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The official Team Cambridge Newsletter – December 2007

(Incorporating Mud Munchers Monthly)

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Simon Bowden wins Hill Climb!!

Shock horror as Alan Kidd is beaten into second place



Simon on his way to winning the hill climb

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AGM Monday 19th November

Officer's reports

At a moderately attended AGM held at the Scout Hut on Perne Road members heard the minutes of last years meeting read out, which were passed and accepted by all. Officer's reports were then read starting with the General Secretary Sue Clarke. The very healthy financial report was read by the treasurer Pauline Parker, with the MTB secretary completing the officer's reports.

New Committee

At this part in the proceedings the officers for 2007/8 and the new committee was elected, once again we had a change in the general members and none for the official positions. The new committee being as follows:-

President	Doug Parker
Chairman	Tony Clarke
Secretary	Sue Clarke
Treasurer	Pauline Parker
Racing Secretary	Paul Millard
MTB Secretary	Jeff Bushrod
Membership Secretary	Ian Millard
Committee Members	Simon Bowden Charlie Wilmetts Trevor Avis Trevor Kimber Charles Tallack Doug Parker
Club Clothing Sec	Pauline Parker
Newsletter Editor	Doug Parker
Club Mascot	Jazzie Parker (proposed by Charles Tallack)



The floor



Team Cambridge President and Chairman
With the Treasurer and Secretary

Tarmac Terriers Tribune

Team Cambridge Open 10m TT Oct 7th

Only thirty two riders on the start sheet for this end of season time trial, unfortunately there was a number of DNS's including TC's own Steve Laurie who pulled out with a heavy cold. The event was once again well organised by Alan Kidd, aided and abetted by spouse Betsy. As per normal with Alan's events every rider was awarded a bottle of beer whilst signing on at the race HQ. Alan was the top club rider completing the course on what was a dull warmish morning in 24.23 other club riders were

Simon Bowden 26.13
Charlie Wilmetts 28.04

Tony Clarke 27.30
Sue Clarke 29.22



Simon Bowden



Charlie Wilmetts



Tony Clarke



Sue Clarke

There was no team prize awarded but if there had been then it would have been won by the Cambridge CC trio of Ken and Tom Platts with Nick Jackson. Team Cambridge President Doug Parker presented the awards to all the winners immediately after the event. The winner being Richard O'Rourke with a time of 22.19 Most of the Team Cambridge delegation remained at the race HQ and participated in the beer that Alan had provided.



Alan Kidd



Ken Platts



Tom Platts



Nick Jackson

With the exception of Alan, all riders seen here are at the top of Orwell Hill.

Hill Climb 2007

Sunday 4 November 2007 saw a crowd of people gathering together in the lowlands staring into the mist like gladiators at the coliseum, waiting to challenge the beast of Beechwoods. Sue Clarke (timekeeper) and Steve Laurie (batman) prepared the gladiators ready for battle,



first to the line showing no fear was the Twiglet (aka Peter Millard) making his first road showing in Team Cambridge colours, he was up for the challenge, despite a wobble at the line. He had not been expecting the start line hold but he was soon into his rhythm riding into the mist. As he ascended above the mist into the glorious sun, El Stick (Ian Millard) was soon upon him sucking in the 6°C air as he went past. Dancing on his



pedals he was soon disappearing round the bend to be captured on film, (well, electrons actually it was a digital camera!!) by Charles Willmets and cheered on by Christine, before dashing for the line to be timed in by Colette Millard as the first one across in the 2007 Hill Climb Championships. His lead was not to last long as he was soon followed by 6 other Team Cambridge riders trying to make their mark on the championship.

