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Its Christmas party time ! – Monday 17th Dec 7:30pm at the Scout Hut Nibbles, etc supplied. Please bring your own drink. Colette will again be providing a quiz for us all so make sure to read your cycling back issues.

Congratulations to Paul Young on being fastest on both hill climbs and therefore taking the final trophy of the year.

It's time again to renew membership. A Membership form is attached. Please note that we will only order RTTC hand books' which have been requested on forms received by 31st December, as we have been left with an excess of handbooks in the last two years.

Make sure you book your place for the Annual Dinner and Prize Presentation Sat 26th January 2002 – see separate sheet for details

Please return any Trophies that you have to Paul Millard as soon as possible.

There is a Christmas Puzzle for you to do at the end of the newsletter. Great for stopping you getting bored while turbo training!

Our annual New Year's day '10' will be on Tuesday 1st Jan at 11am on the Bottisham (E3/10) course. How about riding in fancy dress?



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Craig Harvey

I've recently been in touch with Craig Harvey, a Team Cambridge star of 4 or 5 years ago. Craig's coming to the end of a Ph.D. at Sheffield looking at fossil pollens and spores. He wanted some coals from the Devonian period of roughly 350-400 million years ago - there's no fuel like an old fuel - which are supposed to be in the collections at Cambridge. Below is the non-geological bit of one of his emails. I had said that after 25 years in geology I was fed up with it, hence Craig's comment about still being keen.

Steve Laurie.

Craig's bit:

Thanks for the help and the coal update. Luckily for me I am still enthusiastic about geology, bearing in mind I have not been in it for 25 years! Although I am working on fossil spores etc there is still a bit of geological interpretation involved. Occasional field trips still keep the mind going. I was recently in Portugal at a geological conference, it was excellent. Central and southern Portugal looked like a good place to take the bike. I am currently on the job hunt and I am looking toward the oil industry. A couple of weeks ago I went to Aberdeen to give a presentation about my PhD research to Shell. That was a bit nerve racking. I have one offer from a smaller company, but I am keeping my options open.

i have raced twice this summer, one of my best friends has moved to Huddersfield so we meet up a go for rides. We both egged each other on to race our MTB's. Only a local effort at Clipstone Forest in Nottingham. On minimal training we entered the novice race, I'd forgotten that the starts were so hectic. I also entered the national student hill climb -a rock hard climb in Derbyshire. These events coupled with Lance's autobiography and Boardmans hour record motivated me to start training again. I am using my turbo trainer and track bike to while away the hours. Anyway, I am off to get out of my wet, smog-ridden kit.

Cheers

Craig

Results

ECCA 10 E2/10 6 October 2001

As Sue and I arrived at Six Mile Bottom, the first person we met was Derek Stagg of the Shaftesbury CC who said that the event may be cancelled if the rain got any worse. We were surprised as we had only ridden through a bit of drizzle but apparently there were torrential showers further into Essex. The rumours did not come true and the event carried on as planned. There was quite a strong south wind blowing but it did not seem too bad out on the course, although it was much faster on the way back. Having finished my ride I met Steve Laurie, who had been off at number 2. He was not very happy with his ride of 23-52. I would have been as I only managed 24-40 and Sue followed me in with 25-57. Alan Kidd was next in for the Club with 22-49. He had been out for several pints on Thursday evening and seems to find this helps a lot on Saturday. It is the sort of training that sounds very attractive. We left before all the times were in but it looked as if Zak Carr was going to win with 19-25. How does he do it on an afternoon like that? The other local riders were all towards the end of the field so I do not know what times they did.

