

~The Schooner, Mean-Eyed Cat &
The Cycle Centre~
PRESENT

~THE TYNE CRUISE~

9th ANNUAL ROCK 'N' ROLL BIKE-RIDE
Sunday 14th July 2019

From THE SCHOONER, GATESHEAD
to WYLAM and back – approx. 25 MILES
Raising funds for
St Oswald's Hospice and Daft as a Brush

It costs £15 to join the cruise and for that you get a Tee-Shirt, a bacon sarnie (veggie option available), tea or coffee at the start. A pint of real ale, a BBQ Burger and live music at the finish. Plus the sense of achievement from a great cycle ride and the pride from knowing that you've done your bit for two very worthwhile charities.

This is not a race; it's a pleasant bike ride with nice stopping off points. The aim is to have fun and raise funds for charity- not to be the first back at The Schooner.

Please make sure your bike is useable and in good fettle. **To encourage this The Cycle Centre are offering entrants a great deal on their Silver Service Package. The service will cost £50 and as well as a top-notch service, you will also receive a £10 voucher to spend in store.** Money well spent to avoid pushing your bike if it's a bum steer! On the ride there will be a couple of our group that will have tools, puncture kits, spare tubes and a kiss better if you fall off. Please remember to bring a lock to secure your bike at the various stopping off points and for back at The Schooner.

~Itinerary~

10:30 to 11:00 – Meet at The Schooner for Tea, Coffee & Bacon Sarnies (or veggie sausage)

11:15 - Set off from The Schooner, ride along the south side of the river on the Keelmans Way towards Newcastle. Past The Baltic and The Sage and cross the river on the Swing Bridge. Then a sharp left, joining The Hadrian cycle way westwards. The route follows The Hadrian cycleway all the way to Wylam. There is a slight incline from Elswick riverside at Newcastle Business Park up to Scotswood Road where we cross the road and join the old Newcastle to Hexham railway line path. Passing Scotswood Bridge we rejoin the riverside at Lemington and ride through Newburn Riverside

12:00 to 12:30 – Arrive at Hadrian Border Brewery on Newburn Industrial Estate. The cheery chaps at Hadrian Border are very kindly opening the brewery doors for us and offering refreshments by way of

lovely cold beer (water available as well)! At about **12:20** we'll be taking a group photo in the yard in front of the brewery.

12:30 – Leave Hadrian Border to head to Wylam. On route we'll pass The Boat Club, Newburn and The Keelman, Newburn where further refreshments and toilets are available for those in need.

13:30 to 14:00 – Arrive at Wylam Station where we can lock up bikes in the station car park or, if there's room, outside The Boathouse pub where we'll be staying for half an hour or so for further refreshments and socialising.

14:15 ish – Leave Wylam to head along the south side of the river following The Keelmans Way, eastwards along-side Ryton Golf course.

14:45 ish Pass under Newburn Bridge, still on The Keelmans Way, towards Blaydon following the river around the old Stella South site around the new housing estate. We should hit The Black Bull, Blaydon at around **15:15** for further refreshments and toilets. From here the track takes us through Chainbridge Industrial Estate, under Scotswood Bridge then alongside the railway line past the Metro Centre, towards Dunston. Next, we turn left past Dunston Excelsior Club then right across the footbridge and through the new housing to the riverside by The Staithes. Our final stop will be The Staithes Café around **16:30**

We follow the river and pass the magnificent bridges. Cross over the road (not the bridge) at the Swing Bridge, under the Tyne Bridge, then on past the Sage & The Baltic!

17:00 to 17:30 The end of the Ride as we arrive back at The Schooner

Back at the pub you'll get your celebratory pint courtesy of Wylam Brewery plus your tee-shirt*. Then there's a free BBQ for riders followed by **free live music from 17:30**.

At approx **19:00** the raffle will be drawn (Prizes to be advised) Tickets are available from The Schooner

Please remember, most of the ride is on shared pathways so please be courteous to other users. Use your ding-a-ling to politely make pedestrians know you are behind them and do not ride too fast. Be especially mindful of children & dogs and where possible, keep to the left.

The aim of the ride is to enjoy the lovely scenery of the riverside while taking in some great hostelries and some good craic along the way. It is not a race so please try not to land back at The Schooner before 16:30. If you do arrive earlier then please be aware that the free pint and the buffet for riders will not be available until after 17:00. **We must give the staff sufficient time to finish their normal Sunday Lunch service and then prepare the BBQ.**

Any questions please ring Joe on 07802 690971, Dave on 07910 040180 or The Schooner 0191 477 7404

Entry and sponsorship forms available from: The Schooner, South Shore Road, Gateshead, NE8 3AF; the Cycle Centre, 250 Shields Road, Newcastle NE6 1DX as pdf on <http://theschooner.co.uk/> or www.cyclecentreuk.co.uk email from julie@meaneyedcat.co.uk

***Please remember to specify your tee-shirt size on the entry form.**