

THE SPOKESMAN TEAM CAMBRIDGE

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Club Clothing

With any new venture, teething troubles and delays must be expected and, to be honest, the formation of TEAM CAMBRIDGE has been plagued with its fair share. But at least one of the delays has turned out to be well worth while - the team clothing has arrived and certainly lives up to all expectations! The quality of ALEXA's workmanship is first class and the design is striking and yet extremely tasteful.

Unfortunately, much as we would like to be able to distribute free outfits to everyone, they have to be paid for, so will all members who have not paid IN FULL please contact the Hon. Treasurer to arrange settlement. For this quality, they're cheap at twice the price !!!

New Members

It was decided at the last committee meeting to modify the policy relating to membership. The new ruling allows for three degrees of membership, rather than the two degrees previously allowed. Accordingly, membership may be "First Claim", "Second Claim", or "Associate". Second Claim members will obviously be given priority at our very popular evening 10s, bearing in mind that we must comply with the RTTC ruling limiting these events to a maximum of thirty riders. Contact Doug Parker for details or application forms.

Evening Club Runs

The club run is still held every Monday leaving the Perne Road Scout hut at 7.30 p.m. This is open to ALL Cambridge cyclists and is not exclusive to Team Cambridge. Anyone is welcome to come along and ride. Sociable members and visitors who wish to stay on for a chat please note that coffee and biscuits will be available.

News about Members

Julian Stearn has not been seen out and about on a bike very much these past few weeks. Unfortunatley he has suffered a bout of bronchitis which has kept him from doing very much training. Now that the weather seems to have improved, lets hope we will see him back in action once again.

Doug Parker, having spent nine weeks working in Kenya (all right for some - ed.), has been trying very hard to make up for all that lost training time since his return.

Results

Gareth Speechley and Kevin Parker have been busy road racing since March. Both riders have completed many races, the best result so far going to Gareth with second place in the Finsbury CC 55 mile road race.

1. D. Oakley (Harp CC) 2.11.1
2. G. Speechley at 31 secs
3. M. Meades (Elite CC)

VC Free Press 2up 25 (F2/25) 16th April

Doug and Kevin Parker were the only Team Cambridge pair entered in this well organised event. Unfortunatley Doug had to withdraw as he had been off work most of the week suffering from a touch of malaria (nothing common or garden like a cold or 'flu for Doug! - ed.) and with due apologies sent to the organisers, Sue & Steve Hill, Kevin rode a solo, recording a time of 1.11.06. (Which was probably about 10 mins faster than it would have been if Doug had partnered him! - ed. again) The event was won by P. Wells & G. Dighton (Team Chiltern) in a time of 0.56.14.

Lea Valley RC (Gordon Attwell Memorial) 25 (E1) 23rd April

A bitterly cold, damp morning saw the start of the season for Nev Speechley (1.12.31) and Doug Parker (a best forgotten 1.14.56) A wind assisted run to the turn was helpful to all riders but the long ride back into the wind was too much for some. P. Banks (VC Slough) won the solo event in 0.58.32 , with M. and S. Winter taking first place in the tandem event in 0.54.18.

Mildenhall CC/Dairytime 25 (B25/38) 30th April

After a misty start to the morning, the SUN actually broke through onto the field of 120 riders on the A45 at Bury St Edmonds. Martin Pyne (Poly CC Air-Canada) romped home first with a time of 0.53.42!! Nev Speechley produced a personal best of 1.07.10 and Doug Parker was just one second outside his personal best at 1.07.44. Both riders beat their VTTA age standard. Quite a few riders from Cambridge CC were riding, the fastest being John Morley, who just failed by 12 seconds to beat the hour.

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 very poor visibility resulted in one of the "teething troubles" mentioned at the start of this letter. The event had 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 (Cambridge University CC) set the seasons best with a time of 0.21.37. Full results were:-

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| 1. | J Newport | 21.37 | 6. | R Kevil | 24.07 |
| 2. | M Dawe | 23.25 | 7. | K Parker | 24.44 |
| eq2. | A Cohen | 23.25 | 8. | N Speechley | 26.09 |
| 4. | M Minting | 23.36 | 9. | D Parker | 26.42 |
| 5. | R Holmes | 24.02 | | | |

May 5th A warm and sunny evening with no wind to speak of: the majority of the field recorded personal bests. John Newport rode another outstanding race and his win puts him well in line for his Cambridge Blue.

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| 1. | J Newport | 20.46 | eq10. | J Lacey | 23.22 |
| 2. | M Johnstone | 21.21 | 12. | J Verbinnen | 23.35 |
| 3. | M Minting | 21.52 | 13. | B Clough | 23.48 |
| 4. | N Hall | 21.55 | 14. | I Jones | 23.55 |
| 5. | A Cohen | 22.24 | 15. | E Wilonmetts | 23.57 |
| 6. | M Dawe | 22.30 | 16. | R Kevil | 24.00 |
| 7. | J Ward | 22.51 | 17. | D Parker | 24.05 |
| 8. | T Baines | 23.11 | 18. | R Edwards | 24.14 |
| 9. | K Parker | 23.16 | 19. | B Farrow | 24.23 |
| 10. | D Simpsons | 23.22 | 20. | N Speechley | 24.24 |

One additional pair of riders in this event, A. Hotson-Moore and J. Sedgewick (Cambridge University CC), rode tandem and finished in 21.59

Young James Ward (Cambridge CC), who is only fifteen, must be congratulated on taking four minutes off his previous best time.

Forthcoming Events (Time Trials)

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| 14th May | NDCA | 25 | N1/25 |
| | WSW | 50 | B30/13 |
| 20th May | VTTA (EA) | 30 | B30/6 |
| 28th May | CC Breckland | 50 | B50/11 |
| 29th May | East Anglian | 25 | B25/27 |
| 04th June | Peter'bro | 25 | N10/25 |
| | Ely | 25 | B25/1 |
| 07th June | Cty. Cambs. | 25 | F2/25 |

Forthcoming Events (Road Races)

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| 14th May | St Ives | 3/V/L |
| 16th May | Grapevine | 1/2/3 |
| 04th June | E. Anglian | |
| | Div. Champ. | |