

## Offroad report for AGM 2024

Since the last AGM, we have continued with our regular offroad rides on Wednesday evenings and Sundays. We've had a few gravel rides last summer and autumn. We've also started running rides in the day on Fridays. These are more laid back, generally head to cafes, and have used more train assists to explore further afield.

We've enjoyed a number of offroad tours both camping and in more luxurious surroundings over the last 12 months. In Easter 2023 Ian and Karen led us on a tour of the south Peak District. It was a hilly weekend, helped by our bunkhouse sitting nearly 400m above sea level! Carol & John took us camping for the Early May Bank Holiday weekend to Corfe Castle for some very pleasant riding along the Jurassic coast. For the late May Bank Holiday Paul organised a weekend camping at Pencelli Castle taking in classic Brecon Beacons routes such as the gap ride.

At the end of June Catherine and Elliot led a camping weekend near Dorking to explore the extensive singletrack around Leith, Holmbury and Pitch Hills. Dougie then organised his first tour up to the Lake District in July finding some excellent Lakeland riding despite the rain.

In September Pete led the over-night adventure back from Bath stopping over at the classic Bear hotel in Marlborough. Becky & Phil took us to Symonds Yat in the Forest of Dean in late October to enjoy some interesting riding around the Wye Valley to celebrate a significant birthday.

We had everyone looking their most colourful at our club Christmas Party at the Narrowboat arranged by Jason. We then stayed at the famed Nueadd Arms in Llanwrtyd Wells, mid-Wales to see in 2024, organised by Sel & Helen. We managed to avoid the famous local bog snorkelling championships, but only just on the Welsh moors! We enjoyed the town's New Year celebrations led by a samba band, then a horse skull(!), followed by a great party, with "Sticky Wicket" making a memorable appearance on drums.

In early-February Sel & Helen took us on another tour, this time to the Cotswolds and uncovered some great trails around Cleave Hill. As Easter was early this year, we've just got back from a surprisingly rain-free Dartmoor based at a very friendly hotel with Karen & Ian.

Thanks to all of our ride leaders, and the riders for supporting the club.

Ian Doyle, Offroad Secretary

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