



# THE DARTMOOR CLASSIC TIMES

## A FORCE TO BE RECKONED WITH!

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The Dartmoor Classic won't be the only major West-country bike event challenging riders at the end of June. The FORCE Century Cycle Challenge, which was first held 12 years ago, is now expecting another record field, after 800 signed-up for last year's ride. With numbers already well ahead of this time 12 months ago, the organisers are now confidently forecasting a complete sell-out of all 1000 places. Recognised as one of the best supported events anywhere in the country, the cancer charity's promotion has an enviable reputation for bountifully stocked feed stations and an army of friendly volunteer helpers. Starting and finishing at Topsham Rugby Club, where music, catering and a variety of attractions combine to provide the big event atmosphere, two challenges are on offer. The longer route, of 100 miles, takes riders to the very roof of the truly breathtaking Exmoor National Park, while the more family orientated 55 mile version misses out the most demanding climbs. Both routes enjoy beautiful sections of rolling Devon countryside before returning via Crediton and the outskirts of Exeter.



So, if you don't want to be kicking your heels, while thousands of cyclists are collectively enjoying the very best that the region has to offer, click on [www.forcecancercharity.co.uk](http://www.forcecancercharity.co.uk) and get entered now.

## SMS RESULTS SERVICE

The Dartmoor Classic is to provide a new SMS service to enable riders to have their individual results sent, via text message, to any mobile phone. The service will be linked directly to the event's timing system and, as riders pass a timing point, the SMS service will automatically send the ride time straight to the specified mobile phone or phones. There are a number of ways the service may be used. An individual's results can be sent to their own mobile, so that there is immediate notification of their time through the Princetown feeding station and the finish line. Friends can have their times sent to each other, so they may keep track of their position on the course. Or, individuals can have results sent to family or friends, in order to inform them of their progress. A text will be sent for each occasion the riders passes through the Princetown control and when they finally cross the finish line. For full details of charges and to register for the SMS results visit:

[www.DartmoorClassic.co.uk](http://www.DartmoorClassic.co.uk)

## A TIMELY WARNING

If, ahead of the Dartmoor Classic, you have ridden another sportive, where disposable timing chips were used to record results, then make sure they are removed before you line up for the start on June 26th. At a café stop recently we heard the sorry tale of a rider who had ridden strongly throughout a particularly tough event to get inside the silver standard. On reporting to collect the award, the rider was informed that the time could not be verified. The system had been completely confused by the rider having two chips on the helmet; an old one from the previous year's Exmoor Beast and the one for the ride just completed.

## TOP OF THE POPS ?

With its 2500 rider capacity filled over 5 months before the big day, the Dartmoor Classic again looks set to be the most popular mass participation cycling event in the West-country. While one major promotion has already fallen short of it's hoped for maximum and other big fixtures appear to be struggling to reach their previous figures, the Mid-Devon Cycling Club's sportive continues to go from strength to strength. Given that the waiting list, to take up cancellations, is currently over 300; it seems highly likely that near to the permitted number of riders will actually take the start. To help achieve this, those who have already secured a place and now find they will be unable to use it should let us know as soon as possible, in order that it can be reallocated to an eager reserve.

## 31ST MAY DEADLINES!

Please note that **31st May 2011** is the deadline for all changes to our registration database. Shortly after this your rider numbers will be assigned and registration packs will be assembled. Cancellations after this date will not be eligible for any refund and 106m riders who switch to the shorter route will not be eligible for a medal.

The Transfer Window also closes on this date so if you wish to give or sell your place to another rider the fee and forms **MUST** be received before the closing date



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