



WVS: May 2019 Club Update

Hi all

Some news and updates from our most recent committee meeting, covering:

-  Road Race update
-  London Prudential: WVS team draw
-  WVS Audax(s)
-  Launch of the WVS Points Competition
-  Rider Etiquette
-  First Aid course

Hope you find it useful – as always feel free to get in touch with me or anyone on the committee with any questions, comments or feedback

Vive le Velo!

Warren

Road Race: Sunday 5th May

We're just about ready for our road race this Sunday, which we'll be jointly hosting with our friends from Lovelo.

Thanks once more to all those who have volunteered to help out and to those who are heading out to support on our club rides this week.

And finally, good luck to our WVS racers who'll be flying the flag in the peloton!!!

Luciano Brunette, Darryl Green, Elliott Joseph, Martyn Wisken



London Prudential: WVS Teams



We had 19 members apply for places in our teams. We had two women riders apply for two places...so that was easy! Congratulations Vikki d'Arcy and Roz Crawley

Then we drew names out of a hat to select the 10 other riders- 2x 4-man mens' teams and 2 male riders for the mixed team. Having drawn the names, we have put you into teams as follows:

<i>Mens Team 1</i>	<i>Mens Team 2</i>	<i>Mixed Team</i>
Thomas Pink	Tom Ward	Roz Crawley
Leroy Goodman	Neal Oulton	Vikki d'Arcy
Paul Mitchell	Damien Worrell	Paul d'Arcy
Louis Francis	Matt Farman	Rob Broderick

Rob will follow up with what you need to do to register and pay – needs to be sorted by end of May please.

If you cannot ride, please let us know asap. We also drew 2 reserve riders in case anyone drops out

WVS Audax(s)



After a very close vote, the people (i.e. you!) have decided that our annual Watford-Watford-Watford audax will take place on Sunday 30th June. Details to follow nearer the time- hope to see as many of you there as possible...and at least the 23 members who voted for that option!!

But what about those who voted for June 1st?

If you voted for June 1st, all is not lost! We are also planning to run an event on that day. Overall plan is to do a similar an all-day ride covering c 200km and take in some new country lanes that we haven't ridden before. Route is still being debated (i.e. Tom Pink hasn't yet realised that he's wrong and I'm right...) so more details will follow. But if you want a clue as to where we might be going...



Competition Launch: The WVS Points Jersey*



Most, if not all, of you will know about the Tour de France green jersey points competition. And the racers amongst you will be familiar the chase for points every season to move up a race category.

So... we are delighted to announce the launch of the **WVS Points Competition**. Whilst it's inspired by the Tour de France points competition, you don't have to ride fast and win race stages in order to gain points. Here's how it works:

Type	Points	Awarded for:
"Stage Win"	50	Volunteering to help at one of our 4 events: HardRiders, Road Race, TT, Hill Climb
"Mountain Finish"	30	Completing one of our annual monuments: <ul style="list-style-type: none">  Watford-Cambridge-Watford  Watford-Watford-Watford  Watford-Oxford-Watford
"Intermediate Sprint"	20	Being rider of the week on our club rides. Each week, we will ask ride leaders to nominate a rider of the week. This could be for any reason- e.g. someone who's more than pulled their weight on the front...or has stopped to help those not feeling so strong... or has generally been an all-round super rouleur... Final decision is with the ride leader but feel free to let the peloton have a vote over coffee... All nominations by the end of the day each Sunday

<i>Type</i>	<i>Points</i>	<i>Awarded for:</i>
"Lanterne Rouge"	-10	<p>Now the controversial part... ☹️</p> <p>Just as the commissaires award fines and penalties in the Grand Tours, so it will be for us on club rides.</p> <p>So, in exceptional circumstances, penalty points for conduct not befitting the high standards that we set... e.g. knocking someone else off their bike, putting milk in your coffee, not having mudguards in the rain etc etc.</p> <p>Again, ride leader each week will decide if anyone has deserved a penalty</p>

This is meant to be a bit of fun...so feel free to get creative with your nominations for riders of the week and lanternes rouges... In the case of any disputes, Chairman's decision is final!!

We will award retrospective points for 2019 for Hard Riders volunteers and those who did Watford-Cambridge-Watford. Rider of the week awards will start from May 12th.

At the end of the year, we will announce the member with the most points as our winner, and they will receive a suitably prestigious** award to add to their palmares.

(* prize probably won't actually be a jersey...)

(** award is unlikely to be that prestigious...)

Rider Etiquette

We've had some excellent debate on our facebook page on the topic of rider etiquette, and a number of you have also taken the time to get in touch with me directly – many thanks for doing so.

We've taken on board all the feedback and will issue some updated guidance for club rides. This will also include some guidance for ride leaders – many of the issues can be resolved with some better communication between ride leaders and the group, especially at the start of our rides.

We will send the draft guidelines out to members in the next couple of weeks to seek some further feedback. Then we will publish it on our website and start implementing on club rides.

To reiterate... we are not talking about radical changes here, just a reminder of a few basic principles. It's been great that much of the feedback has been about how much people enjoy our club rides, and the aim is obviously that people continue to do so!

First Aid Training



The course has been confirmed for Saturday 15th June. Cost is £20 per person and the club is subsidising this to keep cost to members down.

There are still places available so please contact Anne Wright for more details.