



# A Rolling Success



## Hayden Wood after winning the Team Cambridge Roller Competition

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## Team Cambridge Roller Racing Jan 16<sup>th</sup>

When Simon Bowden first approached the committee to put forward his proposal that the club promote a roller racing competition, I have to admit some doubt crept into my mind. The initial outlay was quite expensive, but Simon had done his sums right and had even approached Ben Hayward Cycles to sponsor the event. The management of the Portland Arms public house agreed to waive any fee to hire the premises as all proceeds of the event was to go to charity. After seeing the amount of riders and spectators that turned up on the night, I was completely wrong to have had any doubts. Forty+ riders from various clubs (except one very large local club) throughout the region came and took part, with as many again coming along to lend their support. (again except one very large local club) People that were just having a drink in the bar also wandered through to take a look at the proceedings. The bikes and all sound and video equipment were supplied by a company called Rollapaulza, based in north London. The event was well documented by Cambridge Evening News with a pre-event article and an excellent write up during the following week. All proceeds of the event were to go to Arthur Rank House, most local readers will be aware that this is a local cancer care Hospice. Team Cambridge's Ron 'Legs' Edwards spent his final few days there nine years ago, the club has supported Arthur Rank House ever since.



The format was roughly two hours of qualifying heats, each rider trying to obtain the best time in order to go through to the knock out rounds. MC for the evening was none other than Team Cambridge's Trevor (the quiet man) Kimber. Trevor did a superb job and kept us all amused with his witty comments. The event kicked off with two Team Cambridge riders - event organiser Simon Bowden against Kevin Parker. Simon went on to win the 500m sprint heat; riders were given another chance to improve their times at the end of this qualifying session. Scratch rider was Dave Le Grys who in the late 1980's set a cycle speed record of 110MPH. (behind a car) Dave was up against Team Cambridge rider Tony Adams. Tony only



came to watch and somehow 'yer man' MC Kimber persuaded him to ride. Tony, riding in normal clothing and shoes held his own and only lost out in the final few metres. Some of the events were very close and it must have been a hard call for the Rollapaulza boys that were doing the timing. (where was Colette & Pauline) Four ladies took part, with the final being between two Crest CC riders Sue Rogers and Karen Karr. Sue was the event winner and she was presented with a Rollapaulza Tee shirt and cap. (next event Sue we will be a bit more organised) Other Team Cambridge riders were Simon Bowden, Kevin Parker, Charles Tallak, Paul Millard, and Ian Millard. I don't know who talked MCK into riding but Trevor got up and rode his heart out! Christine and Charles Wilmetts together with Angie Parker were all on hand to lend their support. (as was I).



Kevin and Ian went on for a second go to try and qualify to ride the later stages, with Kevin being matched to ride against Charles Tallak in one of the eliminating heats. Ride of the evening was by 58 years old Will Rogers who it was reputed has never ridden a bike in any form of competition and went through to the semi finals of the event. The team prize was claimed by a relatively new club to the Cambridge area - Cambridge Fixed Gear Club. They are a great bunch of guys, who have a fairly simple philosophy to cycling.



Ride a fixed wheel bike and don't pass the pub!! In other words they watch other clubs tearing by on training rides from the pub's beer garden.



The room was absolutely packed as the two finalists Hayden Wood and Richard Norris lined up for their 1000m head to head. The noise from the crowd was deafening, Rollapaluza had supplied two electronic megaphones for the spectators to use, and they most certainly did. Hayden went into an early lead and just held off Chris's challenge to win the £50 voucher supplied by sponsor Ben Hayward Cycles. Chris with second overall won a voucher for £25. After Team Cambridge President had thanked everyone for their support, the prizes were presented by Rob Turner the owner of Ben Hayward Cycles. MCKimber had the crowd roaring for more and asking for a return contest next year; one of the most rewarding things of the evening was that **£270** was collected for Arthur Rank House. As President of Team Cambridge I would like to thank Simon Bowden, Rollapaluza, Ben Hayward Cycles, the Portland Arms pub and of course all the riders and spectators that made this such a successful event. (Watch our web site towards the end of this year).



