

The Galeforce Autumn Challenge Cyclo sportive

Event Details for Sunday 13th October 2013

**Entry Fee - Online: £17.50 - closes Saturday 12th
October at 12 noon**

On the Day: £25

Venue:

The start is based at Wootton Village Hall which is located 5 miles southwest of Bedford just off the A421.

The full address: Wootton Village Hall, Church Road, Wootton, Bedford Mk43 9EU

Arrival:

The hall will be open at 8am to register and take on the day entries and last minute refuelling. There is car parking if needed.

Registration:

Give your name to the registration staff and they will issue you with a number for the front of your bike and a timing chip. The chip must be worn round the ankle for it to work. Please make sure you return it at the finish or you'll be charged £5 for a replacement.

Briefing:

This will take place at 8.25am and is for your safety and information. All riders must attend.

Start:

Riders will be started at 8.30am onwards and in waves depending on the size of the field.

Conduct:

It is important to know that this event is not a race and that you are responsible for your actions on the road. You are subject to the Highway Code so please ride safely and responsibly at all times. Please keep to single file or 2 abreast at most if safe to do so. Please let traffic pass. There are several right turns - treat these with the utmost care. There are two particularly fast descents - the aptly-named Sharpenhoe Clappers (**60** only) and Gravel Hill between Lilley and Barton - both have T-junctions at the bottom - stay in control!

The Routes:

Both routes take in some of the best scenery Beds and Bucks have to offer. The roads vary from busy A-roads to quiet country lanes. Turns will be arrowed but not marshalled. It is your responsibility to navigate the route so study the map provided and take it along just in case - there are around 70 turns on the **74**. As stated, both routes are particularly hilly for this area so prepare accordingly.

There is a roadside **refreshment stop** at around halfway. Unfortunately, there are no toilets. Food and water will be available though. This stop will close at 1pm.

The routes split at 44 miles in Sharpenhoe. The **60** heads straight down the hill and the **74** turns right over the A6 toward Gravel Hill. The routes meet up again at Barton then head north across the A6 to Pulloxhill, Flitwick, Millbrook (careful of the speed bumps down Millbrook Hill) and Marston. The **74 turns left** for a final sting in the tail with the last big climb at Lidlington. After this there is a 2.5 mile trip down the A507 - **please take care on this section**. You'll have the pleasure of knowing you're nearly there as you sweep down past Brogborough Lake on the old A421.

Once back in Wootton you'll get a finish time and a chance for more refreshments.

For the online routes with detailed information please follow these links:

60 Mile Route:

<http://www.mapmyfitness.com/routes/fullscreen/137276199/>

74 Mile Route:

<http://www.mapmyfitness.com/routes/fullscreen/133169999/>

What happens if I break down?

Make sure you have kit to mend at least 2 punctures and a mobile phone in case. We will do our best to scoop up anyone in trouble but can't guarantee an instant response. If you do decide to retire and head home early please inform us as we don't want to be searching for you all night...!

Use this number - 07748 911742 (or 999 for EMERGENCIES)

74 Mile Route



60 Mile Route

