

PROPOSAL TO CHANGE MEMBERSHIP FEES

What is the proposed change?

After serious consideration, the committee have decided it's in the best interests for the future of the club to raise the membership fees from 2019.

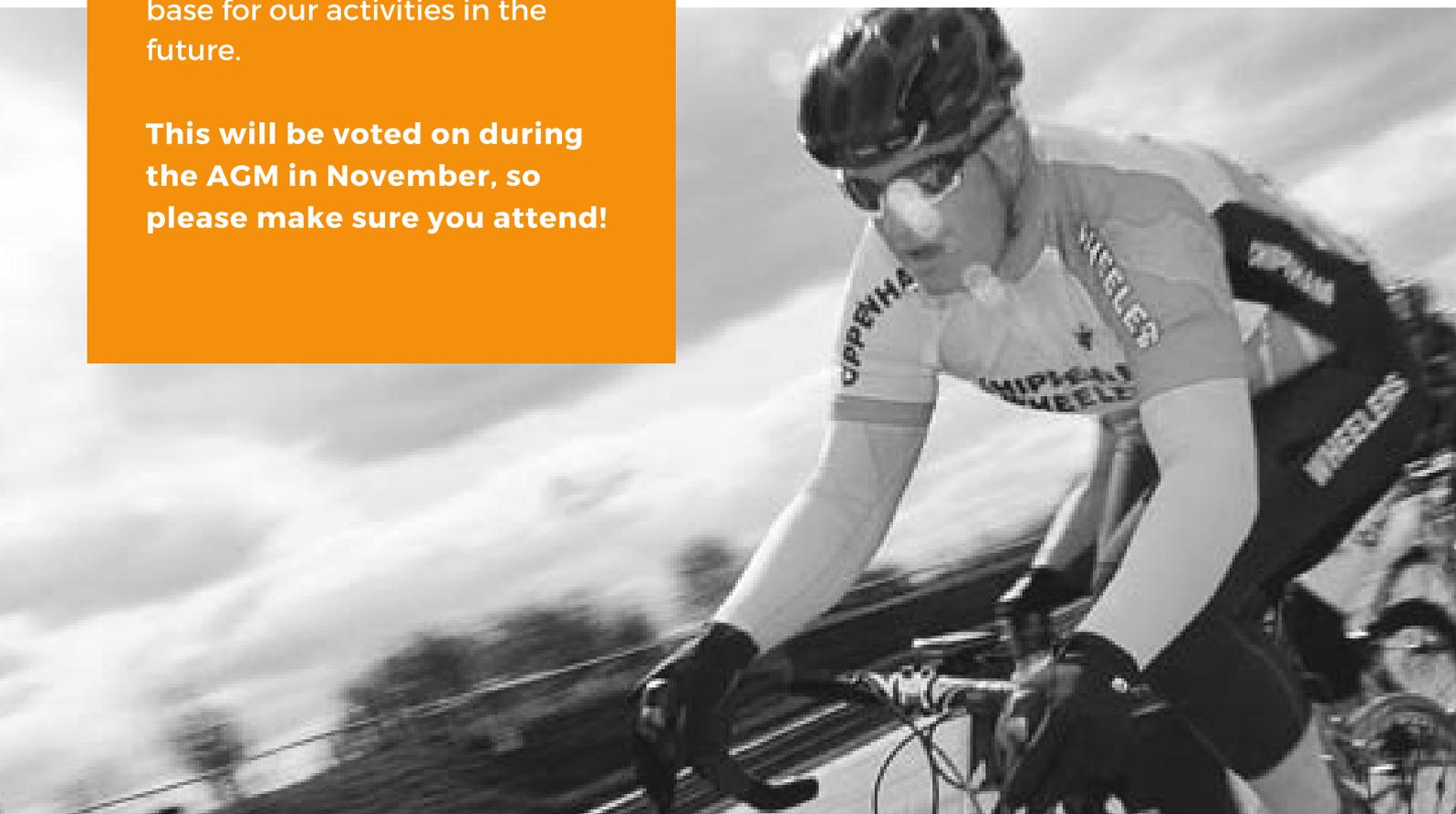
This increase would support the use of a central location to meet both socially and before/after club rides. We have been in discussions with the Chippenham Sports & Social Club about becoming a "section", which would allow us to use their vast facilities as a base for our activities in the future.

