



The official Team Cambridge Newsletter – June 2009
(Incorporating Mud Munchers Monthly)
(Incorporating Tarmac Terriers Tribune)
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Chris & Charles back on the road



Many of you will have noticed that Chris & Charles Willmetts are back on the racing tandem; this is their first season on the bike after a very bad accident in 2007. Chris suffered injuries to her back which has taken nearly two years to heal, plus of course all the psychological worries that an accident like this brings. Welcome back Chris & Charles have a record breaking season!!

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ECCA FESTIVAL 200 KM AUDAX
4th May 2009

Another early start but at least this was not going to hurt as much as a time trial. I arrived at High Easter Village Hall at 07.20 ready for an 08.00 start and found a hive of activity as the Festival time trial fields were also assembling. I met several Cambridge CC riders who were also riding the Audax. I signed on and waited for the start. I was rapidly overtaken by a couple of groups on stripped down bikes who were really moving. I let them go (I had no choice) as there were a lot of miles to do. The first leg took us to Stradishall where the revamped café was doing a roaring trade as there were over 90 riders in my event and the usual crowd of motorcyclists as well.

Having got my card stamped, I set off on a loop to Hartest where we had to find the telephone number of a farm to prove that we had completed the loop before heading to Castle Hedingham and the next stop in a pub.

The route so far had been fairly easy to find but I had tried to plot the next bit on an OS map several times and failed. Consequently I missed a turning in Black Notley and ended up going to Terling via Witham which added about 6 miles. I arrived at the next control in East Hanningfield a bit cheesed off but decided I still had time to complete the last leg which involved a loop down to Toothill before a last tail wind assisted 15 miles back to HQ. We had to find out some details about a special church service to prove we had completed this leg. The roads had been very quiet all day except for the section through Danbury especially for Bank Holiday Monday.

I got back to the Village Hall as the Festival organisers were packing up after a very long weekend for them. A final cup of tea and I drove home for a well earned rest and nourishment with 135 miles completed.

Report by Tony Clarke

Mud Munchers Monthly

In spite of no takers regarding a weekend of MTB riding at Rendlesham Forest, some Team Cambridge members (the Parker tribe) were at the opening of the new £90,000 MTB track at the forest centre at Tangham (near Woodbridge). The circuit together with a new adventure area had been constructed with a EC grant. Kevin unfortunately 'did a Jeffery' right in front of the camera's while he tried out the new circuit. The adventure area has many items for children (and Grand-dads) to play on. Every thing is constructed from wood; items include a climbing wall, a crashed bomber, tunnels, and a large spinning top kind of game. A great place for kids to play safely!

As usual Kevin led all of the riders around the paths and byways in the forest; he certainly knows some good rides.

The MTB season is over now but we intend to return to this forest again soon.

Club Clothing

Steve Laurie has requested some club clothing, before placing his order if anyone else would like to order something please contact Pauline ASAP with your order and of course the deposit! There is a surcharge for any order less than 10 items! At present there are only 6 items on the list.

Forthcoming Events June - July

Every Monday evening club run 7.00pm Scout HQ Perne Road
Every Wednesday evening Team Cambridge TT see web site www.team-cambridge.co.uk events
Committee meeting Scout HQ Perne Road 8.30pm June 29th
Team Cambridge Open 10m TT E2/10 August 1st

Tarmac Terriers Tribune

Haverhill Wheelers Hilly 20m TT BS/5 April 5th

Two club riders on the start sheet, plus second claims Sue Fenwick (Crest CC) and Nick Jackson (CCC) Alan Kidd just beat Simon Bowden by 8 seconds with rides of 51.20 and 51.28 respectively. Sue took the prize for the fastest lady with her time of 56.26 Nick Jackson was on the winning team with his time of 48.51. Overall winner was Dave Mcgaw (Artic Premier RT) with a new course record of 45.00

Lea Valley CC Medium Gear 25m TT E1/25c April 11th

The course for this event was changed due to HQ problems by using the E2/25. An intermittent drizzle and a lot of traffic made it not a very pleasant ride for most of the field Tony Clarke completed the distance in 1.08.04 while Sue Clarke followed in 1.15.07. Second claim member Sue Fenwick (Crest CC) produced a time of 1.15.19. Michael Hutchinson RT (who else) nipped round in 51.13 to take the £50 first prize.