Lea Valley CC 25 E1/25 7 October 2001

Team Cambridge won the team prize on a windy and very wet morning. We, Alan Kidd, Steve Laurie and myself, were the only team to finish 3 riders and we always had our reserve counter in Michael Stanley. The forecast was for showers with a strong wind. The strong wind was correct but the shower was very heavy and lasted for an hour. It began a few minutes after I started as number 18 and continued until I had almost finished. A truly miserable morning. Michael got round in 1-19-46, Alan in 1-06-00, I did 1-09-34 and Steve came in with 1-12-14. Everyone was obviously really psyched up and trying hard!! I certainly could not seem to get going. The event was won by Rowan Horner in 56-34. Other local riders, Patrick Campbell 1-06-53 and Bill Matthews 1-17-51. One of the things that kept us going was the thought of the nice cup of tea and the bacon butties which the Lea Valley always provide. They were very nice too.

Sue and I then pedalled off to a home brew pub in Green Tye which is just south of Bishop's Stortford. Sue had been there before but I hadn't. We got there dry and it was well worth the effort. Our departure coincided with the forecast continuous rain still driven by a gale force wind. So we rode round for 2 1/2 hours to get rid of some of the beer before we made an early arrival back at the car to drive home. It had been a very miserable day to finish my racing season. I can not ride the last event of the year as we have a reunion in Devizes for our French tour.

Tony Clarke

Barrington Hillclimb on the 21 October 2001



cancelled due to inclement weather

Results for F2x/10 Madingley Hillclimb on the 28 October 2001

<u>Position</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>Club</u>	<u>Time</u>	<u>Hillclimb Points</u>
1	Paul Young	Team Cambridge	1:27	10
2	Alan Kidd	Team Cambridge	1:28	9
3	Peter Woor	Team Cambridge	1:37	8
4	Kevin Parker	Team Cambridge	1:41	7
5	Charles Willmets	Team Cambridge	1:50	6
6	Neil Willmets	Team Cambridge	1:55	5
7	Christine Willmets	Team Cambridge	2:08	4

Results for EH/13 Beechwoods Hillclimb on the 4 November 2001

<u>Position</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>Club</u>	<u>Time</u>	<u>Hillclimb Points</u>
=1	Paul Young	Team Cambridge	2:13	10
=1	Nick Jackson	Cambridge CC	2:13	
3	Alan Kidd	Team Cambridge	2:23	9
4	Steve Laurie	Team Cambridge	2:27	8
5	Peter Woor	Team Cambridge	2:42	7
6	Jeff Bushrod	Team Cambridge	2:58	6
7	Charles Willmets	Team Cambridge	3:04	5
8	Christine Willmets	Team Cambridge	3:23	4

Hillclimb Series Result

Barrington event cancelled due to inclement weather

Position	Name	Madingley	Beechwoods	Total
1	Paul Young	10	10	20
2	Alan Kidd	9	9	18
3	Peter Woor	8	7	15
4	Charles Willmets	6	5	11
=5	Christine Willmets	4	4	8
=5	Steve Laurie		8	8
7	Kevin Parker	7		7
8	Jeff Bushrod		6	6
9	Neil Willmets	5		5

**Merry Christmas
and a
Successful New Year**

Christmas Puzzle

Cyclo-Cross report: A local series was arranged. From the clues below, can you match the riders to their team and the bikes, and the location and month in which they won.

		Rider B				Team				Village				Month				Bike			
		Clair	Neil	Trevor	Peter	Doug's Dirt Flingers	Michael's Mud Splatters	Paul's Puddle Jumpers	Sue's Slime Skidders	Histon	Milton	Over	Barton	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar	Red	Blue	Green	White
Rider A	Tony																				
	Paul																				
	Adam																				
	Jeff																				
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- No rider had a team mate whose first name initial matched his own and no first name initial matched a team name
- Jeff and Clair's Race win occurred in the same year as the one in Milton, which was won on a Red bike, the winner of that race was not from the Michael's Mud Splatters team
- It was the Rider A of the Sue's Slime Skidders who rode a White bike
- Neil and his team mate did not race in March
- The Doug's Dirt Flingers won their race at the beginning of the season in Dec
- Histon was the venue at which Adam and his team mate won. They were champions the month after the rider who won on a Blue bike
- The Green bike was ridden into 1st place in January
- Trevor was one of the pair who won in Over

Team	Rider A	Rider B	Location	Month	Bike