Our Autumn 2018 Newsletter

Fellow Velo

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Celebrate Your Dreams — Newsletter Issue: Oct/Nov 2018

Celebrate your dreams . . . especially when they are realised after a long wait!

Ever since the tragic death of Tom Simpson, in touching distance of the summit on Mont Ventoux in the Tour de France of 1967, Terry had dreamt of reaching the summit himself. In his youth he had watched Tom Simpson race and, he was one of the many contributors to the fund for the memorial on the final approach of the mountain. Lena and Terry are a wonderful couple of returning Fellow Velo customers, for whom it was a genuine pleasure to help support their challenge this year on Mont Ventoux.

To celebrate at the summit, others may have chosen champagne but, on this day a multi-pack of crisps and a can of Guinness were what they craved . . . after a climb like that, who were we to argue!

So, don't give up on your dreams; if ever we needed it, Lena and Terry's tour, including Mont Ventoux was a great reminder as to why we followed our own dream a few years ago with Fellow Velo.

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. . . and these were the reviews they posted online after their tour;

THE FRANCE SHOW 2019

25 - 27 January | Olympia London

Fellow Velo will be back at the France Show again for the last weekend in January. If you are or can be in London for the show, then we would love to see you there; share a glass of wine, enter a competition to win a cycling holiday in Provence or just chat about your own cycling dreams in France.

It's a great show with a really friendly atmosphere and, a little closer to the time, we may even have a few tickets to give away . . . just watch this space in our Christmas Newsletter.

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Our own little Fellow Velo Tour – Barcelona to Provence

V is for Vaucluse

During our summer cycling season we had a very kind invitation from the Vaucluse Departement to join a tourism sponsored programme, highlighting the treasures of that part of Provence, particularly for cycling holidays and adventures on two wheels.It was a great experience for us, sharing time with some really friendly and knowledgeable local people, looking for tourism partners who would be keen to spread or enhance their coverage in the western area of Provence.

Though we already deliver tours in the Vaucluse, Mont Ventoux being a great example, it was a great opportunity to learn even more about this part of Provence and, we will certainly be looking to add more featured tours to our website to take advantage of our time there this September.

A huge thankyou from us to all at Vaucluse Provence Attractivity and, to everyone we shared time with during the programme.

Cycling Poetry

As a small thankyou to all our Portland, Oregon customers this summer, a poem from William Stafford, named Poet Laureate of Oregon in 1975.

Maybe Alone on My Bike

I listen, and the mountain lakes
hear snowflakes come on those winter wings
only the owls are awake to see,
their radar gaze and furried ears
alert, in that stillness a meaning shakes;

And I have thought (maybe alone
on my bike, quietly on a cold
evening pedaling home), thinks—
the splendor of our life, its current unknown
as those mountains, the scene no one sees.

O citizens of our great amnesty
we might not've died. We live. Marvels
round by great vears and sweeps of air
so bright the lamps quiver in tears,
and I hear in the chain a chuckle I like to hear.

William Stafford

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