Presented to Special General Meeting – 5 Nov 2022

Sadly much of what we discussed at our last AGM has not been acted upon, due to the restriction on indoor meetings imposed by the Government as a defence against Colvid 19.

However thanks to the Group Sports exemption for outdoor activities we were able to lay on a comprehensive list of rides which were exceptionally well supported, resulting in the number of participants often reaching double figures.

I am forever indebted to a number of our members particularly Paul Heald, Susan Henderson, Helen Sainsbury, Jim Cowan, Robert Bealby, Roger Blamire and Bill Yate who all very kindly stepped up and offered their services as ride leaders, (Something I very much appreciated following a fall from my bike and fracturing my hip which kept me off the road for around nine months).

2022 has gradually seen a return to normal with some notable cycling events being staged in our area these included
The Tour Series (a televised cycle race) around Stranraer town centre
The National Road Cycling Championships
Raiders Gravel a four day off road event which our friends Esther and Warren from Galloway Cycling Holidays were heavily involved with.

Whilst on the subject of competitive cycling some of our members competed in the ETAP Loch Ness - then later in the year the Kirkcudbright Recycle Sportive - well done Guy's

On the social side we once more welcomed the return of the Hunter Palmer Fat Boys Cycling Club with their families from Northern Ireland - they stayed at the North West Castle and were joined by local rider Stephen Varney (Nipper) and myself acting as support vehicle.

The touring element saw a return of the once popular Cycle / Camping with individual members undertaking a tour of Ireland.
A 900 mile trip following the source of the Rhine in the Swiss Alps down to the sea at Heok van Holland in the Netherlands.
A figure of 8 tour of the Isle of Arran.
Ted Norfolk was featured in a video promoting the Whithorn Way a 143 mile walking and cycle route from Glasgow to Whithorn Priory

As we near the end of 2022 time to reflect - sadly we have lost the services of our Secretary Deb Merrick and our Treasurer Ted Norfolk who had held that position for many years and had done a wonderful Job - thank you Ted

Several other members have been lost along the way - Many objecting to the hike in Cycling UK membership fees due to the removal of the concession rate - Head Office take Note - cheaper Insurance deals are available on the open Market !!! (or so I am told).

Sadly I have to report the departure from this world of two stalwarts of the club Dougie Oberheim and Susan Henderson. - they are sadly missed.

All of which has contributed to the situation we now find ourselves in, that of needing new blood to step forward and fill the vacant offices enabling the Member Group to continue or we consider closing down the group.

As a Cycling UK member - The choice is yours.

Thank you.

Robert Rostock
Chairman