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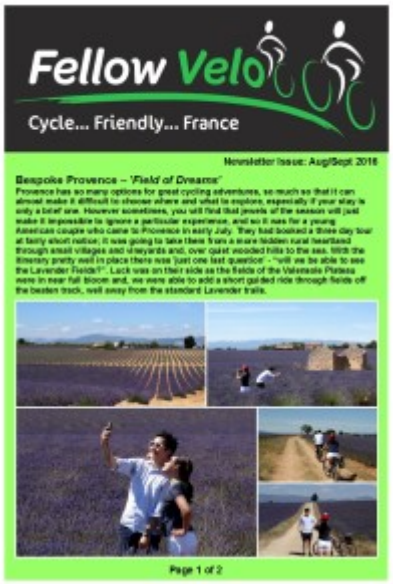

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Cycle... Friendly... France

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Bespoke Provence – *'Field of Dreams'*

Provence has so many options for great cycling adventures, so much so that it can almost make it difficult to choose where and what to explore, especially if your stay is only a brief one. However sometimes, you will find that jewels of the season will just make it impossible to ignore a particular experience, and so it was for a young American couple who came to Provence in early July. They had booked a three day tour at fairly short notice; it was going to take them from a more hidden rural heartland through small villages and vineyards and, over quiet wooded hills to the sea. With the itinerary pretty well in place there was 'just one last question' - "will we be able to see the Lavender Fields?". Luck was on their side as the fields of the Valensole Plateau were in near full bloom and, we were able to add a short guided ride through fields off the beaten track, well away from the standard Lavender trails.

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In their Lavender Field College, some of the photos have been enhanced and nobody has been air brushed out of the scene – that's just how it was on the day.

Our Bespoke Tours are just that; we aim to blend people's dreams of a kind of cycling heaven, with our own intimate knowledge of the landscape that surrounds us. Obviously, the more time we have to build a package just for you, the more likely that we can deliver all the things that you'd love to include (and perhaps a few that you didn't even know were possible).

So, if feasting your eyes on lavender in full bloom, soaking up its wonderful scents and listening to the arresting symphony of the bees is an experience you want to share then, don't be afraid to plan a little further ahead than our American couple's. It may all have disappeared for this year but, the lavender will be back next summer and you too could be riding that trail.

The Lavender Fields addition is just one of many elements that we can include to expand on our standard tours. We could design an individual tour for you that is based around a local calendar of Provençale markets or, it could be an easy going guided off-road trail between vineyard wine-tastings.

Planning ahead also means that you can take your pick from the very best of the available accommodation and, almost certainly for the very best price as well.

THE FRANCE SHOW 2017

Dairy Dolly
Fellow Velo will be back at the France Show at Olympia next year 27-29 January. Come and see us for a chat over a sip of vine.

Human Safety Cone

France has such a great network of quiet lanes; you can explore so many areas intimately with miles and miles of almost traffic free routes but, there's absolutely no harm in thinking about your own safety wherever you are cycling. Your look may amuse your cycling family but if you feel safe, you'll ride happy.

"My mum, the Human Safety Cone"

Pedalling Poetry or Prose . . .

"What a computer is to me it's the most remarkable tool that we've ever come up with, and it's the equivalent of a bicycle for our minds." – Steve Jobs

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