

# THE SPOKESMAN

TEAM CAMBRIDGE



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## CYCLO CROSS

Club affiliation is due on the 1st of July. The club fees this season is the same as last year- £20.00 The handbooks will be available in July at a price of £3.50 each.

### **NEW AGE CATEGORIES**

From the 1st September 1997 new age categories will apply to all B.C.C.A. events which will allow all riders to compete in the same age category for the full winter season. In most cases this will involve moving up to a higher category at an earlier date.

### **TEAM CAMBRIDGE COMPETITOR REGISTRATION**

If any of you want to have a go at riding cyclo cross or get yourself registered, just in case you change you minds and have a go it costs nothing. All you have to do is send me a note (preferably a tenner) with your *name and date of birth* on it, and if you want a handbook as soon as possible so I can get you registered. Under 12's do not need a registration card. Replies were originally requested by 27th June so this really does mean as soon as possible.

If you want to know more about cyclo cross you can contact me .....

- most Monday nights at the club hut.
- Email [kevin@iasys.demon.co.uk](mailto:kevin@iasys.demon.co.uk)
- phone 01954 230890

Kevin Parker

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Congratulations to Simon Denny on becoming a Dad. Thomas William was born in March.

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## **RESULTS**

Team Cambridge 25m Championship on 2nd July E2/25

Name	Time
Steve Laurie	1:02:53
Trevor Avis	1:04:25
Charles Willmets	1:12:03
Piers Snell	1:13:31
Graham Osler	1:18:42

**Evening 10 Series**

We are over half way through the evening 10 series and the current positions are:

Name	Events Ridden	Points
Trevor Avis	9	86
Tony Clarke	9	77
Steve Laurie	7	59
Andy Darley	7	46
Simon Denny	5	41
Piers Snell	8	33
Charles Willmets	6	30
Eddie Norman	6	18
Mike Ellims	3	16
Doug Parker	7	15
Ron Edwards	3	14
Mike Walsh	3	13
Jeff Bushrod	2	11
Graham Osler	2	10

**BEACONTREE WHEELERS 25 - E72/25 - 8th June**

I did not know whether to be pleased or sad at the end of this event. I had just done the fastest 25 I have ever ridden in my life but I had missed my very long term objective of getting 'under by 34 seconds.

I had a late start (for the E72) of 7.38 so it was much warmer and there would be more traffic than the previous week. Unfortunately the wind was also rising during the event and it was rising from the south which meant a hard finish. I got to the turn rapidly but it was like treacle on the return especially on the rises. I finally finished in 1-00-33.

The event was won by Martin Pyne in 51-45. The only other local rider was Andrew Horner who was also disappointed. He has an objective of getting under 50 minutes but finished with 53-26.

Report by Tony Clarke

**LETCHWORTH VELO CLUB 10 - F1/10 - 14th June**

A cold wind was blowing down from the north as the riders gathered for this Saturday evening event. It was not very strong but was going to reduce the chances of a fast ride. Both Andrew Horner and I had requested early starts as we were both riding a 30 on the E72 12 hours later. Andrew was off at number 5 and was a bit frustrated with his time of 20-05. I was off three riders later and found it was not as slow as I thought it was going to be, returning to the timekeeper in 23-37 which was only 5 seconds slower than my fastest this year. I was rather off put by a rider who was warming up and started behind me, overtook me on the first climb and then sat up about 200-300 yards in front of me. I know I am not very fast but this rather rubbed it in. I do not know who won as I went home for some dinner.

Report by Tony Clarke

**HERTFORDSHIRE WHEELERS 30 - E72/30 - 15th June**

A new vets club record was the surprising result for this event which had a very inauspicious start. The forecast was for cold sunshine but as we drove down the rain varied between drizzle and heavy. I rather assumed the event would be cancelled as the A12 is not the place to be in heavy rain. There were a lot of DNS's at the beginning as other people thought the same. I was completely uninterested as I warmed up (or cooled down might be more accurate) on this fairly still but cold morning.

The course was the normal E72/25 with an extra leg down a 'B' road at the turn. On the way out there were rattling noises coming from the handlebars which put me off until I realised that it was the expander bolt in the tribars that was rattling loose. I hoped I would not lose the bolt as I am sure it would be difficult to replace. It got more and more rattling as the event progressed and was very bad at the turn which I negotiated on the drops so the tribars were sounding very noisy. They held together and I did not lose the bolt. I had reached the turn in a reasonable time so I started to really try on the way back, helped by a slight north wind. I finished with 1-13-24 to beat the old vet's record of 1-15-47 very substantially.