St Ives CC 10m TT N1/10 April 25th

A dry afternoon with a brisk southerly wind was the order of the day for this time trial based on the B1043. Tony Clarke completed the distance in 28.49 while Sue Clarke followed in 27.22. Second claim member Sue Fenwick (Crest CC) produced a time of 26.07. Once again fastest rider was local man Michael Hutchinson (In-Gear Quickvit RT) with a time of 20.29 and only collecting £15 in prize money!

V.T.T.A 10m TT B10/38 April 26th

A very cold morning for the start of this event, it was however almost still as the riders faced the time keepers. Tony Clarke completed the 10 mile distance in 25.55 while Sue Clarke followed in 27.23. P.Balls (West Suffolk Wheelers) took the first slot with his time of 20.32

Cambridge CC 10m TT F2D/10

It was reported that it was nice afternoon with a bit of a headwind on the way back from the turn, on this first time use of this new course. Michael Hutchinson (In-Gear Quickvit RT) picked up another first prize with his time of 19.22. Another local man Ian Cammish (Planet X) was second in 20.39. Alan Kidd was the fastest of the five Team Cambridge riders on the start sheet with 23.07. Next was Mr Quiet himself Trevor Kimber with a time of 25.01. Tony Clarke completed the distance in 25.14 Dave Earle produced a time of 26.15 while Sue Clarke followed in 27.15

Team Cambridge 10m TT 22nd April



Simon Denny was presented with two trophies after this event one Wednesday evening; he had been unable to attend the 20th Anniversary social evening on Feb 7th. Perhaps this is the way forward - award all cups and trophies as and when they are competed for!

Shaftsbury CC 10m TT E2/10 May 9th

Another £60 for Michael Hutchinson (In-Gear Quickvit RT) not bad for 18.59 mins on a bike, the guy seems unstoppable! There will come a time when he will beat comp record possibly in the very near future; there will a 17min ten yet! Best of luck to him lets hope it is on the Team Cambridge open 10 in August on this very same course. Interesting to note that Sean Yates (In-Gear Quickvit RT) was on the start sheet recording a time of 21.57 A lot of you will remember him from his days on Le Tour. Trevor Avis competing in his first open event since returning from holiday in Australia rode the course in 24.19 Tony Clarke recorded 25.59 followed by Champagne Charles Tallack with his time of 26.52; meanwhile Sue Clarke followed in 27.32

Norland TT Combine 30m TT F130 May 10th

On a cold but still morning three club members were on the start sheet for this first 30m TT of the season. Allan Kidd producing the best time of 1.13.36 Tony Clarke completed the distance in 1.18.31 while Sue Clarke followed in 1.24.51. The event was won by Barry Charlton in 1.02.24

Victoria CC 10.2m TT E1/10a May 23rd

One section on this event was a prize for the fastest rider on a non aero bike. Sue Clarke dug out her 29 year old racing bike and rode in this category; she completed the course in 30.54. Meanwhile Tony Clarke the only other club rider on the start sheet did 27.54

VTTA 25m TT E2/25 May 24th

Five club members faced the time keepers on a chilly but still morning for this 25m TT on the E2 course. As usual Alan Kidd was the fastest club rider with a time of 57.41, he was followed by Trevor Avis in 1.01.30. Quiet man Trevor Kimber equalled his PB for the distance in 1.02.08. Tony Clarke completed the distance in 1.04.59 while Sue Clarke followed in 1.07.20 the event was won by Lee Bark (Stowmarket & Dist CC) in 51.12



Dave Earle on the CCC 10



Alan Kidd on the VTTA 25

Rossi's Review

Rossi has reached another mile-stone in his life, he has now begun wearing his official 'Guide Dog Puppy in Training' jacket. (at 33kg he certainly doesn't look like a puppy any more) This means that people tend to leave him alone and let him get on with his training when out and about. It doesn't mean that people are not allowed to touch him or talk to him, far from it, they just have to ask and when he sits they can talk to him all they like (within reason) He is beginning to respond to this very well, we just ask them to take one step back if he decides to get up while being stroked.

