



The official Team Cambridge Newsletter – August 2008

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Weather Wins at Team Cambridge Open 10m TT

In what has become one of Time Trialing's most elitist race, the event of which had to be called off due to yet more miserable 'summer' weather? With a full field of 120 riders the race was abandoned due to heavy rain on the A11, full report on page 2.

A Blast from the Past (1)

With the last event of 2008 now over this months BFTP is of the club's very first event, taken from The Spokesman Edition No2 May 1989

Team Cambridge Evening 10's (F2/10)

April 19th Was to have seen the first ever Team Cambridge event. Unfortunately road works on the A45 and rain making very poor visibility resulted in the race having to be cancelled

April 27th A dry but bitterly cold evening saw the official start to the evening 10's. Nine riders took part and John Newport (CUCC set the season's best result with a time of 21.37 Full results:-

1 J. Newport	21.37	6 R. Kevil	24.07
2 =M.Dawe	23.25	7 K.Parker	24.44
2 =A. Cohen	23.25	8 N.Speechley	26.09
4 R.Holmes	24.02	9 D.Parker	26.42

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Tarmac Terriers Tribune

Shaftsbury CC 50m TT E2/50c July 26th

A very warm afternoon (28°C) and a light westerly wind promised some good times, especially as the event had been moved to the fast E250c course, instead of the advertised E2/50b which starts and finishes near Great Chesterford. The new course is all on the A11 – A14 except for three miles at the Red Lodge turn which is on the very poorly surfaced old A11.

Unfortunately second claim Nick Jackson (CCC) went into the back of a car at the first roundabout. The precise causes are still being investigated; Nick suffered a broken elbow and has a lot of stitches on his face. (TC wishes Nick a speedy recovery)

Tony Clarke did the fastest 50 he has ever ridden in 45 years of racing to finish in 2.03.53, Sue Clarke finished with 2.15.42 (this is subject to being checked as there is some doubt regarding the final time.

The ride of the afternoon has to be that of **Michael Hutchinson** who took two minutes of the competition record with a time of **1.35.27**. Former 50m record holder Ian Cammish (Planet X) was in second place in 1.41.41

Team Cambridge 10m TT E2/10 Aug 2nd

The weather forecast had been for rain which was not entirely unexpected as it had rained for most of the previous week! The event was well under way with the tandem, junior and lady riders on their way



down the fast E2/10 course. The rain came down as about 25 of the full field of 120 riders had started; it hit the A11 with a vengeance, some time into my position counting traffic I had noticed that all vehicles coming along the road from the direction of the turn, all had full headlights on. It came to the point where-by event secretary Tony Clarke had no alternative to call a halt to procedures, it was too dangerous to continue sending riders out in such dire conditions. Ironically by the time that scratch man Michael Hutchinson should have started (16.30hrs) the conditions were perfect, ie bright and sunny with absolutely no wind whatsoever. Michael informed me that he was hoping to have lowered the 10mile competition record that afternoon. What results there are, are as follows

Lady Michelle King Wyre Forest CC 23.07 **Junior** Dean Fuller Camel Valley CC 22.43
Tandem Nick Hastler & Ian Randall 19.21 **Solo** Nino Pielo API Metrow 19.55

An event of this size takes a lot of organising, and it is such a shame that it had to end this way, but safety must come first! Tony hopes that next year we will perhaps be back to normal?? Tony would like to thank the army of helpers including Ian Davidson, Christine Yareham, Jeremy Greer, Mick Swales, Michael Stanley, Paul, Colette and Peter Millard, Doug Yareham, Val and Nick Edwards, Charles and Christine Willmets, Doug and Pauline Parker and last but by no means least Sue Clarke for all their efforts.

Team Cambridge Events

July 16th Over to Comberton for the first of two circuit events, tonight's event was won by second claim Nick Jackson (CCC) in 43.10. Alan Kidd, Simon Denney and Simon Bowden were the top three for the club. Of the 15 riders facing the two timekeepers 3 failed to finish. One rider due to a mechanical problem and the two others going off course. This is a bit ironic as one of these was Ian Millard who had been spotted just before the start busy studying the course maps handbook.

