekly emails with times and venues. All who have been out have thoroughly enjoyed some great rides a good chat and some equally good tea stops. A full list is attached – last Sunday we visited the Catford Hillclimb with the biggest crowd I've seen in years. This week its Box Hill - scene of the forthcoming Olympic Road Race – come and find out what its like to ride up the Zig Zag, a cup of tea is waiting at the top! Clubruns are not races you will be able to keep up, they are social rides and are good practice for riding with a group.

There are two other organised rides of note firstly, the **ESCA Reliability Trial on the 20th November** organised by Rob Pelham of Lewes Wanderers [details attached]. As usual it will be by pre-entry only. The ride this year returns to its roots with the course only being announced on the morning of the event. Starting from East Hoathly with a promised route of 65 miles and no Garmin to follow [other gps units are available] it should test quite a few. I for one will be deeply suspicious if Lewes win again!

The SCA Lunch and Ride is on 27th November based at the new Dialpost Village Hall Steve Dennis has devised a 40 mile loop round Billingshurst, a buffet lunch at the hall afterwards needs to be booked in advance – full details attached or contact Steve Dennis [carla.dennis@sky.com] who also has a gpx file of the route for those suitably equipped with gps's. No clubrun on either of those weekends.

Just a thought to finish – we all belong to a club which by definition means a group of people sharing a common interest. If you have a bike related problem, need a special tool, advice on bike fit, training etc there is a wealth of knowledge amongst our membership – you only have to ask!

Bye for now

Paul Winkley

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