

# Bird's eye view

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Newsletter written for the TVPB by the bash birds including write-ups on bash antics, useful tips, gossip and much, much more....

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**Rocking campers in molly's field:** The night before Rubbers ride at East Prawle found 5 rocking TVPB campervans in Molly's field (an idyllic campsite at the top of a cliff).

What caused the rocking? ...

Couples occupied 4 campervans.... pure lust could explain the rocking throughout the night however one single exited female on her first campervan experience occupied campervan number 5!!

The rocking was vigorously explained by the 4 bleary eyed couples as:

Extreme gale force wind combined with exposure resulted in a poor nights sleep, however the single female in her compact little van slept very well.... Why?

On this night obviously **Size did matter** the smaller the better!!!! (A comment unheard of for most female bashers)

Poor Poppy suffered the most "unda was rocking so much that I felt quite seasick most of the night" she explained, they both agreed that they had seen the most movement in their van that night for the whole 6 years they had been campervanning!!

## **The King Of Love's chat-up lines:**

For all you lonely, timid female cyclists out there its leap year so the king of love is at hand to help you become irresistible to the opposite (or same) sex!

**No 3:** tonight lets tighten your nuts and lubricate your balls allowing a smoother extreme riding experience

## **Bike forgetfulness**

It has been brought to my attention that on 2 bash rides recently 2 bashers have forgotten their bikes...is it the start of dementia?

Rubber on his East Prawle ride turned up without his bike....on further questioning he admitted (to 20 bashers) that he didn't think any one would turn up due to the weather so didn't bother bringing it with him!!! (a more mature basher I feel can be let off this little slip up)

Timotei however, was walking round the car park in his cycling gear, all the bashers were ready for the big "off"...but hang about where is the "off road guru's" bike?.... in his van..he had forgotten to get it out!!!!...is this old age, forgetfulness or just plain stupid? (Please e-mail all answers)

# BLASTER NEEDS



**YOU**

It has been brought to my attention that one of our officers is in need of help. He is apparently “falling to bits”, each time he comes to the bash signs of “old age” are apparently that step closer with multiple aches & pains...his latest ailment being tennis elbow rendering his right arm useless. So come on bashers lets help this “old guy” out. All volunteers please contact the man himself or Flossie if you can assist him to undertake any of his needs however large or small!!:

**Christmas fancy dress bash 2007:** Both drivers and pedestrians alike in and around Dawlish watched with amusement as the bashers celebrated Christmas in true bash fashion (or in some cases no fashion sense at all!) in fancy dress...we saw sumo wrestles, bubble wrap space warriettes, batman & robin, cow boys, clowns, Doctors and world war pilots (to mention just a few) visit local watering holes to wish all a tuneful merry Christmas!

The after bash party saw both CTC and Bashers joining hand in hand together in union to drink eat and dance to a brill live band. As all tough bash rides we had our mechanicals...a broken chain for Gary...was it a technical bit or just human error....on asking he replied "no comment" !!,

Blaster has fun at the Xmas Party



### **Bird's Bike maintenance tips:**

**Find a Man to do it for you!.....**

Otherwise....

To get home following a crash if you've bent your stem & twisted your handlebars follow these instructions:

Lay the bike down  
Place one foot on the stem.....and Pull hard!!!

If this fails: phone a taxi and take the bike to Aunt Sally He is very good at straightening out bent cranks!

### **Medical Advice: Alzheimer's Check**

The School of Psychiatry at Harvard University developed the following as a mental age assessment. Take your time and see if you can read each line aloud without a mistake. The average person over 40 years of age cannot do it!

- 1:This is this cat
- 2:This is is cat
- 3:This is how cat
- 4:This is to cat
- 5:This is keep cat
- 6:This is an cat.
- 7:This is old cat.
- 8:This is fart cat.
- 9:This is busy cat
- 10: This is for cat
- 11:This is forty cat
- 12: This is seconds cat

Now go back and read the third word in each line from the top down: If you can read it you are officially an old fart!!!!

