

Llewellyn Family Newsletter #7

G'day Gladdies, with yet another sigh of relief the final box of clothing containing the wind breaker vests arrived yesterday.

<http://www.llewellynbikes.com/thegallery/Llewellyn-cycle-clothing>

A short description of the virtues of a windbreaker vest may be useful for those not familiar with this useful addition to a cyclist's apparel.

The vest has a wind proof fabric on the front of the vest and over the shoulders and continues a little way down the back. A full length zipper so one can remove or pull on the vest easily while riding. The wind breaker fabric keeps the chilly wind off the torso, also any mist or drizzle from seeping in. It has a high collar to keep out cool air from flowing under the fabric onto the chest. The rear part of the vest is a light mesh, which allows the torso to breath, thus is great to keep from "cooking up" on climbs.

One can open the full zip $\frac{3}{4}$ the way down when climbing to avoid cooking up and then over the top of the climb you zip the front all the way up in a couple of seconds for the descent, without breaking your rhythm or place in the bunch. Included in these vests is a zippered mesh rear pocket which keeps the pocket's contents from leaping out when one is thrashing away at the pedals. {most vests do not have the zippered pocket, er YUK!} The pocket is very handy for keeping mitts or gloves in for changing later, mobile phone, sunnies for when the sun arrives over the horizon, or clear lenses for when the sun sinks over the horizon during those afternoon/early evening rides. The zippered pocket keeps all of the pocket contents safe. Last weekend while doing a loop around Shorncliffe we found a mobile phone, small change and keys on the bike way. The owner obviously did not have a zippered pocket! The vest rolls up into a small bundle that fits into a back Jersey pocket when not required. This is great for those long rides when the sun rises and then the warmth starts to soak in. Or keep handy to pull out for descents. Wear over the top of your winter riding layers or just over the top of your standard dress set up for warmer weather. Vests are handy even in very mild conditions when the threat of rain is about. Much smaller than a full rain jacket to keep in the back pocket and one does not cook up underneath. So I think a good vest is very useful and will give many years of great service.

Drop me call on the dog and bone 07 3353 3368 or an email

llewellynbikes@powerup.com.au and one can be in your paws in a few days.

\$140.00inc and \$5.00 postage.

Special offer for Llewellyn family till the end of August. Get the full kit of Jersey, Knicks, Vest for \$329.00 inc plus \$10.00 postage.

{Normally \$390.00. inc plus \$10.00 postage}







Some latest workshop news. I am working on a special "Randonneur" bike, the construction will be spread over the second half of this year. The frame will feature ornate hand cut stainless lugs which I just finished late last week {refer to pics}, Gilles Berthoud hand made canvas/leather handle bar bag and small rear panniers fitted to a stainless steel tube rear rack, the light system will feature a HID head light with a 200 gram battery. These lights are unbelievably bright and blow those LED lights out of existence, you can actually descend and see where you are going! {but pricey!}The fork will have an integrated tool compartment in the fork steerer. The pull up cap will double as the tool compartment. I am reproducing this feature after being inspired by pictures of a 1950 "Daudon" Randonneur cycle made in Paris. Daudon was one of the great "Constructeurs" that existed in Paris at that time. This bike is intended to be sweet for country riding, day trips, carry lunch, camera, swimmers, spare clothes. Or light weekend touring, self sustained or credit card style. No reason why one should not still look swish while cycle exploring.



The lugs have been cut from "Pacenti Artisan lugs", the polishing of these stainless lugs occurs after brazing. Four days work for the three lugs





"Pacenti Artisan" lugs and a set of what I left behind.

A funny incident occurred this week. Benissimo was working at his bench when in strolled the usually "hard at it in the back yard scratching for worms and bugs Harriet". She hopped up on the bench and was fascinated by the sound coming from the radio. She kept homing in at the radio which hangs out of harm's way in the workshop. The corner of the radio is just visible to the left of the picture. I had never seen this before, she just strolled in, hopped up and listened. What was on the radio? Classic FM. A soothing orchestral piece was playing. So I am proud to announce that Harriet {who lays 90 gram eggs on occasions} has culture and good taste!



True story!

Cheers Dazza