

Dear Customer,

At Vintagebikeshed we have been working hard sourcing and servicing bikes for the Eroica Britannia ...all the bikes are vintage and have mainly original components. They all meet the bike requirements for the ride.

The bikes by their very nature are old but the bikes are checked throughout and all the bikes are serviced and ready for the event.

The bikes are to be collected from the 'Vintage Bike Shed' stand; the location will be just inside the cycle jumble arena.

The bikes are vintage bikes meaning they are steel bikes with usually 5 block ratio 14 – 24 teeth, (if you are lucky maybe up to 28 ! - we have fitted 28 tooth blocks to the vast majority of our bikes as they are all used specifically for this ride) We aim to provide many bikes with a wide gear range for the hills.

The wheels will have clincher tyres 27"/ 700c unless stated otherwise in advance.

As old bikes they match the requirements of the event which are pre 1987....the bikes will have gear change on the down tube, toe clips and brake cables outside the handlebars. Many bikes have bottle cages fitted, some will have pumps fitted to the frame also

FYI, you will need to bring your own drink bottle and helmet. (A selection of tools for minor repairs may also be handy).

The white roads are a feature of this event and punctures may occur, possibly more than once.

One point for consideration...

As outlined these are old steel bikes from the point of view age/components and as such care needs to be taken on the route....

When you return the bike after the event on Sunday we will check the bike over and sign that the bike has been returned in good condition and any damage will be noted and have to be paid for. No bikes have been damaged to date but there is always a first time. We recognise wear and tear will occur but have to protect ourselves in the event of abuse and recklessness.

IMPORTANT

These bikes maybe unfamiliar in position and operation and as such it will be like starting to cycle again... it may be a whole new experience for you compared to your usual carbon or alloy bike. Most of the problems start when you begin your first ride as the gear cable changing system does require some practice to get used to it... but remember it is not a fast change but a very slow movement of the gear as you hear it slot into the sprocket plus invariably a slight adjustment of the front mech at times to stop chain rub... you will soon work it out... but do the gear change very slowly, too often as we found last year too many people not used to these type of bikes snap the cables as they put too much force into the gear change! If you have any doubts please do not hesitate to ask.

Each participant as set out in the L'eroica regulations needs to be self-sufficient and have the tools at hand to make minor bike adjustments... once you collect the bike it is as your own until you return it.

We aim as always to help and assist as much as we reasonably can.

So to recap...

Bring everything you need for the bikes...and buy the extra's you need at the event... remember tool kit as well.

Photographic ID is required i.e. passport or driving license.

Please bring the hire agreement document signed,we keep the copy and note your ID until you return your bike.

We aim to make this hire process as seamless and efficient as possible to enable you to enjoy the event to it's maximum

Have fun!

Thank you and best regards,

Helen and Andy Franks

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Contact details during the weekend 07526240683