

2017

Thanks again for the 3rd years antics...really appreciate that you lot create such a great adventure for so many participants by your own hard work.....RttS puts most expensive events to shame again this year! Best regards.

Crazy wonderful experience. Second year this year....loved it!

Fantastic experience, great route and a lovely informal event - will definitely be back next year!

Great ride. What's not to love? Its free, well organised, great fish n chips, a rave and very friendly people

Huge thanks for a cracking night. Loved the rave...what a hoot! Best 100 miles

Awesome "event" again lads. It just gets better and better. Here's to next year.

Big thanks to Fraser and Gary for organising such a great ride and to all the others who helped make it a great event.

Thank you so much for organising such a fantastic event. It was amazing to see so many people of all abilities out on their bike...achieving personal targets...or just individual/groups taking part...we really enjoyed every minute (did I just say that!) Got some pics of our adventure last night, Rebecca (my daughter and only 14) and myself setting a personal achievement...with my husband doing 202 miles to meet us in Carlisle then back to Edinburgh, xx

Thanks so much for an unforgettable night! We had a lot of fun.

A huge thanks to Fraser and Gary for a brilliant event and for the endless supply of midge protein between the Beef Tub and the Crook Inn. Was my first RttS but certainly will not be my last!

Thank you Fraser and Gary for laying on a great event and weather and thanks also to the lovely friendly people of Allen Valley Velo who let me ride with them for the night!

The organisation was flawless, thanks for making our first Ride to the Sun a very positive and enjoyable experience!!!!

Done a few overnight rides but this is streets ahead.

What a brilliant night, really enjoyed it. Can't wait till next year!

Amazing event guys seeing all those bike lights going up the Beef Tub. Thanks for the great helpers and to all the other cyclists making it a friendly event. Love a cyclorave!

Absolutely fantastic and friendly event, great camaraderie, relatively quiet roads and a cyclorave thrown in, what more can you ask for? Would highly recommend, roll on next year.

What an absolute blast the RttS was! Thoroughly enjoyed it as did everybody I did it with. So many people happy to chat and say hi, looking forward to beating my time next year!

Thanks to you guys Fraser Maxwell and Gary Cameron. You've made this a really accessible event that even 'low experience' amateurs like me can come and really enjoy. Tip of the cap to you both. Looking forward to next year. PS the nips are slowly getting less sensitive now!

What a fabulous event, rolling hills, fantastic weather, cheerful friendly co-riders and it's all free. Roll on 2018 for next year's RttS!

Best bacon roll of the year by some distance! Once again a fantastic effort from Fraser and Gary and their extended team-many thanks. If Carlsberg could do 100 miles of cycling...

Superb experience.

Thanks again gents. For the third years (2nd double) adventure. As a mere-mortal I enjoy RttS (and moon) due to it being about the journey and friendly folks rather than the snobbery of other events. All the work you folks put into organising is very much appreciated and enjoyed. Best regards!

Chayton wanted to thank you guys for allowing him to take part in an amazing event and thoroughly enjoyed every minute of it, even the Devil's Beef Tub which he talked my ears off all the way up and insisted on getting photos of the views at the top. Couldn't be a better way to get his first 100 and doing it to raise awareness and money for a cause that means so much to him and has helped him and our family through tough times. Again Fraser and Gary thank you both so much from us all and hope to see you guys out and around in the future.

Cracking ride, an easy start on the B7076 before Moffat gets you suitably warmed up for the ascent into the light sky on the Beef Tub with the valley below descending into night. It would be far too tempting to stay and throw shapes at the Crook Inn rave but you must crack on for Leadburn where you can enjoy the descent to the Forth and sunrise. For those who find 100 miles just a wee bit too short, throw in an out and back or more adventurous loop to get your distance up. (And save on the logistical faff of a point to point ride). I'll be back next year,

Thank you for organising such a wonderful event and huge kudos to every single rider who completed either a century or in some cases a double! Fantastic friendly people all the way from Carlisle to Cramond and I couldn't have wished for a better event to claim my first century!

Was the best bike ride I've ever done! Start to finish was first class. Some smart surprises on the way. Will certainly be back next year. Thanks for all the hard work and effort that must have gone into it.

You guys are the best. Big thanks from all the Carlisle Reivers - epic night!

Thanks! First century and totally wonderful. Great to meet Linda and so many amazing keen funny people. Loved the rave and all of it in fact!

Thanks for a superb event (again), was going to pull out due to injury but thought what the hell, lets do this and glad I did!!!