July 23rd Back to the ever popular Newton circuit course where James Hawkins set a blistering time of 13.36, followed by Simon Denny with a time of 14.29. Simon just squeezing Alan Kidd into third place; both Alan and James went on to complete two laps both their times being only a few minutes slower than my time for one lap! (22.41)

July 30th The second event on the new Hardwick – Caxton Gibbet course. With 21 riders on the start sheet (15 of them club riders) 11 members including the three Juvenile's posted a Club Event PB for this event! Ride of the evening was done by Katy Parker taking over two minutes off her existing Juvenile Girl 10m record, the new record now stands at 32.13! Katy's time was just over a minute behind Junior Le Stick Ian Millard, and one second faster than her Granddad!! Alan Kidd was out in front as usual winning the club section of the race with a time of 23.09, he was followed home by Trevor Avis and Simon Denney in 23.43 and 23.39 respectively. Riding this new course for the first time reminded me of an age a long time ago. Cambridge Town & County CC and Cambridge Road Club used to use this road for evening 10's and 25's way back in the late 1950's early 1960's. In those days the 25m course turned (in the road) just before the railway bridge at St Neots! Ron 'Legs' Edwards was a member of Cambridge Road Club in those days.

August 6th With only three races remaining in this season list of events 16 riders faced the timekeepers (Colette Millard & Pauline Parker) Once again Alan Kidd picked up maximum points in the TransMedia Shield competition riding to a time of 24.06, he was followed home by Trevor Avis 24.13, Simon Denney 25.16 and Trevor Kimber 25.20. Peter Millard picked up the maximum points in the Juvenile Competition with his ride of 37.24.

August 13th There had been heavy rain on and off all day, but it did manage to clear before the event. Only eight brave souls decided to turn out and face the four timekeepers, (two prospective members in the making) four of which were club members. Alan Kidd took the maximum points followed by Trevor Avis, Tony and Sue Clarke. This was the first event of the season where none of our Juvenile members rode, all were away on holiday.

August 20th The final evening 10 event on the calendar and Simon Denney leads the club rider's home in 25.17. Overall winner was James Third (CCC) with a time of 22.09. Although Alan was not present at tonight's event, he still takes maximum points in the TransMedia Shield (100 points) Katy Parker took the new Juvenile Trophy with a maximum 80 points Ride of the evening was that of Peter Millard, the only rider to improve on a PB with a time of 35.10. Both trophies along with all the others will be presented at the Club's 20th anniversary social night to be held sometime early next year.

August 26th In memory of Cub Mascot Sophie who died one year ago today.



Team Cambridge Last Event 2008 Photo Gallery



Katy on her way to winning the Juvenile Trophy



Sam Parker



Le Stick



Tony Clarke



Trevor Kimber



Peter Millard



Last but by no means least
The Timekeepers without whom
there would be no events

Mud (dust), Sweat (buckets) and Gears (48 tooth chainring and knackered knees) – the Danbury Bike Festival 2008



Well, in between pouring a glass of my favourite single malt (i.e. one that was given, rather than paid for) and the 10 o'clock news, I thought I'd keep my promise to write a few lines to fill any gaps in the Mud Munchers Monthly. That's because (a) the Dalai Lama has been found safe and well, living in a hollowed out tree two miles south of Brandon, and (b) the Mail on Sunday turned me down.

Anyway, to business. Mud Sweat and Gears is a one or two-hour enduro, tacked onto the Danbury Bike Festival, organised by Chelmsford Borough Council. Basically, a three mile circuit, in hilly (for Essex) parkland, with some grassy flat bits, some fast singletrack, and uphill drag on a gravel track and a bit of the bmx course for the spotty yooof that lurks within us all (except me, of course). There's also a mini race for the kids and, err, that's about it really. I couldn't see much evidence of a bike *festiva* per se, but then again this was supposed to have happened on the Saturday, while the race was on the Sunday. Not very likely to get the good folk of Chingford out of their SUV's and doing the weekly shop on two wheels...

