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PUSHED OFF – BEWARE MORE PROBLEMS

I understand that there have been more problems with job motorists trying to push off lone cyclists in the Bromley area. Although I am assured that the Police are taking the matter very seriously please take extra care if riding on your own until the thugs are caught.



CLUB CLOTHING

Roll up, roll up, we still have more Club Badges for sale, (please see Mary), they are only £2.50 each, or as a very special offer, 4 for a **Tenner** while stocks last. Seriously though, many thanks to Peter and David for sorting out the excellent design, Ray. **A message from David.** Thank you to all those members who have indicated that they would like to purchase club clothing. There has been a minor change to the design which can be viewed on the website. We have decided to change the clothing supplier to SPIUK, for two reasons. (1) I obtained sample clothing from both prospective suppliers and SPIUK was believed by all who inspected it to be of superior quality. I will have the samples with me over the next couple of Wednesdays for anyone who would like to inspect them. (2) The Carvello clothing is too expensive due to design costs, minimum order requirements and Euro exchange rate.



A new order form is available (see Dave or Mary) the product range is reduced but they do have specific Winter and Summer Clothing, please note that the prices are only indicative as, discounts apply i.e. purchase an ensemble, top and shorts together attracts a discount of 12.5%, the Euro exchange rate is still pretty unstable, and until I know the total order quantities it is difficult to price individual items. When we have received all the orders I will speak to you individually, with the clothing sample sizes to ascertain the best fit, and at that point I will ask for payment. When that process is completed then the order will be placed. At this time of year they are indicating 8 weeks delivery.

I apologise if all this seems very complicated but a club would normally purchase a stock of clothing with different sizes and sell it to members. We cannot do this as we do not have the funds and as a social cycling club as opposed to a racing club fewer members want to purchase club clothing. Has old Father time finally caught up with me, whilst leading the A group I was toiling up Tandridge Hill, off the back as usual, an A rider came back down to see if I was OK. Oh the ignominy. Cheers Dave.

SEVENOAKS RIGHT TO RIDE

Reg Oakley has been appointed as CTC right to ride representative for the Sevenoaks Area. His principal task will be liaising with Sevenoaks Council on all things cycling and bending their ears on cycle promotion in the area. Obviously cycle safety is the primary concern and in time Reg is hopefully looking to get feedback to bend the local councillors ears over. Reg retires in April, together with other things going on with Sevenoaks Wildlife reserve and being on the local NHS Patients advisory network, I reckon retirement is going to be hard work for Reg.



PHOTOS ON THE WEBSITE

Until recently, you would send your photos to Sidney and he would reduce the size and store them on the website. You can still send him your pictures but they will not be stored on the website any more. All you get on the website is a link to them, because he now uploads them using Picasa. In fact anyone can use Picasa - it's a free software download (<http://picasa.google.com>) which you can install on your computer. When the installation is complete, Picasa will immediately start to look for jpg images in My Pictures and the results are displayed on screen. So far all that has happened is the photos on your computer have been organised to make uploading possible. Now go online and sign on to Picasa Web Albums to get 1Gb of free storage space. To upload your photos, go back to the Picasa screen on your computer. Highlight an image folder, then click the 'Web Album' button at the bottom of the screen to upload the contents of that folder. Give the web album a name and it's soon done - Picasa automatically re-sizes the photos to give fast loading times with optimum quality. View the result online at Picasa Web Albums - your album is identified by the name you gave it and a thumbnail of the first photo in the folder. At the top of the screen, the address (URL) of this album is highlighted. Copy this and paste it into an email it to Sidney - he'll put the link on the website so we can all see your photos.

ARTICLES ETC FOR THE JUNE 'SPOKE'

Sidney wants your thoughts, ramblings, articles, poems, drawings or photos for the next issue of our club magazine. Got any bike problems? Send your question to Sidney and he will get it answered by a member of the Meridian CC 'Bike Doctor' team. All questions and answers dealt with before May 15th will be published in the June 'Spoke'. Please email sidneyschuman@fastmail.fm by 15th May 2008. If you have snippets for inclusion in this News Sheet, email: ray.ransom@virgin.net Barbara & Ray