Fantastic event again Fraser and Gary, lasagne and coffee really hit the spot and lets not forget the bacon roll and coffee at the end, wee Chayton Read had a fantastic run and never complained once (apart from the midge descent from hell) but to be fair we all complained about that, see you all next year!

Thank you Fraser and Gary. Fantastic ride and we couldn't have asked for better weather. Thanks also to all those along the route for the support and a special shout out to everyone at the church hall. Bacon rolls never tasted so good!

Thanks so much for organising that guys! I missed out last year due to injury, but it just made the enjoyment this year greater! So many friendly people, and couldn't have asked for better weather. Didn't stop for the rave (bar a bit of saddle dancin'), but I hear you guys got savaged anyway...I'll bring the midge repellent next year!

Have to say everyone on the ride was very friendly and lots of 'alrights', 'hellos' and 'doing oks'. Bacon roll in Cramond kirk and the cake were delicious.

Thanks a mill guys...and to all your helpers, fantastic ride! We added the miles back to Abington...and we were burst! Lol...was all quite surreal...a rave in the middle of nowhere...beers on the beach at sunrise and a brilliant crowd of people...will definitely recommend this one to friends

Thanks for a brilliant ride guys, it was epic. Also a huge thanks to my fellow cyclists for the camaraderie along the route!

Brilliant event and a really friendly atmosphere, a great event for anybody looking at getting their first century run in the bag, can't recommend it enough

Thanks for organising a fine event and thanks to everyone for friendliness along the ride - in particular Albannach.cc for letting an old bloke sit in for a fast 20 miles or so near the end, and Carlisle Reivers for an entertaining blast through Edinburgh. Midge fog downhill from Beef Tub was an experience!

A brilliant night....riding under that starless sky was awesome...having the rave in the middle of nowhere was brilliant...can't fault any of it. Just totally brilliant...although the ride back to Abington hurt but was worth it. Chapeau Gary and Fraser

Well done for organising the event. Twas my first, and at the moment we're saying we'll be back next year. Thanks for the beer.

Wow....what a superb night!

Thank you RttS....one to remember! Met some lovely people, bacon rolls were divine. Hope everyone made it home safely.

Loved this event guys, really well organised and great people all round. That descent from the Beef Tub to the Crook Inn was epic. And hats off to those guys doing a double. To next year...

First time doing RttS and probably not the last. Thanks for all of the organisation and planning that goes into an event of such a scale

Well, you two guys certainly know how to disappoint! There's no way next year could be as good as this year! No way! Thanks for organising!

Cracking night, thanks Fraser and Gary for a brilliant route and everyone riding for a fantastic atmosphere. Loved it, totally and utterly loved it.

Awesome night. Huge thanks to the organisers and all cyclists. Brilliant 100 miles.

Great event and cycle well done to everyone who completed it! A first Centurion done!

Great event, great weather, great experience...I can now claim to be a Centurion...thanks for organising

Absolutely fantastic night. My first century ride. RttS is an amazing event and we will definitely be back next year.

Thanks for your efforts. As above possibly the best ride I've ever done, and that includes Ride London. Cheers

Thanks for organising Ride to the Sun lads, enjoyed it and we will be back next year. From all at Carlisle.

That was epic...again! Thank you Fraser, Gary and all who made this so. A big toot, toot from the Allen Valley Velo train.

Most enjoyable ton and most enjoyable night ride I've ever done. Everything was just right. Chapeau to all involved in facilitating. You should need rightly proud of yourselves. See you again next year - please also arrange similar weather. Ta!

Epic, loved it, will be back next year!

THANK YOU it was fab. Very grateful.

Hi. Haven't stopped talking about it to anyone who does or doesn't want to hear about it. I bought a cap and a cup. Question is where can I buy the jersey from? Thanks again all involved.

Fraser, Gary; thanks to you both, and all your own thanked-people, for a great event. We've all been raving about it to our club mates and will hopefully be there next year with our Plus-1s! Sol Invictus from Arria Wheelers!

A fantastic event with some brilliant people. The first century for me, Paul and Lee, had a great time and met some lovely people on the way. We managed to raise £1800 for a great cause too. Thank you!

There were definitely more of the dreaded midge pests this year, but that did not detract from a simply awesome day and nights ride. Thanks again for allowing us all to join in.

Absolutely loved my first century and Ride to the Sun, great comradely and supportive atmosphere from the local communities along the route and for the last 10 miles some new friends to share the exhaustion.

Just to say a very big thank you for an amazing experience, my first ever cycle event and absolutely loved it, fantastic route and experience, well done to you and everyone involved.

