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FROM THE EDITOR



With a beautiful summer forecast, or at least '60% likely', the thought of big rides is never far away. Maybe you'll extend a favourite day ride?

Maybe there's time for a domestic epic like the End to End or the Coast to Coast? With the sun on your back and enough bike-bought breeze to keep you cool, the possibilities can seem endless.

When the Thorn tourer arrived for test this issue, I looked at the route options on the local Landrangers like a child choosing ice-cream: so many flavours – which one to pick today?

It turns out that the answer was none. Before the bike was even out of its box, I'd sustained my first cycling injury in over three decades: a broken collarbone. How do non-cyclists manage? Public transport is still an option but distances as a pedestrian stretch out impossibly vast and cars seem cumbersome for short journeys... even as a passenger.

While I'm hoping for an Indian summer, I'd advise making hay while the sun shines. Don't put off until tomorrow that great ride you could do today!



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