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NEWSPLETTER

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Dear All

Well, never a dull moment was, there? Our second visit to the Loire Valley was with a smaller group of riders and support crew than in recent years, but 'small is beautiful', as they say! We have never experienced such a contrast in weather conditions during the ride - 35° on Thursday and 13° on Saturday! However, we all completed and enjoyed the ride, without serious injury and live to tell the tale.

The big story now is about next year - the historic 25th year of the Paris to Hayling. We certainly won't be short of riders, as we already have over 180 paid reservations, with a maximum of 200! This demand for places is totally unprecedented, as we only had 40 at this stage last year, ending up with 146 riders.

The other big news is that we shall be returning to the Loire Valley, following feedback from riders via the questionnaire, but this time over 5 days for all, with the route missing out Laval and going straight from Rennes to Angers.

We are a little concerned that the reported sponsorship is unusually low at this point, so please let us know how you are getting on with your fundraising. PF

## REUNION CELEBRATION, AGM AND RIDER PRE-REUNION GET-TOGETHER

The Reunion date is at 8pm Friday 6th November, at the Newtown, preceded by the AGM at 7pm. We hope that the Reunion is enjoyable, but also that the AGM is better attended than usual, as we are expecting some new potential committee members to come along, following the meeting on 24th October, also at the Newtown. Further details on the website and via e-mail.



there were over 60 red-clad riders and so we hope for a similar, if not larger, turnout this year. After leaving the Ship at about 10am, we shall be assembling at Wetherspoons in Chichester for breakfast at about 11am, then visiting various pubs on our merry way back to the Island.

## FACTFILE

1986- 2009

Over £1,130, 000 raised so far

Ride 2009

£46,633 now pledged

£11,250 in so far

Ride 2010

185 entries already!

## DVD & Road Jerseys

This year the ride video was recorded by support crew member Lynne Harris, but we haven't seen the finished result yet - fingers crossed! The DVD will be shown at the Reunion and on sale for £3.

This year's limited edition of road jerseys were a great success and we plan to do some more for next year, commemorating the 25th Year - so will be a must have! We still have plenty of shorts, both men's and lady's. These are £25, as are road jerseys. We also have a supply of excellent Bike Ride Training Tops, in various sizes, priced at £45. All cheques to 'Paris to Hayling'.



## SANTA RIDE 2009

Yes, it's coming up to that time of the year again, meaning that we are looking forward to a jolly day's cycling on Sunday, 20<sup>th</sup> December. We always have a great time just before Christmas, when we dress up as Father or Mother Christmas and go cycling in and around Hampshire and West Sussex, visiting welcoming hostelrys and imparting seasonal cheer. Last year

e-mail addresses: Please let us know your current address.



## 'LE TOUR DE TOURS II' 24th RIDE 2009 AWARDS

We now present all the awards and trophies on the ferry, since they only really mean a great deal to those on the ride itself. Once again it's important to point out that there are no prizes for fast cycling or coming in first, even though you wouldn't be able to tell by those who endeavour to arrive at their daily destination as early as possible, only to have to wait for their baggage, which is not promised to arrive before 5pm each day! In addition to the trophies, several 'minor' awards are presented on the ferry, including the **'Rear of the Year'**, judged by the male members of the committee, with suggestions welcome from other riders. This was deservedly won by first-timer Mary Burras, with most of the committee in vociferous agreement. The **'CB award'** for the male version, judged by the female members of the support crew, was presented to Matthew Wragg, who was rather surprised about it! The major awards were then presented, all decided by the committee at a meeting in the hotel before leaving for the ferry, with the exception of Fred Dyer's **'Support Crew Personality of the Year'** cut-glass trophy, in memory of his late wife, Judy, which was decided following consultation with riders. This was presented to the popular bag-humper-in-chief, Mike Harrington. The **'Bavent Cup'** team award was awarded to The Morris Men (CALM), who had been great fun! There were honourable mentions for the all the Cards, Helles Belles, the Lady Birds and the Busy Bees, amongst others. President Pete McQuade, founder of the event, performing his usual role as presenter of the awards, announced that the winner of the **'McQuade Cup for Most Impressive Newcomer'**, in honour of his late mother, was Rachel Loveridge. The **'Eberhardt Signs Most Improved Rider Award'** deservedly went to Rachael Lamont, with several others also getting mentions. The **'Oracle Proof That You Can'** award was presented to first-time rider Debbie Marks, already on her way to becoming a Bike Ride legend! 73-year old Ron Spencer reluctantly accepted the **'New Montfort Veteran's Cup'** once again — he's now getting used to the idea! The **'Reg Beacher Award'** for special contribution was presented to Charlie Pickett, for his help with the younger riders. The **'Value Added Trophy' character award** was presented to our Odesman, Magnus MacFarlane . The **'Young Rider of the Year'** Trois Pics Cup was presented to ever-cheerful Dan Pfaff . The **'Top Fundraiser Scroll of Honour'** will be presented with the new trophy at the charities evening in March. The Cards were recognized as **'Best Fancy Dress'**, with their outfits hand-painted by rider Tanya Godwin. Pete Alloway was presented with the new Qlik Tech Cup **'Committee Member Award'** for his exceptional contribution to the organisation of this year's event. However, I am sure that all will agree that everyone deserves recognition for making this year so special!



The Cards Team



### SUPPORT CREW

Having said that everyone deserves recognition, special mention should definitely be made of the wonderful support crew, always there when you need them, providing water, energy supplement, sweets, spares and careful attention when essential. They included, in no particular order:



Pete giving a rider relief!

Pete Alloway (Leader), Ann Borton, Richard Boswell, Mike Harrington, Lynne Harris, Tony Hart, Joy Hayward, Rick Hutchings, Kev Knight, Jo Macey, Sue Morton, Sylvia Randall, Jon Tawse, Fay Turner and Richard Willis.

Everyone pulled their weight and worked from before the riders got up until after they had got in. The rider questionnaire results gave them 9.46 out of 10!

Once again, well done to all, on behalf of the Organising Committee. See you at the Reunion and on the Santa Ride! PF

# Rider Questionnaire 2009

## Summary of Results

Marks out of 10, with 10 being the maximum

Best Results	2009	2008	Notes
Support	9.46	9.79	
Value for money	8.62	9.53	
On ride communication	8.72	9.14	
Return ferry	7.13	9.04	Weather related!
Route	8.41	8.85	
Pre ride communication	8.08	8.84	
Last night	7.19	8.50	
Route notes	8.64	8.44	

Worst results – Hotels	2009	Notes
<u>Rennes</u> Kyriad	7.67	
<u>Laval</u> Citodel	5.30	Not returning to Laval next year
<u>Angers</u> Ibis	7.25	
<u>Tours</u> L'Europe Ibis	6.17 6.40	
<u>Alencon</u> Campanile	6.83	

Worst results - Route and Stops	2009	Notes
Day 5	7.39	Due to weather and distance
Le Lion d'Angers Lunch Day 3	7.33	

## Paris v Loire

Paris 45% - Loire 55%      Close run thing!

### Yes/No/Maybe Questions

- 96% would recommend the Ride to others
- 51% would like cycling between 70 - 90m a day, 47% 60 - 70m
- 55% would agree to a price increase of up to 10%, 26% up to 15%
- 79% prefer the bridge to the ferry