**A selection of photos**

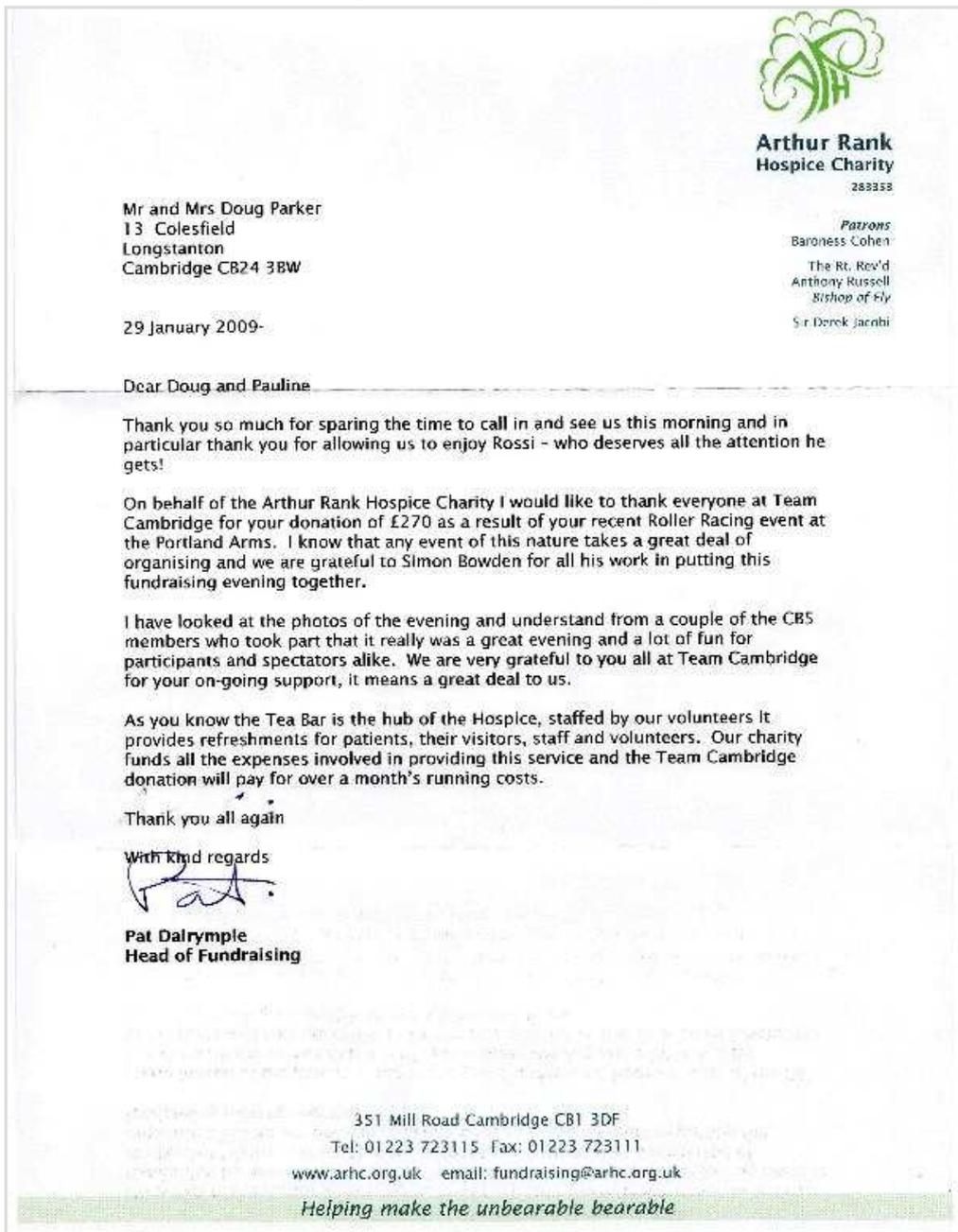


For the results and official photos go to Rollapaluza website, links to our own photo album can be found on our website [www.team-cambridge.co.uk](http://www.team-cambridge.co.uk) on the Roller Racing page as well as links to our supporters.

On Thursday 29<sup>th</sup> January Pauline & Doug Parker together with Rossi visited the Arthur Rank Hospice to present Pat Dalrymple (Head of Fundraising) with the cheque for £270. Pat thanked the club and said that all contributions are a great help to the hospice. It was pointed out that it was all due to Simon Bowden who arranged and organised this event. Pat also said that if we do it again next year (which I hope we will) that we have to contact them early in order that their web site can give us yet more publicity.



Doug & Rossi with Pat Dalrymple



## Team Cambridge Annual Social Feb 7<sup>th</sup>

It was billed as 'The night of Champions' on the Team Cambridge web site. Yet only twenty two members made the effort to attend this special 20<sup>th</sup> anniversary occasion. Those that did were greeted with the usual high standard of Pauline Parkers catering skills. The menu included three hot meat dishes with a selection of seasonal vegetables, a choice of four different types of desserts plus cheese and biscuits. All this for £12 which included beer, wine and soft drink, where else can you get such value for money? After the meal came the presentation of the trophies for the 2008 season. Alan Kidd once again taking the lions share! winning most of the events. Simon Denney, Simon Bowden, Trevor Avis, Tony & Sue Clarke were other winners. Ian Millard won the junior shield while Katy Parker collected the new juvenile trophy. All three juveniles received standard medals for their efforts in the 10m TT series. Danielle (Yellie) Parker was given a special award for all her efforts in the U10 road racing season. The If Only trophy was awarded to Trevor Kimber, he **may** have won the hill climb **If Only** he had remembered the right day!! A special cake was cut after the awards ceremony which was to celebrate Team Cambridge's 20<sup>th</sup> anniversary.



First come first served



Jeff shows the way!



Le Stick receives his trophy



Katy with her cup!



Alan needs a wheelbarrow



20<sup>th</sup> anniversary cake

The final presentation was a bottle of red wine each to Paul and Colette Millard for all their assistance throughout the year i.e. website maintenance, organisation of races, race results etc and of course timekeeping. Pauline received a bunch of flowers for her efforts.



