



Welcome

There's an elephant in the room this issue: the Coronavirus. We've hardly mentioned it. Our lead feature is about something that is likely to be proscribed by the time you read this. The reason for the lack of coverage is mostly logistical. Viruses move fast – much faster than a magazine that's put together over two months.

In January I was at a cycle industry trade show. Back then, the Coronavirus was something happening in China. One or two attendees weren't shaking hands but the alarm bells hadn't begun to ring.

I was at another couple of events in February. It still felt like a remote threat. Even at the start of March, society seemed to be waiting for something the scale of swine 'flu to hit. I wrote an upbeat editorial for this slot about group riding.

Then suddenly we were told to avoid workplaces, pubs, clubs, and non-essential travel. Sport was cancelled. Countries across Europe went into lockdown. In Spain, you could be arrested for riding your bike.

That hasn't happened here (as of mid March). The official line is that you can still go outside by yourself for exercise, which includes riding your bike. So I'm hopeful that, as cyclists, we may be able to ride this out. (Just don't take risks and fall off; the NHS is under enough pressure.)

If you are stuck at home, on the other hand, I hope that this issue provides some reprieve from a pummelling news cycle.

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Coronavirus
For updated advice regarding the Covid-19 outbreak, visit: cyclinguk.org/coronavirus-advice

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