

2012

Newent Cycling Group starts advertising social rides at their second meeting in May 2012.

Newent Cycling Group Meeting

Wednesday 30th May
King's Arms, Ross Road, Newent GL18 1AH
(Skittles room) 7.30pm

Are you interested in improving cycle routes and facilities in and around Newent?

Are you interested in meeting other cyclists in the area?

Are you interested in social cycle rides?



Join us for the next meeting

Contact for further information:

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2013

Annual Daffodil and Bluebell Rides start taking place in March and April respectively. NCG member Martin Roper: 'The Daffodil Ride was my first ride with the group after I saw a poster by Peter. Was it really that long ago? I remember the Strawberry 🍓 Ride as well.'



Transition Newent **Cycle Ride**

Very leisurely paced 5 mile ride to pick strawberries

9.30_{am} for 9.45 start

Saturday 20 July

Strawberry Ride

to Brand Green Fruit Farm, to pick strawberries
bring light refreshments and enjoy the view

Return by 12.30, total distance 5 miles

Meet by Newent Lake next to town car park

www.bikeweek.org.uk/newentstrawberryride

2013



**Newent Cycling Group members: Linda and Peter Cox with Martin Roper
‘How come Peter’s got so many strawberries?’**

Peter and Linda Cox lead occasional weekend rides which later become regular rides twice a month. For the first time we visit the newly open Bromsberrow Heath Community Shop and Café. Other cyclists, arriving before us, had eaten all the cakes!

David Price starts Newent Cycling Group’s Facebook page.



2014

Our first annual Midsummer Ride to the Boat Inn, Ashleworth takes place. Ann Fontbin becomes Ride Coordinator with the help of Martin Roper, Susanna Perkins and Robin Harrison.

Thursday summer evening rides start meeting at the Kings Arms with riders splitting into two groups. Ann leads the 'Easy Riders' and Peter and David the faster group. Later others lead rides including: Martin, George Price, Howard Atkins and Bryan Knight.

2016



August - ride to Shipley Gardens, near Hereford, with Linda Cox leading

Martin is elected Rides Coordinator at the AGM. Occasional weekend away days start with riders driving to various meeting points for example in Wales, starting at Llanfoist near Abergavenny.

2016



Skittles evening at The Kings Arms with Vic letting fly

In December we hold our first Christmas skittles evening with partners. It proves a great success.

2017

Vic Peyman volunteers to launch the Wednesday morning rides. These prove so successful that the riders are split into two groups with Martin leading the second group.



Vic sets the pace

2017



July - 2017 away day along the Peregrine Way to Monmouth

Several rides take place starting at Ross-on-Wye, then to Monmouth via the Peregrine Way alongside the River Wye and prove to be popular. Robin Harrison and Paul Knifton are Ride Leaders.

A number of rides loop round south of Gloucester using the canal towpath with Ride Leaders Howard Lowe and Bryan Knight.



Gloucester & Sharpness Canal along the towpath to the Black Shed Café

2017



September - only Steve, Martin and George complete the 100 mile ride using the Newent and Ledbury Loops

A lot of riders set out that day to go twice round a figure of 8 tour of the Newent and Ledbury Loops. George's wife, Jane, cooks an amazing three course meal mid-ride in Newent for those who make it!

Another annual event begins with a ride to Much Marcle for the Big Apple.

Robin launches the annual ride over Gospel Pass in the Black Mountains. A ride which continues in his memory.



Gospel Pass

2018



Llanthony Priory with Robin on a Gospel Pass ride



There be dragons with Paul, seen on the way to Bromyard

2018



Away day Bristol to Bath with Ride Leader Martin and daughter Amelia



The ride visits Café Morso, Colwall, a popular destination with cyclists

2019



May – admiring the view over to the Malvern Hills



June - a birthday ride to Canwood Gallery, Woolhope, to celebrate various members' birthdays including Susanna's 60th

July - Susanna leads a ride to Hay-on-Wye with an overnight stay.

2019



July - away day ride to Monmouth



December - muddy boots

2020



February – On the way to Ross with Howard getting his feet wet



Five members complete a 50 mile ride around the Newent and Ledbury Loops in aid of the British Heart Foundation.



May - Social distancing in the time of Covid on the British Heart Foundation Ride

2020



Riding the Newent Loop at Redmarley

2021



August – Llanfoist to Pontypool and back via the towpath. Chris gets some help with a puncture

2021



August – meeting up for a Gospel Pass ride in memory of Robin Harrison RIP



With thanks to Martin Roper for pictures and text