There may be some truth to the rumour that Jeff MTBushrod is thinking about joining the Cambridge Fixed Gear Club.

## Rossi's Review

Many of you are asking how Rossi the trainee guide dog is coming along, hence in the tradition of **Mud Munchers Monthly** and **Tarmac Terriers Tribune** welcome to **Rossi's Review**.

Rossi settled in very well, the first four days were spent quietly adjusting to his new home and (temporary) owners. From then on he set off on a strictly controlled training programme, whereby he was taught the basic doggy commands of sit, down, up-sit, come and most importantly his name recognition. Along with three other would-be guide dogs he attended a four week dog training class, which was taken by the local Puppy Walker Supervisor. Here they were allowed to socialise and were also put through training exercises (as much for the puppy walkers as for the dogs!). Rossi may have been the youngest dog in the class, but was also the biggest and heaviest. Surprising enough it was another little black lab that put him in his place, so he didn't end up being the school bully!!

At the time of writing Rossi is now 15+ weeks old (and roughly 14.5kg), and his standard of obedience is excellent. He has to practice recall commands also the sit & wait, down & stay commands not only in the house but also when out and about. So he can be seen in Tesco's or the Grafton Centre and various garden centres being put through his paces. This week he has been concentrating on pavement walking, which has been the weakest part of his routine so far. I'm pleased to report that there has been a marked improvement.

Rossi has begun attending the club meetings on a Monday night, so there is one thing that everyone can do to assist. From now on he **must** be in the **sit** position before he is allowed to greet anyone (very hard for him to do) so please stand upright and ignore him if he tries to jump up to greet you. Once he sits, make as much fuss as you like!! It is all for his benefit in the end.



For information on a Guide Dog cycling event at Le Tour [www.guidedogs.org.uk/events](http://www.guidedogs.org.uk/events)



## Keep it looking good

Now we have had the 'The night of Champions' I thought I would write a few lines to help the new trophy owners look after their prizes. I apologise if it seems a bit obvious but some of our trophies are getting old and need a bit of TLC to get them through the next 20 years.

Some have not made it and we have replaced 4 this year costing over £400. All of the silverware is proper silver plate and needs special polish to keep it looking good. The one I have found best to use is "Silvo" which is a liquid polish and has inbuilt tarnish guard. I have found it to work miles better than the cheaper polish impregnated pads. There are some other polishes on the market please whatever you do make sure it is specifically for silver, do not use general metal polishes like "Brasso" or "Duraglit". These are way too aggressive and will strip off layers of silver and leave the base metal exposed.

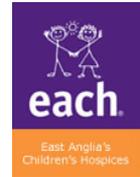
To keep them at their best I recommend that trophies are polished twice a year, if you cannot find the right stuff I have some "Club" silver polish that you are more than welcome to borrow, just ask.

As with all things, there is always an exception and that is the new Juvenile Trophy, Club founders Mr & Mrs Parker obviously had this in mind when they donated the pewter trophy, which only needs a wash with soap & water to keep it looking good, my kind of trophy if only I was a bit younger....  
Trophy Secretary (we have one! ! !)

## Charity Ride



East Anglia Children's Hospice (EACH) is looking for volunteers to ride two charity events that they are promoting this summer. Both events are from London to Paris the first is from July 1<sup>st</sup> to 5<sup>th</sup>, the second event is on September 9<sup>th</sup> to 13<sup>th</sup>. It is hoped that the sponsorship collected will provide support for life threatened children and their families. For an information pack please contact Karen Chesney on 01223 205192.



## Forthcoming Events

Feb 15th Club run from Portland Arms  
Feb 15th Ely Hardriders TT @ Lt Downham  
Feb 16<sup>th</sup> Committee meeting  
Feb 22<sup>nd</sup> Final round of the Thetford MTB series at Brandon

## Mud Munchers Monthly

It was a glorious day, beautifully warm and dry....and then I woke up! It was actually a VERY cold and wet day in Tunstall. Despite this, there was still a good turnout for the 3<sup>rd</sup> round of the Whyte MTB winter series. There was an ill wind blowing, or maybe that was just the sheer cold! Anyway, we all (and by that



I mean all 4 of us) lined up on the wet start line to pedal round a gruelling course for 2 hours. Well, except me, who was not quite as mad as the others and was only doing the "fun" run (yeah right!). The best among us (i.e. Simon Bowden) managed 3 laps, with times of 44:49, 53:15 and 56:53. Champagne Charlie Tallack managed two laps, with times of 01:01:15 and 01:10:49, with his now recruited brother Mark Tallack managing two laps in 01:05:06 and 01:14:57. Meanwhile our very own El Stick managed a measly one lap in 01:13:55. The Log a.k.a Paul,

managed two laps in 00:56:37 and 01:15:32. Strangely, he tried to hide the shame (or should that be glory?) of being in TC Mud Munchers and has put himself in Team S.K.B.?? Anyway, bring on the next round (and some sun please!)

Report by Ian Millard

