

## Oxford City Cycling UK Ride Secretary's report March 2023

At last, a rides annual report without mentioning the “C” word, Corona virus. The World was seemingly back to normal, then it went a different pear shaped again.

Many rides have been a little shorter than previous years, with only 1 food stop. As the year went on, a few more 2 food stop rides are crept back onto the list.

The weather has mostly been reasonable, there were 3 ride cancellations due to ice or wind, fewer than the previous year.

The Women's Tour came through Oxfordshire. There was a ride out to Charlbury to watch it go through the village. The return ride to Oxford was some what wet. The County Council were more thorough on road repairs on the route, I am reminded of the tour every time I go past the unusually microscopic road repair at the end of my road where the race went through.

We managed 5 way day rides, 2 saw some of using the train to Bicester to get to the start. Away days were Bourton on the Water/Burford, Great Rollright/Todenham, Cannon's Ashby, Evenly and Wardington garden centre, and the day ride around the Isle of Wight in September.

All had good weather. With the Isle of Wight ride being in September, we got of the return ferry just before sunset, the sunset viewed from the ferry was very colourful. The following day was the Queen's funeral. James was rode back to Oxford, and got north of the A303 before finding a business open.

We managed 3 short rides to coincide with some of the away day rides.

Off road rides. We had 4 off road rides this year, Charlbury Deli, Piddington, Charlbury/Leafield, and Woodstock/Great Tew.

We had a well supported Brill Spokes ride with picnic on Brill Hill with a record turn out. Many thanks to the volunteers who provided an excellent picnic.

There was of course Jon's tweed ride on Boxing day. To complement this there was also a “Boaters and Blazers” ride in August.

We went to see the Micron Theatre show “Red Sky at night” on Wolvercote Green Wolvercote in the summer.

Isis continued their rides program with monthly short, medium and long rides on Saturdays, a few other rides and a 50 mile challenge ride.

As always, many thanks to all those who volunteer to lead rides, for all the work that goes with it of checking the food stop venues and route planning, and Richard for putting it all on the website.

James Dawton,  
March 2023