

Fellow Velo Christmas 2019 Newsletter



Merry Christmas from

Fellow Velo



Cycle... Friendly... France

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Merry Christmas to all our 2019 Fellow Velo Customers and to All



Thank you to all those who chose to cycle with us during the year, for the company, the fun and, some great memories.

And, our best wishes to all who we know we will see in 2020 and, to those who may be thinking of joining us too.

*From Jane and Andy
@Fellow Velo*

Competition Coming Soon!

News of the 2020 Fellow Velo Cycling Holiday Competition will be released soon so, watch out for an email or see the updates that will appear on social media.

It's a great opportunity to win a short cycling break in Provence; the lucky winners will get to choose the kind of cycling experience they would like, whether it's easy-going trails between villages and vineyards or, a more challenging adventure through some of Provence's more dramatic landscape. Our 2019 winners, Bridget and Steve, were able to mix the two, culminating in an ascent of Mont Ventoux.

As usual, entering the competition will be much easier than climbing Mont Ventoux!



'On and Off the Bike'
Just a few of our 2019 Season memories in pictures.





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Out in the Autumn

After our main cycling season in France, we returned to our UK base for the autumn; we'll freely admit that there was a little weather shock in store for us but, before the Fellow Velo fleet was tucked up for winter, we had a cycling 'Warwickshire Weekend Taster' to deliver!

We had been contacted earlier in the year by a group of friends, to explore the idea of a bigger cycling holiday with us in France but first, they wanted a taster experience closer to home to see if we were a good choice to bring their cycling plan together. So, with a wonderful group of people we ventured into the 'wilds' of Warwickshire – the collage above tries to encapsulate the weekend and hopefully their future cycling adventure with us in France.

If a weekend taster event would help with the plans for your cycling dream, just give us a call!

Pedalling Poetry or Prose . . .

“To possess a bicycle is to be able first to look at it, then to touch it.

But touching is revealing as insufficient; what is necessary is to be able to get on the bicycle and take a ride.

But this gratuitous ride is likewise insufficient; it would be necessary to use the bicycle to go on some errands...

Finally, as one could foresee, handing over a bank note is enough to make a bicycle belong to me, but my entire life is needed to realise this possession.”

Jean-Paul Sartre

The France Show

Sadly there is no Show in 2020!



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At Fellow Velo, we are currently gearing up for the France Show at the end of January at Olympia. It's very exciting to be sorting plans for our first exhibition and, hope to meet as many people as possible who love France and cycling – and better still people who would love to combine the two!

We don't just package our cycle tours from a desktop at home, we have ridden every one of our routes and continually look to improve them for you. Our tours aim to surprise you with the ease in which you could find yourself gliding through France, whether it's sneaking into the heart of Paris or rolling along hidden tracks in Provence. We take pride in researching our routes and hope that our first delight in discovering them is something you will be able to share as you feel the freedom of riding through the French countryside.

We would love to meet you at our France Show Stand at Olympia in January. Sit on one of our comfy saddles, spin the wheels, enter our 'Draw a Bicycle' competition and, let us help you make your cycling dreams come true.

Click the Show logo to link to its website.

Monaco Grand Prix Ride



A few years ago we were lucky enough to drive onto the Monaco GP Circuit (admittedly only in an Economy hire car) but that, and chats with motor-racing fan friends set us thinking about a ride to the Grand Prix for a future programme.

So, in wonderful October sunshine we've started planning a Riviera Ride to the Race

and aim to make a dry-run to the 2016 event and then, include it in our Guided Tours programme for 2017.

Who knows by then, Lewis may be pushing for a fifth World Title, Renault may have a competitive engine and Maclaren may have scored another point!

What price your head?

In recent news bulletins it was announced that France is considering the compulsory wearing of helmets by cyclists under 12 years of age. For some the debate over whether helmets should be made compulsory will rage and rage . . .

On the subject, the story goes that a guy once walked in to a Yorkshire motorbike shop and seeing the array of helmets on

show, asked the proprietor;

“What’s the difference between a £30 helmet and a £300 helmet?”

The pithy reply came;

“If tha has a £30 head, tha buys a £30 helmet but, if tha has a £300 head, tha buys a £300 helmet!”



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Another big step taken with the placing of a deposit on what will be the new Fellow Velo Van. Naming discussions are currently underway and the current favourite is ‘Jean-Claude the Damn Van’.

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Out testing the contents of our mobile picnics; on all of our Fully Guided Tours, the possibility of turning a corner to find a picnic laid out before you is just one of the little bonuses that raise the standard of these tours. You might as well stop and tuck in as your Guide is bound to be distracted by what's on offer.

Fellow Velo – Route Archive

Fellow Velo – Route Research Archive

Little did we know years ago that we would be able to return to some of the great cycle rides we'd made in France and, draw on them to develop tours that we could share with others.

Design Inspiration

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We're not entirely sure how Noah Purifoy's work might influence our bikes or our routes; clearly not all of his designs were worldwide commercial successes.