Final Briefing

We have 529 on-line entries – so you can be sure of a good field and plenty of camaraderie en route. This does mean, however, that when there is no more parking space on Deanfield Way we will need to use the Hanson Cement car park – you are welcome to go straight there if you prefer to have a 0.8 mile warm-up – see the inset map and/or follow signs from Deanfield Way.

PLEASE KEEP TO THE MAIN (UPPER) PARKING AREA AND DO NOT PARK ON THE SMALL LOWER AREA (It will be coned off)

Don’t forget to bring with you a pump, at least one spare inner tube (preferably two), basic tools, a waterproof top, mobile telephone - Please store the Event Medical Emergency Number in your phone – 07749 579135 - and make sure it’s somewhere you can find it! But please note that this number is for medical emergencies only – please do not call this number if you have a breakdown or need assistance to get home – you must make your own prior arrangements for this with friends or family – see the notes in the Riders’ Pack for more information.

Plenty to drink – we expect to have water to top-up at the Feed Stations (except on the Challenge 25-mile), but always be prepared for the unexpected and don’t skimp on water bottles just to save one kilo of weight! Take energy bars and gels if you need them – though we’ll provide plenty of food at the food stops.

At signing on you will receive your electronic chip from SportIdent, which you will need at the start finish, and at each food station where you must ‘dib’ IN AND OUT. Make sure you return this chip at the finish. If you have to retire, make sure you get the chip back to us somehow – YOU WILL BE CHARGED £30 FOR ANY MISSING CHIP!!

ALL ROUTES – Please ensure that you obey the Highway Code at ALL TIMES. Remember we are all ambassadors for cycling and avoid doing anything that could bring our sport, or other riders, into disrepute.

Notes on the Route(s) – All routes are fully signposted but of course you need to pay attention at all junctions! If there is no sign at a junction YOU MUST STAY ON THE ROAD YOU’RE ON. Please take special care at all right turns and be aware that signs do occasionally go missing or can be tampered with. We recommend you download your route on to a GPS device or print a copy of the route directions to take with you.

Please remember that the routes have CHANGED since last year and some changes have also taken place since the route details were first placed on the internet. (The Strava, .tcx and .gpx files on the website ARE up to date). Signage will be clear but remember to pay attention!
EXPERT 100 (RED MARKERS)

We have recently had reports of DRAWING PINS being spread on the road in CRACOE during a recent cycle event. Whilst we have no reason to believe that this will happen again, please be aware and take extra care. We always advise carrying TWO spare inner tubes.

Please TAKE GREAT CARE crossing the A65 just after Settle. Visibility lines are excellent, but traffic may be travelling MUCH Faster than you think. 1.2 miles from the finish TAKE CARE on the single lane West Bradford Bridge and BE PREPARED TO GIVE WAY to oncoming traffic.

ENTHUSIAST 60 (BLUE MARKERS)

At 37.3 miles (60.0 km) there is a dangerous and DECEPTIVE double bend immediately over a crest. The problem is that on the approach to the crest, the road further ahead is in sight and gives the impression that it is straight. IT IS NOT! We will place warning signs and the following photographs may help you recognise and appreciate the potential hazard.

APPROACHING THE CREST – LOOKS STRAIGHT ON....... !! SUDDEN 45R INTO SHARPER LEFT !!

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CHALLENGE 25 (GREEN MARKERS)

After Rimington, at 5.9 m (9.5 km) the route turns Left on to a VERY BUSY stretch of the A682. Please take care at the junction, where traffic coming from your right may be travelling faster than you think, and then along the A682 to Gisburn. Further care is needed here as you turn Left on to the busy A59 and very soon turn Right into Mill Lane. Marshals will be present – not to wave you across but to alert motorists to the presence of a cycle event – but if you are in any doubt as to the safety of your manoeuvres, we recommend you walk your bike across the road between the two junctions.

After passing The Buck and The Duke of York in Grindleton, the road descends quite steeply and continues right at the bottom of the hill. Please BEWARE OF TRAFFIC at this junction, and keep your speed down so that you can STOP quickly if necessary. Take care when cycling through Clitheroe.