



Grand Opening

Well that's January done, then. As a friend said this week: 'if you had to be a month you wouldn't choose January'. January, Schmanuary. Roll on F that February..

So New Year, New You? If your Dry January has had occasional downpours, and you are still curating your perfect gym attire before stepping into the bright lights, thumping music and the faint whiff of eau de hope, then we have just the solution for you – a goal to strive for that is far enough away to give you time to sit down with a coffee / wine / protein drink and tell yourself you will get on the bike when it is lighter / drier / less windy / more tailwindy. Before you know it, June will be here and June you will be cursing February you for being such an idle aerosol.

2026 is the fifteenth running of our 100 mile sausage roll steeple chase and to date our **C2C2C** riders have raised £338,000 for local charities. If you are reading this first email of the 2026 ride, then you are probably already one of those hardy, selfless types who will put themselves through such food based torture to help others. Feel free to share this email with other potential riders, whilst subtly humblebragging about your past athletic endeavours and fundraising prowess: its for charidee!

The Route

Whilst we aren't yet at the point of publishing the route ahead of further due diligence, we are ready to announce that there are changes afoot to the 2026 route. If your approach to change is that you are still mourning the loss of the horseless carriage, you might want to look away now.

This year **C2C2C** will become **C2F2C**. One of the many unbridled joys of organising a bike ride for 600+ people is the ecstasy we achieve when considering risk management. Climate change? Check – it's on bikes. Welfare? Check – sausage rolls and jelly babies. Mechanical? Check – hundreds of willing helpers. First Aid? Check – uniformed people with boxes of plasters. Coastal erosion and rising oceans? Check – this year we are going to future proof the ride (at least for 2026) by amending the route. It was hard to see the sea at Saltfleet anyway and the headwind back across the East Lincolnshire Plains has been so dispiriting.

[Please also read our PS..]

Whilst you pick yourself up from the floor and check your heart rate monitor, we are also going to introduce a 110 km (WAB*) route, alongside our 100 mile (The OG) and 200km

(Citius Altius Fortius) routes. We have helped so many Century Virgins conquer their first 100 miler since 2011 (1300 that have admitted it during registration, but probably nearer 2,000 with a modest sense of exaggeration) that we wanted to open up the ride to a new group of hopefuls who might feel 100 miles is a saddle sore too far for their first long distance ride. Don't tell them it's the gateway drug to 100 miles..

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So, we have a 70ish mile / 114km route that will still take in the same three feed stations as the 100 mile route, plus the BBQ / Bar at the end. The distance might be less, but it still includes the Wolds in all their lumpy glory. A Metric Century Virgin route if you will for the Europhiles.

Registration is open as of 2 February at <https://www.riderhq.com/events/p/tuse2bv6/f/c2c2c26> so you can get in early and share the link with others in your workplace / pub / book club / séance / Darby & Joan club. We welcome all types of bikes (that have pedals and cranks at least) and as many of you will know, we are geared up to be rider-focussed to help make sure you complete the challenge.

Other than the date of the ride (**Thursday 25 June 2026**, start and finish at Nettleham Rugby Club) that's enough information for now. Sign up and coax your friends / colleagues / fellow inmates to create a team for mutual support and [mostly friendly] rivalry.

Onward into 2026 – we are getting on with sorting out the food / the registration / the T Shirts

Smaller, but Perfectly Formed

C2CF2C Highways Team

PS Like everyone else we also suffer the effects of rising food costs and the joys of paying to cover for red-tape to bind ourselves with. Last year was a significant challenge for our costs but thanks to our superb local sponsors and volunteers who step up to help us to ensure that all the rider entries can go to local charities (£338K and counting). We still need further sponsors to help ensure we can continue this event in the future.

Please email davidjockel@icloud.com if you are able to sponsor our ride, or even throw some money into our pot to help secure future rides. Think of it as a kind of buying cycling indulgences to limit future punctures...