Thanks once again for making this ride what it is, it's still my favourite to date, for so many reasons, the cracking weather was just the icing on the cake too.

Wow - didn't know I could do this kind of thing. Thanks for making it possible with great organisation, plus a lot of team spirit and mutual support en route. GREAT event!!!

Thank you to the team and all your family, friends and volunteers who put in so much thought, effort and humour to make such a brilliant event, you thought of pretty much everything. Already looking forward to next year.

Thanks for a great event. First 100 miler, first overnight ride and some new friends. And great value!

2016

I cannot even begin to tell you how much my husband and I enjoyed the ride to the sun 2016! We got rid of the kids and then caught the train up to Carlisle from Southport on Saturday - not really sure what was happening but I've never met such a friendly bunch of cyclists - everyone was really cheerful and encouraging - even when the morning was moving on! The lasagne and chips was lovely in Moffat and then the climb up Devils Beef Tub was the strangest experience of my life - just following the odd red flashing light as it appeared to climb and drop off the face of the earth - until we picked it up again on the next bend. As we went through Edinburgh, I asked myself what on earth I was doing - wouldn't I be happier falling out of the clubs and into a taxi like everyone else but surprisingly my answer was that I was really enjoying myself! To see the beautiful red sunrise at Cramond just made me smile - that was our goal to make it by sunrise and we did it. Again such a lovely atmosphere. We made it up the hill for a lovely bacon roll that warmed the heart as we waited for our friend who cycled all the way - 225 miles! Thank you sincerely to you, your families and friends for the organising and commitment that you all show. This is such a fantastic idea - thank you so much for sharing it with everyone else.

So let me get this straight!! Not only do you get served bananas by Bananaman, You get a rave in the middle of nowhere with some random in a yellow morph suit for entertainment! You get to buy a bacon roll and a coffee at the end where the proceeds go towards funds for an extremely worthy charity. You then get handed a free beer from a random stranger at Cramond beach AND you get to cycle 100 miles with some amazing like-minded people on some of the quietest roads I've ever ridden and it's all included in the registration fee of £0.00? Gary Cameron and Fraser

Maxwell take a bow gents!! Absolutely outstanding and a real "get it up ye" to all the s'wanky expensive sportives out there these days...chapeau gents!

Best event I have participated in, well organised thanks to the select few giving up considerable time and ££££ to encourage cyclists of all abilities to join in the least snobbish event, where participation beats Strava KoMs! Thanks for running it again next year!

The best event I've ever done. The stop at The Crook Inn was superb. Loved it. See you next year!

A massive thank you to Gary Cameron and Fraser Maxwell for putting on this brilliant event. At £5 this is both the most expensive and best value bacon roll I've had (as well as the most enjoyable. This event was free to enter and profits for the sale of this roll - served by volunteers at 2:30 on a Sunday morning! - went to a homeless charity. Brilliant!!! The ethos, non-competitiveness, camaraderie and atmosphere of this event puts other events to shame. It was a real pity I had to be a party pooper and leave at 3am to ride home before the sunrise party got really started. I hope next year to be able to stay for the free beers!

What a brilliant event guys - so well organised and so many great people on the ride. The fish supper and midnight rave were awesome. This will be the first event on the diary for next year. Thanks.

It felt like an anti-sportive. No cost, no finisher's medal, just loads of people riding their bikes for the hell of it. Was a great atmosphere, felt like a ride organised by bikers for bikers rather than anything more corporate.

Near perfect conditions, great scenery, fantastic camaraderie, smooth roads, drunken revellers offering encouragement through the Capital...the feeling of a closed road event for the grand price of £HeeHaw...muchos kudos dudes.

Brilliant night thanks to a select bunch of top people giving up their time to arrange a great event which puts others to shame! We enjoyed it so much we slogged our way back to Carlisle on more quiet scenic roads. Sincere thanks all involved.

Thanks guys, that was a great night. You should start a summer residency at the Crook Inn!

Just woken up and what an absolutely tremendous night! Show me another ride that offers such a great route, a kebab stop just before a 7 mile climb, a random cyclorave and great hospitality at the end due to Fresh Start and the Cramond locals... massive thanks to Fraser and Gary for making it happen and bring on 2017!!!

Great event - well done to one and all - the volunteers in the hall at the end were outstanding - and thanks to Graham and Pete that I'd never met before but we cycled almost the whole way together, especially for waiting whilst I added layers on the big descent even though they were getting eaten alive by midges!...and thanks to a different Graham for leading me back to Cramond when I was knackered!