## Is cycling good for you?

Judging by these two bashers weight gain appears to have occurred over the Christmas period:



A lack of cycling in sunshine during the winter months often gives surprising results!

(Would you be cleaning products from this man?)

It appears by this photo sent in by an anonymous (CTC) reporter that as the bashers get older they appear to need more help to repair a simple puncture...as can be seen by these four old codgers



Is it their eyesight that's going, or their memory?!!!!

## Useful information

Ultraviolet rays and sunlight deteriorates rubbers: always use in a darkened room

**Breaking news: Shocking New Years Eve Rave:** Police raided the lovely five star home of the countess of Brixham? Surely some mistake concerning our fragrant pillar of the community? But apparently not.... Bashers present at the sumptuous 'do' overlooking the beautiful harbour, confirmed the Old Bill did in fact come a calling. Exact details are sketchy, owing to the generous champagne swigging to welcome in 2008, but appear to confirm the doorbell was rung in the early morning hours. The hostess,(by that time in a very happy and effusive mood) greeted the 'stripograms' in her usual cheerful manner with a few jokey remarks, but was curtly informed, 'no madam, we are the law!'" Still not entirely convinced, she welcomed the four strong posse of uniformed lawmen inside, to be told there had been a complaint from a holidaymaker about the noise....Some point the finger at RJ who was conducting a "live-on-stage" from the open balcony overlooking the fishing fleet. No doubt expecting a house full of rowdy, pissed up drug taking, fornicating youngsters, the officers came mob handed. They were bemused and disappointed finding instead, a crowd of noisy, creaking Saga types, celebrating long after their cocoa and bedtime. After festive greetings they left advising 'keep the noise down please'!! (Drug taking was in progress at the time, mainly of the Paracetamol type). We always thought Brixham was a lively kinda place, but obviously it must have been a rather subdued night in town if the local boys in blue had nothing much else to do than call on the upstanding, clean living Ridds and their perfectly respectable guests.

It was quite an eventful night in White Cottage, Broken Man nearly burning the place down and scorching his lady wife's new party frock, when a 'budget' rocket he let off from the balcony, decided to go into orbit inside the lounge! And the Countess was involved in a heated difference of opinion with a lady member of the very up market local yacht club a few days before and may have been blackballed. Some strong language was used, which would be perfectly acceptable on the bash, but is not good form in such salubrious company. Comes with mixing too much with bashers-hashers, we guess. Let's hope the seadogs have all kissed and made up, and the Countess is allowed to go sailing again. We are sure it must have all been a misunderstanding of some sort.

## Agony Axle

Help! Write or e-mail agony Axle for sympathy (because you won't get it from Bothways!);

Dear Axel:

I have recently struck up a close relationship with a fellow cyclist. My main concern is that he's a fully-fledged CTC member. Should I try to convert him to mud sweat and beers or allow him this one fault? Will it affect my status in the rough off road riding section

An anxious off roader

You need not worry, your credibility will remain intact if you maintain your off road status by ensuring you always wear your protective covering when riding together on the open road. As for changing him...he will come to his senses soon enough!

Dear Axel

I have recently attended the bash awards ceremony and failed to receive a nomination for anything. Can you advise me on how I can achieve my goal of being recognised in the bash?

Yours disappointed

Your have 12 months to work up to receiving an award. I wouldn't recommend you try for the beast category as this has several contenders. Why not go for the drinker of the year? You wont need any special talents for this and will find when buying beer many friends appear!

## Bash Fashion:

Are you fed up with lycra?

Do you still want to look sexy and get noticed by other road users?

Fear not there is help out there:

Bothways is setting this years standard of cutting edge "off road" cycling fashion:



**Binbag Bob's Booze cruise** 20 bashes (including CTC!!) braved gale force winds to cross the channel on binbag bobs booze cruise celebrating his 62<sup>nd</sup> birthday. As rain lashed down and wind's bashed the boat a few hardy (drunken) bashers partied the night away to disco tunes such as "rock the boat" whilst others enjoyed the rollercoaster ride horizontal!

