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## Papa-Rat-See Rocks!

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*Special New Year Race Report, with photos!*

## Happy New Year to Cyclists Everywhere!



## This is the Year to be on Two Wheels!



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Whether you've got tickets or not, the Olympics are going to bring some of the hottest racing action on these shores, and with Cav now riding for Team Sky, the Tour is going to be unmissable.

Hopefully we'll be lining the streets with red and yellow for the Tour of Britain, the Olympic road races on 28th & 29th July and the time-trial on 1st August.

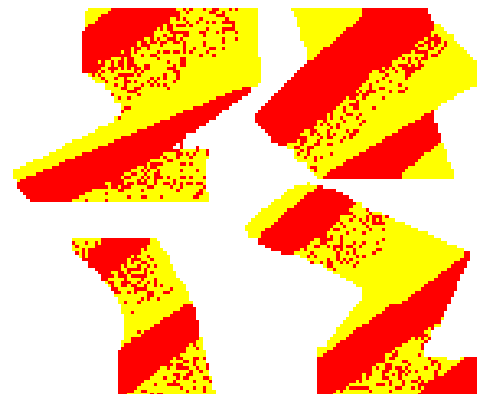
### The Muddy Way is Essex...

There's BMX from 8<sup>th</sup> to 10<sup>th</sup> August, somewhere in Essex (stilettos and white Range-Rovers are optional).

### All you need are Wheels

And, what might be the surprise hit of the games, the Paralympic events are from 30<sup>th</sup> August to 8<sup>th</sup> September on the road and track. Racing tandems, hand-bikes, trikes and recumbents just has to be an amazing spectacle, and no disabilities when it comes to competitive spirit!

The Tour of Britain starts on October 13<sup>th</sup>, and we hope it will come to Bury St Edmunds again for the stage start.



*It's OK, Seb said it would be fine...*

If you're one of the lucky few with tickets for the synchronised swimming, you might end up watching the track events from 2<sup>nd</sup> to 7<sup>th</sup> August. ..



It's a great day out for all the family with a good chance to get close to the stars and mingle with a happy friendly crowd of cyclists, with plenty of coffee and cake to be scoffed. More details to follow when the route is announced.



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## The Year to Grab a Trend...

I'm probably not the first to predict that cyclocross will be the next big thing in this country – no need to grow a moustache or wear plus-fours unless you like it that way!

Lickle Bruvver Mark is over at the National CX champs in Ipswich as I write this – check out their site

[www.ip-cross.co.uk/cx/](http://www.ip-cross.co.uk/cx/)

just to prove that you need to get SO much faster...

## **Tarmac Terriers' Tribune – Race Results** (featuring our highly esteemed and talented Papa Rat-See)

<u>Event</u>	<u>Course</u>	<u>Date</u>
New Year 10	E33/10 Bottisham	8 <sup>th</sup> Jan 2012

Last year, we had icy cold conditions and frozen roads with no sign of salt, judging by the overturned car on the top of the course. The year before that, there was snow on the ground and only are three hardiest souls Simon, Kevin and Paul were there to shovel their way from Bottisham to the racehorse and back again.

This year, it was all so different and possibly a good omen for the year to come – dry, not too cold and a moderate SW breeze helping the outward leg and making the last miles down from Nine-Mile Hill give cause for reflection on the true cost of Christmas lethargy, until the spinning stars blanked out all rational thought...

Sixteen riders signed up, and there were as many supporters and family members bravely prepared to shiver on the roadside as their loved ones ploughed up the tarmac.

## or Spread the Love!

And closer to home, this is the perfect time to spread the love!

Fix your neighbour's kids' punctures, show them how to work their gears and straighten their handlebars.

Answer all those daft questions with a smile and hopefully they'll be out and about in red and yellow sometime soon!

Colette, your tiny hand is frozen...

Colette even had cause to observe that the number of riders would mean standing out in the cold for longer, clutching her stopwatch in her mittened hand – really! She even had her thermal booties on as well!

Nonetheless, duty won the day and the times were efficiently gathered in, coffee was served by Pauline, and Papa Rat-see Doug was seen perched on the Armco among the carrion crows, watching and waiting for the riders to crack on the evil slopes of Nine-Mile Hill.





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Position	Name	Club	Time
1	Mick Lowther	Newmarket Cycling & Tri Club	27:14
2	Daniel Blocksage (Juv)	Team Cambridge (DM)	27:38
3	Simon Bowden	Team Cambridge	27:55
4	Paul Littledyke	Team Cambridge	28:08
5	Willem H de Boer	Cambridge CC	28:35
6	Charles Tallack	Team Cambridge	29:24
7	Kevin Parker	Team Cambridge	29:25
8	Tony Clarke	Team Cambridge	29:33
9	Andrew Davey	Team Cambridge (DM)	29:50
10	Shelton Pell	Team Cambridge (DM)	30:37
11	Lex Burch	Cambridge Tri	32:11
12	Danielle Parker (Juv) & Angela Parker	Team Cambridge	32:26
13=	Paul Millard	Team Cambridge	32:28
13=	Sue Clarke	Team Cambridge	32:28
15	John Oaks	Newmarket Cycling & Tri Club	32:57

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### The Team Cambridge Christmas Quiz

This time, the inexorable rise of our winner of the "built like a roadie" prize came to fruition, as he romped home with a massive victory over the usual contenders Sue and Simon. Who is this

It's none other than Phil "Schleck the Third" Leonard!

Incidentally for the record, your scribe nearly tripled his last year's score, achieving a staggering 13 points out of about 80-odd, which is a fair reflection of his sporting knowledge and also his declining short term memory. Incidentally, for the record...etc.



Yer supposed to hold yer stomach in Phil, not stick it art! – What you got for question 7, Si?

Let the games begin!



(Champagne) Charlie

# Now all this don't come for nothing...a quiet word from The Quiet Man™

"Hi Charles,

Can you please put an entry into the next Spokesman reminding everybody that this years subs are now due and the membership form can be found on our website (also copy on following page). Also anyone requiring a CTT handbook should get their forms to me by the middle of the month."

Trevor (The Quiet Man™)

Membership Secretary



## Team Cambridge Membership Application Form 2012

By signing this form, you agree to abide to the Rules and Regulations set out by Team Cambridge and are willing for your contact details to be released to other Team Cambridge club members in relation to cycling matters

Forename	Surname	Date of birth*	Membership 1st/2nd/Asc.	Email Address**	Signature

\* A parental consent form must be filled out for under 18's before they are able to race in Time Trials - see website.

\*\* By signing this membership form you agree to have your email address entered into the club mailing list system. Should you wish for this not to be the case, please advise the Membership Secretary.

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Post Code: \_\_\_\_\_ Telephone: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Joining Team Cambridge will not provide insurance cover for your general riding. It is strongly recommended that you join British Cycling or the Cyclists Touring Club which provides third party insurance cover.

### 2012 Subscription Rates

Type	Cost	Quantity	Total cost
1st Claim (1)	£15.00		
U18 1st Claim (1)	£7.50		
2nd Claim (1)	£8.00		
U18 2nd Claim (1)	£5.00		
Associate	£1.00		
CTT Handbook (2)	£10.00		
Total (Payable to Team Cambridge)			£

(1) There is a levy for individual Club time trial events, chargeable to both first claim and second claim members. This is equal to the levy set by the C.T.

(2) Orders for Handbooks will be taken until 16th January 2012. After this date they can be ordered direct from C.T.

Please send the completed form to:  
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