Soon to come up the hill was Alan Kidd the bookies favourite in an attempt to claim his third title in the event, but it was not to be as the young pretender Simon Bowden was out to stop him. After a hard fought race Simon had a winning margin of only 2 seconds. The battle for 3rd was also as tough as the Old Man (aka Paul Millard) tried to topple El Stick but could not keep the pace on the final rise and was 2 seconds short of his target. Tony Clark a self proclaimed non-climber still gave the others a hard time but could not take on Charles Tallack in his first hill climb however he did take the scalp of Jeffery MTBushrod, who should have been used to the tough conditions, maybe he is saving his energy for next weeks race the first of 3 MTB championship races. Once battle was complete and weapons put away, tales of woe and hardship were exchanged over a nice cup of tea.

Report by Paul Millard

Position	Name	Club	Time
1	Ralph Keeler	Cambridge CC	2:18
2	Rob Jackson	Cambridge CC	2:21
3	Simon Bowden	Team Cambridge	2:34
4	Alan Kidd	Team Cambridge	2:36
5	Ian Millard (Jun)	Team Cambridge	2:56
6	Paul Millard	Team Cambridge	2:58
7	Charles Tallack	Team Cambridge	3:06
8	Tony Clarke	Team Cambridge	3:15
9	Jeff Bushrod	Team Cambridge	3:21
10	Peter Millard (Juv)	Team Cambridge	4:52

More club riders



2nd placed Alan Kidd



Charles Tallack



Jeff MTBushrod



Paul Millard



Tony Clarke

Cheese & Wine Social Evening

Twenty nine members packed into Tony & Sue Clarke's for an evening of eating and drinking. One wag suggested that we should have held the AGM there and then as there was so many members present. It was the usual Team Cambridge format; members brought their own drinks, while the host provided masses of cheese and excellent bread. Amongst the attendees was second claim Nick Jackson. As Kev pointed out Nick comes from 'the dark side' but was nevertheless made very welcome. It was good to see Mark & Jenny Read with the two boys back in circulation, having been 'missing' since the Le Tour weekend in Kent. Mark has missed most of the past racing season with a damaged knee, which he hopes to get fixed very shortly. The six juvenile members were all quite



taken by Trevor Kimber's sling, the result of an accident a couple of weeks previously. The general conversation turned to the forthcoming cyclo-cross and MTB racing season. The first events of which are only a matter of weeks away. It is hoped that the three counting events for the clubs 'Most Prestigious' trophy will be decided before the annual award and social evening some time in February.

Lea Valley CC 30m TT Sept 23rd E1/30

With a brisk south westerly blowing over the E1/30 three Team Cambridge riders faced the time keepers. In an event that was won by West Suffolk Wheeler's Peter Balls in 1.08.40 Alan Kidd produced the clubs best time of 1.14.50. He was followed in by Tony Clarke finishing in 1.22.26; Trevor Kimber back on the bike after a short lay off completed the 30 miles in 1.24.10

Lea Valley CC 25m TT Sept 23rd E1/25b

One of the last events of the season once again promoted by the Lea Valley CC on a bitterly cold morning late in September. Dean Lubin from PCA Ciclos Uno stormed around the Essex course in 56m 16s, while Team Cambridge's top rider Alan Kidd came back in 59.49. Tony Clarke finished with a time of 1.07.04; while Sue Clarke's time of 1.12.03 was good enough to give her the 1st lady prize of £15!

Team Cambridge on Look East!

I try and ride out and meet the twins from school when ever I'm not working. One day a few weeks ago I was waiting outside their school in Swavesey, when a car drew up and someone asked if I would make some comments on camera about road safety and children. The camera crew waited until the girls were present, then proceeded to interview the three of us regarding the matter in hand. The final shot was of the three of us cycling off into the distance. The item was broadcasted on BBC's Look East, unfortunately I never got to see it, but I'm informed that it was put out on both a morning and evening show. A nice plug for the club.