The race itself was fairly decent fun, although it lacked the atmosphere of the Winter Series in Thetford forest. The course was challenging enough to be fun, without having any nasties to snap the collarbones of the unwary. The entry fee at £10 was fair enough, and less than the petrol to get there and back.

The organisers were kind enough to send some pics of the entrants and even kinder not to add their own comments. Being a local authority, they were probably forbidden to discriminate against the overweight, the badly dressed, the ill prepared and the totally talentless – but I'm not the sort to sue anyway.

The other inclusive aspect was the results sheets. These have been published in several formats so far, so I can judiciously select the most favourable for public consumption, as follows:-

Overall – 25th of about 60 in the 2 hour enduro

Classified – 7th of 19 starters in the Veterans (really? God knows what they'd call Jeff!)

All this is put into context by the geezer from Ford CC who managed 10 laps to my 7 in the same time, but you never know, he may be the one who designed the Ford Scorpio and is still on the run.



FORD SCORPIO

What a load of tripe! Still, just to show Simon what he has let himself in for by asking me to join his team for the Dusk 'til Dawn (or Dawn 'til Dusk for latecomers), here's a picture of yours truly trying to flatten the only hill in Essex.

Whoa! Who moved that treeeeee!

Gosh – rigid forks and a 48T chainring – what a guy! But what the hell has he been eating?

Article by Charles Tallack.



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Team GB

With the exception of the men's road racing team, British cyclists excelled themselves at the Beijing Olympics; who cannot have been thrilled to see the amount of medals that was won on the track and road (by the women) Watching Chris Hoy take his third medal reminded me of a story I heard about him while we were in Canterbury for the 2007 Le Tour. The people in the caravan next to us had come down from Scotland also to see Le Tour. We got chatting and it turned out that they knew Chris Hoy quite well, the young daughter had been ill for some time, to cheer her up Chris signed a skin suit in which he had won a Commonwealth gold medal. It has since been framed and is now one of her most prized possessions.

A blast from the past (2)

With the Olympics all done and dusted this particular BFTP comes not from the archives of The Spokesman but from the archives of club results, April 13th 2005; please note the rider in 10th position

				Points
1	Nick Jackson	Cambridge CC	14:23	
2	Alan Kidd	Team Cambridge	14:25	6
3	Mark Mathews	Cambridge CC	14:41	
4	Ian Rockliffe	Cambridge Tri	14:43	
5	Christine & Charles Willmets	Team Cambridge (Tandem)	15:18	
6	Simon Denney	Team Cambridge	15:23	7
7	Steve Laurie	Team Cambridge	15:31	8
8	Ralph Keeler	Team Cambridge	15:35	5
9	Alan Sparks	Cambridge CC	15:54	
10	Emma Pooley	Cambridge University CC	16:07	
11	Patrick Campbell	Cambridge CC	16:08	
12	Tony Clarke	Team Cambridge	16:12	3
13	Trevor Kimber	Team Cambridge	16:23	10
14	Trevor Avis	Team Cambridge	16:34	2
15	Sue Clarke	Team Cambridge	17:12	4
16	Kevin Parker	Team Cambridge	17:46	1
17	Maurice Fallow	Cambridge University CC	18:00	
18	Bill Matthews	Cambridge Tri	19:02	
19	Lorisa Dubuc	Cambridge University CC	19:34	
20	Ian Millard (Juv)	Team Cambridge	21:15	9
21	Faresha Gray	Cambridge CC	28:21	
	Andy Hudson	Cambridge Tri	DNF	
	Alexia Sudivoporoloy	Cambridge University CC	DNF	

Forthcoming Events

Sept 1st Monday night club nights resume at Perne Road
 Sept 22nd Committee meeting 8.30pm
 Oct 5th Team Cambridge Open 10m TT Barton, helpers required please. Contact Alan Kidd

Seen at the Eden Project!

For those of you, who have ever visited the Eden Project in Cornwall, may recall the technical section where visitors can leave their thoughts in wall magnets. The following was spotted by some club members that visited there recently!

