



The official Team Cambridge Newsletter – March 2008

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Club Juveniles in road race action

Danielle Parker clinches third position in her first road race.

Peter Millard, Katy & Sam Parker all finish in their group.



Danielle setting the pace with two laps to go.

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Mud Munchers Monthly

It wasn't a (usual cliché) dark and stormy night or even a cold Sunday morning, it was positively bileing (Scottish expression) at Thetford forest as Paul Millard, Jeremy Greer, Kevin Parker, Ian Millard, Charles Tallack and Simon Bowden lined up for the final event of the season. Blue skies very warm sunshine what else could MTB riders ask for? It wasn't long before Simon went storming into the lead, the back problems seemed to be better at last. The new Team Cambridge MTB champion slotted into second place followed by Kev Parker and the rest of the gang. Simon continued to maintain his lead, meanwhile a ding-dong battle developed between Paul and Kev, who eventually caught Paul on the third lap. Kev in turn was caught by Jeremy of the forth and final lap. Ian (Le Stick) completed his two lap fun event with no mishaps this time out.



(Blue Skies over Thetford)

Charles Tallack rode his usual steady race finishing strongly at the line. This time Jeremy was very easy to spot as he was wearing his brand new Team Cambridge racing top. One very unlucky rider was Mark Tallack (brother of Charles) he hit a tree on the first lap on the far side of the course, and had to carry his bike all the way back to the start; due to a badly buckled front wheel. Although Jeff MTBushrod wasn't riding the event, he was however spotted out and about on the course shouting words of encouragement (at least I think that's what the riders said)



Non Championship event

10 February 08

Brandon Park FR6

Name	Lap 1	Lap 2	Lap 3	Lap 4	Time
Simon Bowden	34:53	33:55	35:19	35:53	2:20:00
Jeremy Greer	37:06	35:26	36:26	39:01	2:27:59
Kevin Parker	36:47	34:32	36:35	40:19	2:28:13
Charles Tallack	38:42	37:24	37:28	38:47	2:32:21
Paul Millard	36:19	35:06	39:22		1:50:47
Ian Millard	41:22	38:57			1:20:19

So that is the MTB season finally over, the riders can now turn their thought's to the road, the second Team Cambridge race is only a matter of weeks away.

Team Cambridge Annual Social

On Saturday 16th Feb, only twenty three members lined up for the start of the Team Cambridge annual social evening and prize giving night. For those that attended they were not to be disappointed, once again Pauline put on a superb spread. The menu included Pauline's Special Pork, Chicken Chasseur, Beef Madras all help down with pilau and plain rice and aloo mutta, also roast potatoes and vegetables. There was a selection of four different sweets to choose from, and finally a cheese board. All this was washed down by as much beer and wine as a person could consume how many other clubs could have such a good meal with drinks for just £10!!

Once everything had been cleared away the main event of the evening got under way, this was the distribution of the cups, trophies and medals. Alan Kidd walked away with the most, not quite winning everything in site.



Alan sat near the door so that he wouldn't have far to walk every time he got up to collect another trophy. The four Team Cambridge juvenile members also attended, Katy & Sam Parker picking up Silver Standard medals for their efforts at 10 mile time trailing.



The evening went on till quite late, most unusual there was even some beer left over (why). Paul and Collette Millard were presented with a bottle of wine each, for all their hard efforts of organising and timing the events during the season. Pauline received a rather nice orchid for all her efforts during the season and



catering for the entire 'do's' that Team Cambridge hold. It was good to see Val Edwards who attended the function; in the time honoured fashion we toasted her late husband Ron (R.V.Zimmerman) with the usual wee nip from a whisky bottle cap. (This is something that Ron & I began, way back in the depth of time. We used to sneak out to the kitchen and have ourselves a wee nip) Tradition has it that we always drink to Ron at every club function.

Milton Keynes Bowl Road Racing

I know it's the usual same old cliché, but it really was a bitterly cold and wet Saturday afternoon that saw the Millard's and the Parker's descend on the Milton Keynes Bowl in order that the four juvenile members could indulge in some proper road racing. The morning session was taken up by cat1-4 riders and also a ladies event. The afternoon's racing was split into various categories, mainly U8, U10, U12, U14 and U16 events. The first event of interest to the club was the U10 event. Danielle Parker lined up along with about 10 other youngsters where they had a pushed off start. Yellie got blocked in the first few yards and nearly came off, but recovered well. At the end of the first lap there was a break of four riders, the lead of which they maintained all the way to the finish at the end of the fifth lap. A young lad made a break which left a sprint for second place. Yellie was just pipped at the post, but did well to finish third.



Sam Parker

Peter Millard, Katy and Sam Parker had quite a long wait until it was time for their event, by the time they started the three of them were frozen solid! Most of the other riders were seen warming up on rollers long before the race started. Judging by the size of some of the young lads on the starting line, it made one wonder what age they exactly were. The event set off at a very fast pace, our three were left standing from the start, although they were completely outclassed, they continued bravely. All three of our riders finished the fifteen laps, in spite of being lapped a few times.



Katy Parker



Peter Millard

There was one unlucky young girl in the race, she had maintained the pace with the leading riders, but unfortunately crashed on the final bend on the final lap. It was great to see so many enthusiastic youngsters taking part in these kinds of events. The four juveniles were not put off by the event and were all back in the saddle the next day for a 30 mile club ride.

Club Events 2008

Date	Course	Time	Location	Notes
9 Apr	E3/07	18:30	Newton Circuit	
16 Apr	E3/10	18:45	Bottisham	
19 Apr	F16/25	08:15	Barton Open	(Alan Kidd)
23 Apr	E3/10	19:00	Bottisham	
30 Apr	F14x/10	9:00	Barton	
7 May	F14x/10	19:00	Barton	
14 May	E3/07	19:00	Newton 2 Lap Circuit	
21 May	Fxxx	19:00	Hardwick New Course	
28 May	E3/10	19:00	Bottisham	
4 Jun	E2/25b	19:00	Bottisham Championship	
11 Jun	E3/10	19:00	Bottisham	
18 Jun	E3/10	19:00	Bottisham Championship	
25 Jun	F14/25	19:00	Barton Handicap	
2 Jul	F14x/10	19:00	Barton	
9 Jul	F14x/10	19:00	Barton	
16 Jul	F14z/18	19:00	Comberton Circuit	
23 Jul	E3/07	19:00	Newton Circuit	
30 Jul	Fxxx	19:00	Hardwick New Course	
2 Aug	E2/10	14:00	Six Mile Bottom Open	(Tony Clarke)
6 Aug	E3/10	19:00	Bottisham	
13 Aug	E3/10	18:45	Bottisham	
20 Aug	E3/10	18:30	Bottisham	
5 Oct	F16/10	08:15	Barton Open	(Alan Kidd)
2 Nov	F2y/H	10:00	Barrington Hill Climb	
To be confirmed			MTB Championships	
4 Jan	E3/10	10:00	Bottisham	

Forthcoming Events

March 17 th	Committee meeting
March 23 rd	Team MK road racing Mk Bowl
April 19 th	Team Cambridge Open 25m TT