This will be voted on during the AGM in November, so please make sure you attend!

Why are we making the change?

There are a number of benefits which will be supported by the new membership fee structure:

- It will allow us to provide better facilities to the wider membership, providing better service and value, as well as being more inclusive.
- As the club is run by volunteers, this will allow us to streamline the operational management of the club
- Integration with other sporting communities within Chippenham
- Use of all the facilities within the Sports & Social Club, which can be used for a wide range of our club activities
- It simplifies the membership fee structure



WHAT ARE THE CHANGES?

The membership fees will be increased to allow the club to become a "section" at the Chippenham Sports and Social Club. While this is a significant increase, the committee have decided they will support this transition by subsidising fees over the next 3 years until they are at the appropriate rate.

The past few years have seen a significant change in both the culture of cycling clubs and the demographic of their members. As an historic club, we are determined to keep our traditional values, but recognise that we also need to modernise in some areas.

The following tables detail the changes to the fee structure over the coming 3 years:

EXISTING MEMBERS

Membership Type	2019	2020	2021
Adult	£30	£35	£40
Under 18	£15	£15	£15
Couple	£40	£50	£60
Additional Child	£5	£5	£5

NEW MEMBERS

Membership Type	2019	2020	2021
Adult	£40	£40	£40
Under 18	£15	£15	£15
Couple	£60	£60	£60
Additional Child	£5	£5	£5

Where possible, from January 2019, all clubs activities will be moved to the Chippenham Sports & Social Club (SSC). Becoming a section at the SSC integrates us closely with other sports clubs within Chippenham and allows us free use of the facilities. It also allows us to have an input into the running of the SSC. They have a wide range of facilities available for members to use. These are detailed below along with examples of how the club might maximise their use.

BENEFITS

- Access to bar area and rooms for Club Night on Wednesday evenings
- Toilets and showers for use before and after club rides
- Food and beverages available at weekends for post ride gatherings
- Free parking
- Use of the bowling club pavilion for club events such as audaxes etc
- Use of the main hall and skittles alley for larger events



HOW WILL THIS AFFECT ME?

I regularly attend Wednesday Night club Nights

The good news is that Wednesday night club nights will still continue, but will move to the new venue. There are several areas which we could use for this including the main bar area or private, self-contained rooms. There is tea and coffee (along with normal bar drinks) available from the SSC.

I ride on the Weekend Club rides

From January 2019, we will try to finish all rides at the SSC. This will allow people to enjoy post ride food and drink and enhance the social side of our group rides.

Car parking is available at the SSC, so provides an excellent base for those travelling from towns and villages outside of Chippenham.

I have a family who don't share my addiction to cycling

One of the major aims of the change is to help integrate all the members of the club and provide an environment where rides from all groups and backgrounds can meet. Family has always been central to the success of the Chippenham Wheelers, and we firmly believe that this change will provide opportunities to integrate riders and their families into the club. The facilities at the SSC are perfect for families with children, and we have the opportunity to bolster the youth of the club.

What else could you buy for £12?



3 pints of beer



2 bunches of flowers



1 family sized pizza

AREN'T PEOPLE JUST GOING TO LEAVE THE CLUB?

We hope not! We believe this change is in the best interest of the club and that members will see that benefit. We realise there may be a drop in the number of members, particularly those who are not involved in club activities on a regular basis. Our focus has been on building club spirit and camaraderie in our core of active members.

NEXT STEPS

We understand this is a huge change for the way the club operates. We want to make sure that the membership share our view that this is the best solution for the club moving forward. We want to make sure that everyone has all the information they need to vote at the AGM.

There will be a tour of the Sports & Social Club on the evening of Monday 26th November for those members that want to see the facilities before voting at the AGM.

Please make sure you come to the AGM so you can have your vote!

