

Following the success of our autumn ride we are organising another Club run for SRC members. As last time the event is open to anyone regardless of ability or experience – the more the merrier! We hope to get as many of the members together on one ride, as members are most often in different groups and taking part in a variety of cycle events. The ride will start at The Bicycle Chain at Taunton, at 9am on Sunday 22nd May 2011.

To cater for all abilities we will ride to the tea stop and on to Bampton together (free tea and coffee if in club kit), those who want to have a harder workout can loop back down the hills and do them again each time if they wish! However we do not want a high pace from the group until we leave Bampton. It is a club ride to support each other, not leave each other behind at the start! However from Bampton it will be every rider for themselves back to The Bicycle Chain. This should keep everyone happy, and most will find members of a similar level to enjoy the short journey from Bampton to Taunton. The roads chosen are quiet, and the route is about 50 miles. The course is lumpy at times, but please don't be put off. We can all ride an Alpine stage; it's only the speed that makes us suffer! That's why we will support each other on the more undulating part. Back to Taunton is fairly easy apart from Waterow. It will run regardless of the weather, as we proved last time with the heavy rain. The route is as follows and on quiet roads.

- The Chain to Norton Fitzwarren and out along the B3227
- At Wiveliscombe turn right, then second right in to North Street
- To Langley marsh
- Maundown(long gradual climb)
- Washbattle Bridge
- Tanners Hill (very short steep climb)
- Left at Huish champflower sign posted Upton (Slight incline for several miles)
- B3190 crossroads, turning right
- 2nd on left to Wimbleball Lake
- Over the lake and first turning on the left to the cafe (free tea and coffee)

- Leaving back to the road and left up Bryants hill to crossroads
- Right and up Storridge lane to Brompton regis
- Through the village and up Lyddons hill
- Left on to the main road and downhill at last (steep descent) to join the A396
- Turning left towards Bampton
- Following the A396 several miles along the base of the valley
- Passing the junction with the B3227 at Black cat, and along the A396
- Turning left to Bampton at The Exeter inn (roundabout), thus avoiding the steep climbs.
- Through Bampton and along the B3227, passing Shillingford and on to Waterow (long climb to the top of Wiveliscombe)
- Then fast descent through Wivey and the 8 miles back to the Bicycle chain.

Tired happy and ready for an afternoon nap!

If you plan to come please email Dan Cox to have an idea of numbers (37 last time in bad weather so let's hope to improve it this time!) daniel.cox4@btinternet.com