We awoke (some hung over some raring to go) to sunny Roscoff. The cycling tour set off minus the CTC contingency who got lost before the first stop (outside the ferry port) to Morlaix (where they were found in a cafe again!) via the coastal route, a gentle cycle with multiple "fluid" stops Exploring the ancient town of Morlaix ending up in a quaint café with food, drink, music and "female entertainment"!! The cycle back to Roscoff (via a beer supermarket) was swift, wet windy & cold. We had to fight to get Sturme Archer back as the French ferry staff appeared to want to keep him!, Corkscrew took a turn for the worst on the ferry home, he put it down to seasickness, however we all knew it was the sheer volume (and mixture) of alcohol and olives consumed in one day that took its toll on him. Lee had trouble finding his "sea legs", fortunately a friendly basher was at hand to assist in his "hour of need" However sadly this tour has been clouded in shame by known bashers leaving undrunk beer on a cafe table in full sight of the French public... You know who you are.....

**The Millionaire's tour:** St Ives to Lands End on Saturday 15<sup>th</sup> September appears to have resulted in some questionable events:

An ASBO for 1 member following an attempted "fracas" with a 78-year-old pensioner from Birmingham.

Inside the Gents toilet a "gentlemen" cyclists having just "relieved" himself (not sure of what bodily fluid!) with his "usual" characteristic flourish was astounded to see a "lady" (from TVPB?) cyclist standing next to him mouth open in amazement what happened next? Why did Dirty Di and Sturme Archer go missing for 2-½ hrs later in the day?

Saturday evening's party was shared with a group of old gits who were returning to St Ives after an absence of sixty years (they were evacuees during the 1940's). They joined in the dancing with gusto.

One observer standing at the bar claimed it was impossible to tell the difference between the 'millionaires' and the old gits. What does this mean? Are millionaires' just old gits with money?

All these questions need to be answered and where appropriate, the miscreants identified.

### **Bashers that are crashers:**

Jed came a cropper breaking his wrist on Pottsies birthday ride: a terrible high-speed crash you ask? NO he was stationary at the time!!! (At least it was his left hand so he can still manage to hold a pint)

### **Bothways "off-road" cycling tips**

**No 3:** Cycling with cleats  
If you wear cleats remember to unclip before you stop or else you will end up with a broken wrist like JED!!...  
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## Warning:

If you value your bikes **DON'T** let the CTC guys help put them on your bike rack! (This took 3 of them!)



## Deb's tantalising delights:

(healthy cycling options)

### Debs Crusty Baps:

Take 1 large bap

Part it gently in the middle

Fill it full with a little of what you fancy i.e.

favourite meal

Cheese

Jam

Carefully close the bap ensuring filling remains central inside

Wrap in cling film

Pack in your ruck sack and off you go:

Carbo loading at its most easy

(Let us know where you enjoyed nibbling Deb's titbits)

## Dirty Di's shocking confession:

'I want Sturmeys baby' says Dirty Di, according to our informant who, when asked to confirm the veracity of his statement replied, 'I know 'tis true because Jack Smith told me'.

An observer close to the Archer family said Di's remarks have probably been misinterpreted. 'Sturmeys Archer already has two babies', he pointed out, 'one of whom is Dim Ray'. 'It is futile to speculate further' he added, accidentally dropping his snot rag.

**CTC document uncovered:** A secret dossier from the CTC has come into the hands of the bash outlining their plans to infiltrate the ranks of the bash. It is thought that secret CTC agents have been sent into the bash recently to eradicate all forms of off road, fun and drinking to bring the bash back in line with the CTC road riding, coffee and cake stops. It appears that these secret agents instructions are to penetrate vulnerable bashers and small groups of bashers. It is advised for all bashers to be on the look out for this type of manoeuvres and all off roaders should look out for unexplained damage to the bikes