Andrew Horner punctured and with no spare had a very long cold wait for his mother to go and pick him up. He was still shivering 3/4 hour later.

The only other local rider was Pete Baumber who finished in 1-18-57. The event was won by Les Palmer in 1-1-58.

Report by Tony Clarke

**NORTH ROAD CC 50 - F1G/50 - 22nd June**

After the very strong winds and showers for the Club Open 10, I did not really expect a very good morning for the 50 on Sunday. In fact it was not too bad with a brisk wind from the west which dried the roads after overnight rain.

I had a relatively late start at number 103 which meant we did not have to get up until 5-20. Ian Cammish was off three in front of me. He was riding his new Obree mark 1 bicycle and did so to good effect winning the event with 1-51-09. I could not get going, it felt hard but my pulse rate for the second half was lower than it is in a '100'.

I finished in 2-12-24. After having had a dry ride I was just riding from the finish to the HQ at Tempsford village hall when the heavens opened and I was soaked in about 2 minutes. I was glad I was not riding in that.

Report by Tony Clarke

**ELY AND DISTRICT CC 10 - B10/1 - 24th June 1997**

A nice sunny evening after a long period of rain and showers meant that I was actually looking forward to the race. Team Cambridge had four riders in what must have been a disappointing field for the organisers. There were only 23 solos and 3 tandems.

Mick Walsh was first off for the Club and returned in 25-58. I was off a few minutes later and reached the finish in 24-53 having been caught for 2 minutes in 4 miles by a storming Andrew Horner who went on to win with 20-38.

Chris and Charles Willmets were off at the end in the separate tandem event and recorded 25-01.

The evening was finished by the usual chat over a very nice piece of cinnamon and apple cake washed down with a cup of tea before the ride home in the sunshine. It was a well organised event that deserved a better field.

Report by Tony Clarke

Yet again our attempts to ride the tandem were slightly thwarted. This time while we were warming up, by a pedestrian (male) who tried to dash across the road to some girls who had called to him from a car on the other side. He totally forgot his green cross code and collided with us. Luckily neither we or the tandem came to harm (apart from my nerves) and we were able to start on time. Andrew Horner was very considerate and halted his warm up to see if we were OK and then arrived at the start was only 10 seconds to spare.

Chris Willmets

### **BEDFORDSHIRE ROAD CYCLING CLUB 50 - FIG/50 - 6th July**

After a week touring Ireland with Sue, I wondered how I would go when I actually tried hard again, especially over 50 miles. It was a nice dry, fairly warm morning as Sue and I drove out to the start at Tempsford. We saw Chris Adams warming up just before we arrived, but somehow he contrived to have a 6 minute late start in his first ever 50. Chris managed to return in 2-11-32, including his late start.

I was off at 113 so I did not have to get up too early. I started fairly well and kept going well despite being caught by Jon Woodburn and scratchman Ian Cammish, fairly quickly. I finished in 2-7-14 which is the fastest ride I have done since my all time best back in 1984. It is also a new Club veterans record.

Perhaps the answer to going fast is to give up training and just go touring whilst catering well and drinking plenty of Guinness.

The event was Won by Ian Cammish in 1-47-07. The only other local rider was Pete Baumber who recorded 2-16-10.

Report by Tony Clarke

### **ESSEX and SUFFOLK BORDER COMBINE 10 -B10/34- 8th June**

A warm almost still evening promised some fast times. There were big dark clouds over Cambridge but fortunately they did not drop their contents over the area east of Newmarket. By the start of the event there was a slight east wind which made it rather sticky to the turn but faster on the way back, although the wind was dropping as the event progressed.

I managed to get my heart rate to a level I have not seen so far this season and recorded 23-44. It must be the hotter weather which my body always enjoys.

The only other local rider was Derek Bailey who recorded 23-28. This was an Association event to which the VTTA is affiliated so the old 'uns can ride. I left before the last rider finished so I do not know who won.

Report by Tony Clarke

We had hoped to make use of our newly acquired membership of the VTTA by riding in this event however the event organiser saw fit to close the event early and even though our entries arrived by the closing date (Saturday) he had already set the field out and sent it to be printed. He also chose not to have reserves for this fully subscribed event.

Chris and Charlie Willmets