

## **Great Shakespeare Ride – Sunday 13 August 2017 (Entry Cost £28)**

Andy has asked me to co-ordinate an increased Shipston CC team presence in this year's event.

As most of you will know, we had a (successful!) team in the men's 100km team challenge last year and in 2016. This year we want to increase our entries so that we have at least three teams – 100km men, 100km women and 100 mile men.

The GSR is quite high profile locally and affords quite a few publicity opportunities which could be beneficial in increasing the profile/awareness of Shipston CC.

Specifically, Andy has suggested three team captains (all of whom have accepted the role) and they are Kim Baddeley for the 100 mile, Jackie Gregg for the 100km women and me for the 100 km men.

In terms of who will ride in each event, two of the groups are virtually decided; these because the women's team can, at this stage, probably perm four from five and two of the other four have already agreed to join Jackie's team.

Similarly, the men's 100km team are looking to defend their title from the previous two years and it will mean that there is likely to be only one vacancy in this team; this to replace Kim who wants to step up a distance and has agreed to lead the 100 mile team.

### **100 km Women**

Team so far - Jackie Gregg (team captain), Sue Houlson and Pauline Cornthwaite. In terms of the likely other candidates, Rachel Trant Macrae and Sally Tyas immediately spring to mind and it would be great if these two (or anyone else who can ride at a similar pace to the five identified here) would let Jackie know of their interest so that the team can be finalised. Contact Jackie at [jackie.gregg1963@hotmail.com](mailto:jackie.gregg1963@hotmail.com)

### **100km Men**

Team so far - Gary Gristwood (team captain), Tony Moss and Dave Martin (all rode as part of the team last year). Outside of these three, Paul Atkinson has first option on the fourth place, as he rode as part of the team in 2016, but could not do so last year because of holiday commitments. Paul is not sure of his availability yet (should know by early next month) and, if it transpires that he can't make it, then Tom Wragg (who has already expressed an interest in riding with this team) will come into the quartet. Contact Gary at [garygristwood54@outlook.com](mailto:garygristwood54@outlook.com)

### **100mi Men**

Nothing definite yet in terms of team composition, apart from Kim Baddeley as team captain. If you would like to be considered for this team, then please contact Kim. Knowing him, he will be riding this event to win it, so please be prepared to be competitive if you put your name forward! Contact Kim at [kim.baddeley@luaga.com](mailto:kim.baddeley@luaga.com)

In closing, one thing that is vitally important when the entries are subsequently being made via the GSR website, is that the team names must be **EXACTLY** the same (upper/lower case/spacing), so I am going to suggest that we adopt the following three names for this purpose: Shipston CC 100km men....Shipston CC 100km women....Shipston CC 100 mile.

Think that covers everything for now, so please contact the individual team leaders to express your interest.

Gary Gristwood.