Another fantastic event, thanks so much for the idea and organisation. Safe to say the Dalmeny 801ers will be back again next year for more fun and cycling adventures.

Great night, Voodoo Ray in the middle of nowhere, the chip fuelled climb that never ended, the lads from Carlisle who turned round and headed back to Carlisle at Cramond and the Ayr Roads Club who let me suck their wheels for the last 20 miles. Chapeau to all participants and organisers!

You won't get many better sights or sounds than a DJ playing banging tunes in the deepest, darkest depths of the Borders in the middle of the night or the glorious sunrise at Cramond.

Chapeau Gary and Fraser. Awesome event. Brilliant support too from Bill and Steve, Linda at the chippy in Moffat and the guys serving breakfast on arrival.

Brilliant night - cheers for all your hard work in organising such a great event! And thanks to all the support helpers too.

Thanks to all those who made the happen and to the chip shop, that looked like hard work, obviously much thought work effort went into this event.

Thanks Fraser and Gary. A great night. Tunes at The Crook an eerie highlight!

Wow!! Just wow guys! A massive thank you for organising. Fantastic night in the saddle.

Awesome event, thanks all for a great night and thanks to the weather gods for being awesome.

What a great event....thoroughly enjoyed it. Fantastic atmosphere and just inspired. Here's to next year.

Absolutely brilliant. Thanks guys, it's an amazing experience.

Thanks for putting together a fantastic event. Free beer at the end too. I'll be back for sure.

Epic, just plain epic!

Absolutely brilliant event - bikes, beautiful scenery, chippy stop, Bananaman, cyclorave, banter from like-minded people, camaraderie, stunning sun rise, free beer and a belting bacon butty. All of that for free - why wouldn't you!? Awesome event run by great guys. See you next year!

Just brilliant. Never cycled more than 50 miles in one go before but this has instantly got me hooked. Great atmosphere, well organised, friendly, and amazingly downhill... Can't wait for the next one!

An unforgettable experience, the views were breath-taking, the rolling hills shaped the calves, Can you ask for anything else..? Looking forward to 2017...thank you fellas for all your epic work!

Amazing event. Well organised, great fun and perfect weather. Loved the Crook Inn stop. Just what was needed in the middle of the night!

This was the highlight of our cycling year. Thank you for a masterful "one off" in the cycling calendar.

Well that was good, wicked route, brilliantly organised. Nice sunrise for a bit and a free beer. Now in Wetherspoons devouring brekkie before getting train home. Thanks so much Fraser, don't think you could've picked a better night!

Great night, thanks! More knackered from missing the night's sleep than the ride I think.

What a great ride. The disco stop was surreal and brilliant. In an Apocalypse Now sort of way. Who was the jester who gave me a banana? Whoever you were, I think I love you.

I don't think we could've had a better night.

Fraser, I got to say hello to Gary at the start and finish, but not yourself, so thanks for putting the "event" on. It's a great compromise between organisation and not losing the fun doing something a bit mad. The sight of a string of lights winding their way quietly up the Beef Tub was something special. Cheers.

Another vote for a superb night out. Dry, clear skies, full moon and what felt like a tailwind all the way to Edinburgh. Fraser, nice to meet you and Gary at the start and thanks very much for getting all this going. It's the first through the night ride that I have done and it was great following

all those lights up the A701, with some good chat along the way, even the drunks in Penicuik were on good form.

Hey - just to say thanks for a brilliant event! I loved it - one of the coolest rides I've done - and the effort on organisation and the disco at the Crook Inn was much appreciated!

Just a brief note to thank you for organising last night's awesome ride. Best 6 hours on the bike I've had this year. Great route, and the kebab set me up brilliantly for the grind out of Moffat. I'm planning to be back next year.

What a blast - fantastic!!! Really especially enjoyed the disco and Bananaman Thanks again!

Many thanks for arranging such a unique event - we had a great night. The DJ at the Crook Inn, although quite surreal, was a welcome boost after the cold descent from the Beef Tub! We look forward to seeing you again next year.

I just wanted to say a huge thank you for an excellent event on Saturday. I met some nice people on brilliant cycling roads and the spirit of adventure heading through the night was fantastic. We couldn't have had better weather or hospitality at the halts or finish. Please pass on my thanks again to everyone who helped make the event happen it really was outstanding.

Hi. Just wanted to express my gratitude for a well-organised, good humoured event, particularly as you weren't in it for the money! All the best and good luck with future ventures.