Team Cambridge Photograph Album

Some of the Team Cambridge photographs that I have taken at events (and some of Paul's, Kev's and Charlie's) are now available to be seen on www.virginmediaphotos.co.uk/album/6946177 It covers most of the events in 2007 that Team Cambridge have either promoted or taken part in, starting with the final MTB event at Thetford in January through to the first MTB event of the 2007/2008 season in November (at the time of writing) Feel free to browse through them at your leisure, comments would be appreciated!.....DP

Team Cambridge Club Clothing

Now is the time to think about new club clothing for the 2008 season. If anyone would like any items please contact Pauline ASAP, on 01954 780470. If we place an order before the end of December 2007 we will get the items at this years prices, otherwise the new 2008 costs will come into effect from January.

Team Cambridge Forthcoming Events

November 26 th	Committee meeting	Perne Rd Scout HQ 8.30 pm
December 17 th	Annual Christmas Quiz night	Perne Rd Scout HQ 8.00 pm
December 23 rd	Club run	Trevor Kimber's Hardwick 09.30a.m
December 30 th	Club run or MTB day	To be decided
January 6 th	New Years 10m TT	Bottisham course 10.00 a.m.

In the meantime Charles Tallack is going to organise a Sunday club run starting from Balsham the outcome of which will be emailed to all interested parties.

Mud Munchers Monthly

Sunday 4th November, saw seven club members descend into Suffolk (or Norfolk) to ride in the first cyclo-cross event of the season. Another well organised event by Norwich BC at the Old School near Eccles. This is an ideal location for cyclo-cross as the course's can be made quite long and difficult winding its way through the wooded grounds of the school premises.

The first race of the day was the 'youth' event which is for riders between 12 and 14, too young to take part in the main event, and too old to take part in the very junior events. Katy & Sam Parker were on the starting line for this race along with about eight other riders. This was to be their very first introduction to real cyclo-cross racing whereby they would be leaping over logs and other obstacles on the course. The two girls completed the 40 minute race, with Katy finishing in 7th position and Sam in 8th place. Sam 'Did a Jeffery' on her second lap which cost her a little bit of time. Katy went through the flag at the finish and just kept going, we think she either didn't see the chequered flag or just wanted to carry on racing. Anyway dad Kevin had to cycle round the course to bring her back!! The Youth event was won by Oliver Jarvis.



Danielle Parker was on the starting line along with about 20 riders on the U12 event. The kids stormed away from the start into the circuit in the woods the event was won by Sean Dunlea of PCA Ciclos Uno club. Danielle maintained a steady pace (on her new bike complete with knobby tyres) lapping some of the slower riders and eventually finished in 7th position. Meanwhile Kev signed on (reluctantly) to take



part in the senior event, a sized seat post meant that he could not raise the saddle on his 'cross bike. The one hour race plus a lap set off at a brisk pace, with the top riders conveniently place first on the grid line storming away into the woods. Kev worked his way around the course and finished in 46th place out of the 61 riders that finished, there was nearly 80 riders on the start line. The senior event was won by Philip Cooper.

Please note that there are three more cyclo-cross events on in the area these are :-

- 8th Dec Diss & Dist CC Redgrave
- 16th Dec VC Baracchi Broome Common Bungay
- 27th Jan Norwich ABC New Eccles School Attleborough

Round I of the Thetford Ford MTB Series.

A dull and cloudy, fairly cold Sunday morning on November 11th saw six club riders with eleven spectators all at the first round of the Thetford Forest MTB series. The riders taking part were, Steve Laurie, Simon Bowden, Charles Tallack, Paul Millard Jeff **MTB**ushrod and Jeremy Greer. There were two omissions from the team this year, namely Kevin Parker (en route to the USA) and Le Stick aka Ian Millard who has now joined the ranks of the working class!



