



PROPOSED 'TOUR DE TEMPLES'

Exciting potential 'Somerset Tour de Temples' in the planning stage.

The purpose is to promote:

- Freemasonry Across The Province
- Health and Well Being
- Open to Friends and Families
- Charity Fund Raising – Charity Yet to be Decided
- Somerset Freemasons uniting

Proposed Route

The Following is proposed by Steve Collings, but completely open to discussion as experience across the Province by members will suggest alternative more efficient routes.

The route takes into account evening meals and accommodation for around 12 members. This figure will naturally change when we officially launch the event having consulted all the members of 'Somerset Masonic Cycle Association'.

The event is open to all members including friends and family.

Day 1	
Bath	
Keynsham	
Nailsea	
Clevedon	
Yatton	
Weston s Mare	
Burnham	
Hotel (Bridgewater)	
Total Miles	66

Day 2	
Bridgewater	
Wedmore	
Glastonbury	
Wells	
Midsomer Norton	
Frome	
Hotel (S.Mallet)	
Total Miles	68

Day 3	
Shepton Mallet	
Bruton	
Wincanton	
Yeovil	
Crewkern	
Chard	
Hotel (Ilminster)	
Total Miles	59

Day 4	
Ilminster	
Langport	
Taunton	
Wellington	
Wiviliscombe	
Watchet	
Minehead	
End of Tour Dinner	
Total Miles	68





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The whole event will be designed to encourage as many participants as possible, this should promote the goals set out.

With this in mind, the following options to maximise participation and charity fundraising

Tour Participation Options	
Option 1	Complete All Days
Option 2	Complete 2-3 Days
Option 3	Complete 1 Day
Option 4	Complete Part Day
Option 5	Temple to Temple

Options 1 & 2

Designed for the competent cyclist who either cycles on a regular basis or trained specifically for this event. Their will be Training guidance provided by Toby Hann and others regarding a training programme for those wishing to participate over these distances.

Accommodation will also be arranged for options 1 & 2.

Options 3

Those with time limitations may wish to join us for a single day's ride, again, training guidance can be given. It is not anticipated those travelling for a single day will require accommodation.

Options 4

Aimed specifically for those who wish to take part, but for whatever reason unable to complete a full day.

Those who cycle for part of the day will be a great asset to the trip, as they will be able to promote the 'Tour' within their own Temple and Communities which again increases awareness and Charity Fund raising.

Options 5

Possibly the most exciting option. Targeting those to dust off their bikes feel part of a great event, promote health and well being to all ages and abilities. As with option 4, great asset to the 'Tour'. Will suggest we take great care for this option in ensuring the routes taken are safe and away from major roads

Important to note, we would encourage all participants to take out their own insurance for all eventualities including accidents and equipment as the 'Somerset Masonic Cycle Association' will not cover any Insurance for participants. Assistance will be given, even joining the 'Somerset Masonic Cycle Association' which will provide discounted Insurance and Membership of Cycling UK.



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Each Day

In advance of the event, contacts established with each Temple and hopefully every Lodge to provide not only support, but lite refreshment for the riders.

Starting at 8am at the first Temple, where hopefully we will be able to provide breakfast.

Looking to depart from the first Temple at between 8:30 to 9:00, then head out to the next Temple.

The proposed route on page 1 has been timed, giving 30 minutes at each temple, cycle speed of 12 mph and finishing the day at around 18:30. This will naturally change day to day, but when we have collectively decided on the routes and arrival/departure times from each temple, each Temple will know in advance of our arrival time and will provide a marker for each rider as to where they are in the day.

Also helps with training, knowing how many miles a day combined with speed.

Each evening will naturally be at a hotel and a meal. Possibly, Temples can put a meal on for us, this is something for us to explore.

There will be at least one Support Vehicle (Van) which can carry your personal belongings, First aid and even the ability to sit out a couple of hills if required. The support vehicle is designed to make the ride as comfortable as possible.

In addition, if there are hotels which will not allow bicycles in rooms, the support vehicle can park them overnight.

Last Night – Dinner

Only a proposal at this stage, the idea of holding a dinner on the last night in Minehead for All riders, irrespective of distance travelled. Certainly, a great way to finish the tour, thinking of a 'Tour Medallion' presented by the PGM to all.

Certificates & Plaques

As this is the first time the Province of Somerset has undertaken such an event, the potential of presenting each Temple with something to celebrate the great achievement of Somerset Cyclists should be considered. All ideas welcome.

Costs

Too early to know until hotel accommodation and food offering from halls. That said, at this early stage, allow £50 per hotel night plus food. Guestimate of £300 per person for all 4 days.



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Planning Team

The event will require a great planning team covering a few of the following:

- Route Planning
- Accommodation
- Liaison with Temples
- Support Vehicles
- Training & Diet
- Training Rides
- Last Night Dinner
- Plaques and Certificates

Date of Tour

Originally, the date suggested was Easter 2021. At this stage, we don't even know if the Lockdown will be over, let alone Temples open or the return of Lodge meetings.

On that basis, look to create a group in January so we can plan the basics in advance of Temples opening and Lodges returning.

Register Your Interest

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