

Stonehouse Wheelers

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Runs List November / December 2023

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Day/Date	Start Point Time	Destination / Route Description	Tea	Gradient / Miles	Leader
Every Wednesday	Upper Mills 11am	Leisurely ride every Wednesday. Destination decided on the day. Please phone leader to check that rides are on.	TBD on day	Fairly Flat TBD - varies	Gerry Chance 01453 827382 07824 468271

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Sunday 5 Nov Sunset 16:34	Upper Mills 10am	Purton. This is a lunch ride so will finish early afternoon.	Black Shed LUNCH	Slightly Hilly 30 miles	Carol Kambites 07816 552171
Sunday 12 Nov Sunset 16:23	Upper Mills 1pm	Gloucester Docks. Frocester, Great Oldbury, Hiltmead Lane, Pound Lane, Pilot, tow path to Gloucester Docks. Return tow path to Pilot, Green Lane, Stonehouse.	Gloucester Docks	Fairly Flat 28 Miles	Steve Yates 07967 276404
Sunday 19 Nov Sunset 16:13	Dudbridge 11am	Tetbury. Via Nailsworth.	Whistlestop Café	Hilly	Geoff Ward 07837 760407
Sunday 26 Nov Sunset 16:06	Stonehouse Town Hall 12 noon	Whitminster – route to be described at the start of ride.	Highfields Garden Centre	Fairly Flat	Susie Dickinson 07412 215915
Sunday 3 Dec Sunset 16:01		Carol Service: Details on page 3. PLEASE NOTE: There is no club ride today as no-one was available to lead.			
Sunday 10 Dec Sunset 15:58	Upper Mills 1pm	Slimbridge. Frocester, Coaley, Far Green, Hydegate, Lower Cam, Wisloe, Ryalls Lane. Return A38, Frocester	Black Shed	Slightly Hilly 22 miles	Steve Yates 07967 276404
Sunday 17 Dec Sunset 15:58	Stonehouse Town Hall 12 noon	Berkeley. Great Oldbury, Eastington, A38 Cambridge, Slimbridge, Halmore, Berkeley, Ham, Stone, Damery, Lower Wick, Stinchcombe, Quarry, Frocester.	Berkeley Tea Rooms	Slightly Hilly 30 miles	Jos Dawson-Wood 07917 550524
		Christmas Dinner: Details on page 3. PLEASE NOTE: There is no ride to the Christmas Dinner as no-one was available to lead.			
Sunday 24 Dec Sunset 16:02	Stonehouse Town Hall 1pm	River Ride – route to be described at the start of the ride.	Stables Cafe	Fairly Flat	Susie Dickinson 07412 215915
Sunday 31 Dec Sunset 16:07	Stonehouse Town Hall 1 pm	Cam Pan-Handle. Frocester, Cambridge, Slimbridge, Gossington, Cam, Ashmead, Coaley, Frocester.	Froffy Coffee	Slightly Hilly 20 miles	Jos Dawson-Wood 07917 550524

Gradient Descriptions:	
Fairly Flat	Usually towards River Severn. Some low hills.
Slightly Hilly	Either one long hill or some moderate hills.
Hilly	One or two steep hills or many moderate hills.
Very Hilly	Lots of climbing. Bring spare knees.

Start locations (What 3 Words) https://what3words.com/	
Dudbridge	///nutrients.models.remaining
Stonehouse Town Hall	///womb.bungalows.chariots
London Rd Car Park (LRCP)	///abandons.whispers.tracking
Upper Mills	///creatures.simmer.making
Stratford Park Car Park	///wordplay.verge.lake

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News and Information

British Summer Time has ended

Please remember to take working cycle lights on all club rides.

Runs Needed!

The next meeting of the Runs Committee will be on Wednesday 13th December, when the programme of runs for January and February 2024 will be put together. Please send your runs to Jos Dawson-Wood by email to saxmaid20@gmail.com or phone 07917 550524, or give to any committee member. We have become very short of run leaders lately so please consider leading a run – your club needs you!

AGM - Presentation of Trophies

After a break of 2 or 3 years, trophies were once again awarded at this year's AGM.

The recipients photographed below were (L-R): Leading the most rides – Steve Yates; Most runs points – Roy Jones; Outstanding contribution to the club – Susie Dickinson; Treasure hunt winners – Daphne Edwards and Carol Kambites.

Thanks to Geoff Ward for resurrecting the trophies and getting them repaired, cleaned up and engraved.



Ode to Tony

Most of you will know by now that Tony Martin has just retired from the Stonehouse Wheelers after being a very regular attendee on rides for many, many years. Our other long-standing member Roy Jones wanted to share some anecdotes and memories he has of riding with Tony over the years:

Tony Martin, Ah yes, he's the guy from Gloucester. Yes, quite right but other than that a few may not know much else about him. In fact Tony has been a member for over 20 years now so here are a few notes from my memories of Tony.

I soon learnt that Tony was well up the technical world in Engineering Technology and for some time was a technical writer for a large and well-known company in the Forest of Dean. Probably this experience gave him the insight and ability to contribute many articles to the Spoke magazine when it was revived and regularly produced and edited by Peter Kwan. Similarly, his innovative background I think also gave him the ability to recycle what often others would call "worn out" and "past repair" from clothing to equipment to his cycle repairs! Witnessed once was an attempt to make a rain cape but when needed any attempt to don it was eventually abandoned due to too strong a wind. His dummy arm camera certainly fooled many a member and he was asked many times to ascertain what it was. Despite this Tony could put the miles in and all with the heaviest of cycles – until one day he bought a relatively lighter bike. But this was quickly overcome due to the equipment carried. Tony loved his cycling, even though it produced a laugh regarding his loaded equipment. One day he had trouble with his Derailleur but in spite of all the tackle on board it was a piece of string that got him home.

Anyway, Tony I am sure you will keep those wheels turning and one day meet us out on the road, which will remind us how you contributed to the club with the many rides you led but also your true companionship to me and others. Roy

I'm sure that those of you who knew Tony and had been on rides with him would want to join with Roy in wishing him well. So long, Tony – and keep those wheels turning.

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CAROL SERVICE: Stroud Valleys/Stonehouse Wheelers

The Carol Service is on Sunday 3rd December at 1.30pm with a buffet lunch starting at 12.30pm. The venue for both is St Matthew's, Cainscross. A £4 contribution towards the lunch is requested. Please let Susie Dickinson know if you plan to attend.

CHRISTMAS DINNER: Stroud Valleys/Stonehouse Wheelers

This year the Christmas Dinner is on Sunday 17th December at the Old Crown, Paganhill, Stroud – the same as the last few years.

Here's what to do if you want to go:

- **Book and pay your deposit by Saturday 11th November** (£10, non-refundable). Please contact Clare Smith either by email to stroudvalleyscc@gmail.com or send a text/voicemail to 0777 2888267. The deposit can be paid either in cash to Clare Smith or Chris Padmore on a ride, OR pay by bank transfer:

Stroud Valleys Cycling Club CTC
Sort Code 40 17 53
Acc No 31474561
Reference Xmas Dinner

- **Menu choices and any allergy requirements by Wednesday 6th December** should be sent by email to stroudvalleyscc@gmail.com or text/voicemail to Clare on 0777 2888267. The menu has already been circulated to members with email and posted out to those who do not have email.
- Please pay the **remaining balance** on your meal by **Wednesday 6th December**, by any of the methods already mentioned above.