Among the club supporters were the Parker, Millard, and Bowden families plus Steve Laurie's dad. Angela Parker went on-line on Saturday afternoon with the hope of getting a ride in the 2 lap fun event. Entries had closed at a maximum of 500 riders, judging by the amount we saw at the start that was definitely correct. The four hour event kicked off the procedures, with the 2 hour event starting ten minutes later. Paul and Simon managed to get themselves towards the front of the bunch Charles and Jeff were tucked in about the middle section while Steve was towards the rear; regrettably

the spectators never got a glimpse of Jeremy, the one disadvantage of not wearing one of our new yellow and red racing tops. There was a long fast straight section of fire break track down to the first 'hazard' which was the dreaded 'Green Bomb Hole'; riders had to negotiate a very steep descent followed by some technical twist and turns ending up with a steepish climb back out of the pit. There were



numerous crashes and spills at the bottom of the descent, one unfortunate lady rider ended up with a broken collar bone. Most of the club spectators were at this location hoping for a repeat of last years spectacular mud munching feat by Jeff MTB... This year he and all the other club riders stayed upright in spite of the slippery conditions on the track. Simon Bowden started the series as he finished last season, dominating the club event. He ripped around the course finding it no bother at all! managing to ride four laps in his allotted time. Paul



Millard also completed four laps, but suffered towards the end; the last lap completely sapping his strength.



Charles Tallack plugged steadily away and said that he enjoyed the event, in spite of having a problem experienced by joggers! Steve Laurie said the he was pleased that there was no chicken-run at the bomb hole section, that way he HAD to ride it. Unfortunately



we didn't meet up with Jeremy Greer so were unable to record any of his comments.

Team Cambridge Membership Form 2008

By signing this form, you agree to abide to the Rules and Regulations set out by Team Cambridge.
I/We are willing for my/our contact details to be released to other Team Cambridge club members in relation to cycling matters. YES/NO (Delete all as appropriate)

<u>Forename</u>	<u>Surname</u>	<u>Date of birth</u> (If under 18yrs)	<u>Membership Type</u> 1 st /2 nd /Associate	<u>Signature</u>	<u>Date</u>

N.B.A parental consent form must be filled out for under 18's.

Address: _____

Post Code: _____ Telephone: _____

E-Mail **: _____

If Second Claim, please state First Claim Club: _____

**Note : 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. For more details see the contact page on the club website.

Year 2008 Subscription rates

Type	<u>Quantity</u>	Cost for one	<u>Total cost</u>
1 st Claim ⁽¹⁾		£15.00	
U18 1 st Claim ⁽¹⁾		£7.50	
2 nd Claim ⁽¹⁾		£8.00	
Associate		£1.00	
CTT Handbook ⁽²⁾		£7.00	
Total Cost (Payable to Team Cambridge)			£

Notes ⁽¹⁾-Due to CTT increasing the levy for club events – to enter club events a charge will be made for both 1st Claim & 2nd claim members. The fee will equal to the CTT levy.

⁽²⁾-Orders for Handbooks will be taken until 16th January 2008. After that, you will have to order your own.

Please send your payment and form to: Ian Millard, 4 Wilson Way, Milton, Cambridge, CB24 6BX
E-mail: Membership@team-cambridge.co.uk Telephone: 01223 511155

FOR MEMBERSHIP SECRETARY USE ONLY PAID ENTERED

This is the 2007 claim form for all trophies and Club records as well as Club standards so please fill this in and return it to Paul Millard by 17th December. Do not forget to enclose a copy of the race results

Name.....

Standards Gold/Silver/Bronze

Distance	Standard	Time	Date	Event
10 Mile TT				
25 Mile TT				
30 Mile TT				
50 Mile TT				
100 Mile				
12 Hr				

Club Records

Distance	Time	Date	Event
10 Mile TT			
25 Mile TT			
30 Mile TT			
50 Mile TT			
100 Mile TT			
12 Hr			

Trophies Please tick the ones entered for:

Club BAR (50,100,12Hr)		Ladies BAR (25,50,100)	
Men's Middle Dist BAR		Ladies Middle Dist BAR	
Fastest 10		Junior BAR (10,10,25)	

Distance	Time	Date	Event
10 Mile TT			
10 Mile TT			
25 Mile TT			
50 Mile TT			
100 Mile TT			
12 Hr			

FEN Trophy

Distance	Time	Date	Event
F (course) 10 Mile			
E (course) 25 Mile			
a(N)y 50 Mile TT			