It's also been a sad occasion not only for Rossi but for all the puppies in the puppy walking group, the PWS (puppy walking supervisor) has since left. She was offered a job in Africa working with elephants and baboons in Tanzania. It was one of those chances of a life time and she would have been mad to have turned it down, we are all hoping that she will return at the end of her year's contract. Giving Rossi his jacket was one of the last things that she did with Rossi.



Rossi in his new jacket



saying goodbye to 'Auntie Leigh'

Some of you may be aware that Rossi is a fully sponsored Guide Dog Puppy. He has now been introduced to his sponsors, he had a busy afternoon showing them what he can do with his 'sit waits' and 'down stays' We think he behaved very well and hope that they were pleased with him. Pauline was worried about meeting them, but they were such nice people she soon relaxed and we had a long chat over tea and cakes.

We found out why he is named Rossi, the gentleman is an absolute motor cycle fanatic and his favourite rider is the Italian Valentino Rossi.

Champagne Charlie's Money-Saving Tips

I say! Dashed inconvenient to discover that the powers that be have organised an Evening 10 on the glorious 12th! That leaves one in a bit of a sticky fix. Now, if I could tape the Purdey onto the crossbar of my velocipede I reckon I could bag a brace of partridges on the way past Lordship Stud without anyone noticing. The way I've been riding lately another minute extra won't make much difference...

Anyway, to business. This blasted recession leaves no-one untouched, I tell you. If the common MP's can't float a duck house past the bursar at the tuck shop, how the deuce does one keep a roof over the peacocks' heads? However, whilst dozing in the Upper Chamber after a rather less than sumptuous lunch with my accountant, I hit upon a wizard wheeze to help those less fortunate get by until the landed gentry get what they deserve and tax on unearned income is abolished.

CCT's tip, number 1

Bottom bracket starting to grumble a bit? I've had this problem over the last few weeks, and one's coachbuilder was suggesting that these modern BB's don't have grease nipples like in the good old days. The answer came quite unintentionally – two hours' riding in the pouring rain gave the whole lot a good soaking and hey presto! The offending squeak was banished. Problem solved, and not a guinea spent.

Chin-Chin! (Champagne) Charlie

Team Cambridge launches D2D Challenge!

Breaking news: Team Cambridge's latest signing Mark Tallack is preparing to overcome his fear of frogs and last year's broken collarbone to boost our chances of glory in this year's Dusk to Dawn mtb enduro in Thetford forest.

Our line-up now comprises unrivalled strength in depth, and in some cases width...

"Super Simon", the inspirational leader. More laid back than Barack Obama, faster than Tony Blair's shredder when the doorbell goes. Who could ask for more?

Andrew "not a hamster" Hammond – taller and better looking than his TV namesake, more of a Meerkat really. And he'd sort out that Jeremy Clarkson bloke, no problem.

Mark "29er" Tallack – big wheel action from CCT's little bruvver, let's hope he doesn't go all singlespeed on us. Just watch out for those frogs in the bombholes!

"Champagne" Charlie Tallack – subject to blood doping enquiries, latest results prove that Prolactin is certainly no performance-enhancing hormone (look it up). More horsepower than a Brussels burger restaurant helps to flatten the berms and show that an old-school rigid mtb can still get around the woods.

So that's it, so far. Team orders are still to be decided upon – two pairs or one four? Or maybe a mixed team – a lady entrant would certainly be more convincing than riding in drag. Matching kit is on order: matching wellies and rain capes, after last year's biblical conditions. Watch this space for more news from the training camp!

Chin-Chin! (Champagne) Charlie

WOT - NO MTB!!!



Stop Press

Simon Bowden wins the Team Cambridge 25m TT championship in a time of 1.04.26, Trevor Avis came second, followed by Simon Denney. Full results are on the web site.