Just a quick note, like many others I'd imagine, to say thanks very much for selflessly organising such a brilliant event. Conditions were perfect and the groups riding on the road made the journey faster and more comradely! Loved the DJ at the Crook – as you say, 'surreal'. Weirder still the way the music faded quickly into the night behind once we'd left. Delighted to hear that Fresh Start had a worthwhile outing – a bacon roll has never tasted so good! We'll see you next year.

I had serious reservations about doing this and only reluctantly committed to do it the Thursday prior when I handed my kit for the finish to Lucy. Can undoubtedly say that this was my best cycling experience ever. Seriously. Highly recommended.

2015

Did it, loved it, in diary for next year. Thanks Gary and Fraser and also the volunteers at Cramond. Some so called professional sportive organising companies could learn a thing or two from you. The string of lights winding up the Devil's Beef Tub at midnight was a sight to behold.

I just wanted to say what a cracking (and little bit wet) ride I had. I've not cycled much at night but great atmosphere, lack of traffic and the bonus of seeing more wildlife (bats, fox, badger, deer and a family of geese at Johnstonebridge services) makes for a very fun cycle. A big thank you and I'll look forward to seeing you again in 2016.

Many thanks for setting up the Ride to the Sun, we had a truly great time. The Moffat chip shop was brilliant and they were so patient. We arrived at Cramond on time, just before dawn, tired but elated.

Really enjoyed the ride, what a well-run 'non-organised' event. It was a huge challenge for our wee group, we had such an adventure, thanks guys.

Thank you for a great event. The route was great, smooth, quiet - even early on and the miles whizzed by! An even bigger thank you to the catering staff who provided a fantastic bacon roll at the finish. Well done for providing food in the middle of the night for us mad cyclists!

A great event guys. Really enjoyed it, and hopefully you will be doing it again. My first ever overnight road ride, brilliant route for it.

Thanks for a great event guys, see you next year. The Ride to the sun should be on everyone's list of rides to do.

<http://www.oxygenaddict.com/podcast> from Helen Murray (23rd June) - 'Beautiful, surreal, hard, weird, amazing, crazy...'

What a great ride that was and so enjoyable to meet lots of like-minded people having a good time. Big thanks to Fraser and Gary, to the chip shop folk in Moffat who dealt with a pile of sodden starving cyclists with great good humour, to 'Bananaman' at the Crook Inn and to all the volunteers at Cramond.

Amazing event! Definitely back next year.

Great to do something different, the chicken kebab and chips in Moffat and the bacon rolls in Cramond were a particular highlight as was climbing the Devils Beef Tub watching all the lights!

That was epic! Thanks to all who made it so. See you next year. From the Allen Valley Velo.

Great effort by Gary and Fraser, top laughs had by all and everyone on route was in great spirits!!

Thanks for a great event - loved it.

Thanks for having the idea and motivation for making it happen. Absolutely enjoyed every minute of the ride, even the rain didn't dampen our spirits - though having our 'world famous' Dalmeny 801 support bus was a huge help!

Chapeau sirs. Brilliant way to celebrate the solstice.

Thanks for organising this guys, a great event which I'm sure we will do again.

Thanks for all your hard work guys. Great event!

Our wee group had a great time too. Thanks a million guys and see you next year!

Superb night. Thank you so much for all the organising.

Can I just say 'that looks pure dead brilliant man'.

Cheers guys, that was great. We had a blast, it felt like a proper mini-adventure and everyone needs a bits of adventure in their life.

That was really great fun and this event deserves to go from strength to strength. Never ridden any distance on the road at night and it is surprisingly therapeutic. Watching all those blink red lights curl away into the night was a lovely sight. Nice route too.

Well organised, laid back, fab. Definitely on next year's calendar.

Excellent event. Well organised, friendly down to earth organisers and a bit different to the usual. Would highly recommend.

Guys - what an amazing event. Well done both of you. In the darkest hour around 70 miles I fully intended to throw you both in the river at Cramond but after my second wind blowing me along to arrive 2 minutes before sunrise I fully intended to kiss you both. I decided to do neither but went for a bacon roll instead. See you all next year!

I forgot how hard 100miles is on a bike. Overnight takes it to a whole new level. We made it!
Thanks

One word. #awesome

Surreal but incredible night. Did it really happen?!? Thanks so much!

Thanks for organising Carlisle to Edinburgh cycle last night. A great event and excellent route. Looking forward to next year!

Magic night, thanks. Great friendly atmosphere.

A bit bonkers makes the best memories!