Dearest EFOD Riders,

Well, we've held off making this call for as long as we could, but it's time...

2020 EFOD Cycle Challenge 12 to 14 June 60 Hour Virtual Relay

This year the EFOD cycle challenge will be going ahead over the original weekend, but in a completely new and novel format.

Times are strange and it felt wrong not to recognise it, plus we know delaying the ride will either lead to later cancellation or numerous conflicting plans for everyone...so while we're all restricted from travelling, but encouraged to cycle, let's make the most of what we can do and go about doing something a bit different.

Between 7:00am Friday 12 June and 7pm Sunday 14 June we'll be undertaking a non-stop, 60 hour virtual relay.

What's one of those I hear you ask? Well, we have about 60 riders and 60 hours to fill. We are therefore asking that everyone sign up to an hour slot in which you will ensure you are riding to keep our virtual relay going continuously for the duration. We'll be riding through dawns, dusks, days, nights, rain, wind or shine. It's going to be great!

Our individual achievements may not be quite as significant this year, but be it a virtual flame, imaginary baton or Spirit of EFOD torch, together we shall carry it further, longer, and over more hills than any EFOD ride gone by. This year it will be together as a team that we achieve something monumental.

Are you in?

Excellent - <u>follow this link</u> to select your allotted time.

There are a few instructions and further details on how we see it working on the sheet.

Over the next couple of weeks we'll be ironing out the details so bear with us, but send us any questions and of course, please start shouting about it and asking for donations - big, little or better yet ask people to join us for the ride! We'll be opening it up to anyone who wishes to join in return for a donation to help make it all worthwhile. You're welcome to complete your hour on a trainer, in the garden or outside as you wish.

Now Spread the Word virginmoneygiving.com/fund/efod60relay

We've created a new donations page for this year's undertaking - as before you can either ask for donations to the main page or create your own individual fundraising page.

Please, please spread the word on this! We're likely going to be reliant on sheer numbers of small donations this year which means we need as many people to be aware of the event as possible. To help, I'll be putting together a bit of content for email sign-off banners, social media posts and anything else you can think to do with them. These will start appearing over the weekend and will be able to be **downloaded here**.

Next Year's Challenge

 $19\,/\,20$ June 2021 (need to confirm this)

What about the Aberydydd adventure? Don't worry, all is not lost!

We are simply going to carry over all plans from this year's ride to next summer. Unless something unprecedented comes up (...!) we will arrange for the ride to take place on the 12/13 June 2021. Confirmation and full details on this will obviously follow at a later date. In the meantime, we do need your input what follows please .

Money Paid to Date Link - **Instruction Form**

We know these are uncertain times and the payments made for entry are not insignificant amounts. This is of course also the case for the Charity, but they are very generously enabling all options here. We are therefore offering you all a choice for what happens to your payments to date:

- Carry over the payment for entry to next year's ride this includes jerseys payments
- Donate full amount
- Refund in part or in full please note, the charity is not able to refund card payment fees