

Report from Events Secretary

Since taking over the role of Events Secretary in mid-2023 from Jeanette, I have organised three club events. The first event was the AONB Audax in November 2023, which also served as a fundraiser for the Royal Berkshire Hospital. There were two distances available; A Tale of Two Beauties (100km) and River Pang Cruise (50km). Despite the grim weather conditions, around 100 riders participated, and finishers were treated to a home-cooked 3-course curry sponsored by the Reading Tamil Catholic Community, who also provided delicious cake treats. Volunteers from the Royal Berks Charity assisted with serving food and cleaning up. Thanks to the support of everyone involved, we were able to raise a fantastic £880 from the entry fees, which was further topped up with a £700 donation and sent to the Royal Berks Charity.

The Club Christmas Lunch took place in December 2023 at the White Horse Pub in Emmer Green, with around 30 riders and their families in attendance. We had on-road and off-road rides departing early to ensure everyone arrived at the pub on time for the meal. The menu offered a variety of options to suit different dietary needs, and the event was enjoyed by all who attended, adding a touch of festivity to the season.

In March 2024, the Club Pie Night was held at the Sweeney & Todd in the town, with approximately 20 riders joining for the evening meal. The popularity of Sweeney & Todd as a venue has prompted me to plan at least two pie nights each year.

In conclusion, the club events have proven to be popular among members, and hosting more of these gatherings will not only encourage social interaction but also attract new riders to join and lead club rides.

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