

## CYCLING GROUP.

The group has had its activities curtailed a bit by the recent weather. However, we have had a couple of decent rides and more importantly a few social events since the last newsletter. Two Christmas meals, one at Haverthwaite Railway, who were actually awarded the Café of the Year award, then two weeks later at The Villa where various prizes were awarded to members of the group in the following categories:

Attending most rides 1<sup>st</sup> Iain Sisson 2<sup>nd</sup> Jean Waitson 3<sup>rd</sup> Dave Searle  
Raffle winner for organising rides Tony Waitson  
Christmas Spirit award Sue Edlington

We had a very pleasant morning courtesy of Ann Nicholson and Neil Stirling. Neil led us on a super ride round the Cartmel and Flookburgh area on a cold morning in January. He managed to avoid any icy patches. While 10 of us were out enjoying ourselves Ann was slaving away in the kitchen and produced a fabulous soup lunch that was supplemented with various food and chocolate donations by members which were left over from the Christmas Celebrations. Then we had the serious business of planning our rides for the next year. I can say we were pleased to see the calendar almost full at the end of the meeting. Highlights of the calendar for next year are as follows: -

*A few days in the Keswick area on the 16<sup>th</sup> September - probably around Derwentwater on the Monday and a tour of Skiddaw on Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> September.*

Something that came out of a discussion way back in October was to have an extended ride and day. From that, a couple of us came up with a Summer Solstice Ride as near to 21<sup>st</sup> June as possible. Iain, Maggie and Di have already started planning a ride of approximately 40 miles and finishing up with a meal. The date is Monday 17<sup>th</sup> June based around The Marston Arms, Thornton in Lonsdale.

If you would like to join us on our travels around the North West, you will be very welcome.

*Les + Sue*