



The official Team Cambridge Newsletter –January 2009
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Simon Bowden off to flying start!



Simon wins the first event of 2009. See race report on Page 5

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A Happy New Year to all.

That was the year that was!

January - The first 10m TT of the year, a good turn out of members and spectators. The event was won as usual by Alan Kidd in 25.58 This event also saw the road debut of juvenile member Peter Millard who completed his very first 10m TT in 49.19.

February – Simon Bowden was back to ride the third and final event in the TC MTB series taking maximum points. Paul Millard however clinched the series and gains enough points to win 'The Most Prestigious' trophy. MTBushrod was seen sloping of to hibernate for the summer!

One of the highlights of the year the Team Cambridge annual social was held very late in February, numbers were down slightly as a result. As usual a good time was had by all, once again Pauline surpassed herself by providing a stupendous meal. Cups and certificates were handed out by the club President Me!

March – The four juveniles all took part in various road races, the first one being held on a closed circuit at Milton Keynes. Best position was by Danielle (Yellie) Parker getting 3rd overall in her event (U10) and 1st girl.

April – The juveniles continued road racing on closed circuit events Yellie kept up her winning ways gaining 4 positions out of five events.

Shock defeat for Alan Kidd in the 1st event of the season, Trevor Kimber beat him by 2 seconds over one lap of the Newton circuit.

Alan & Betsy Kidd promoted their usual first class Open 25 on the Barton course, various club members were on hand to assist.



May – Alan Kidd was back to his winning ways in the evening 10's, Colette Millard's appeal for thermal socks fell on stony ground (The Spokesman front page)

June – The Ron Edwards memorial event was won by Alan Kidd in 23.47, and large number of club members either took part or were present at the race.

Ian Millard sets a new junior 30m TT record.

Trevor Avis wins the 25m TT handicap trophy.



July - Another Team Cambridge annual highlight is the summer social gathering. This year in a change from the usual BBQ Pauline assisted by Colette Millard provided a cold buffet which was well received by all. Once again Doug had erected three gazebos' to insure that members would keep dry in the likely event of rain. It did!!

Katy Parker shatters the juvenile U14 girls 10m TT record, on the new super fast Hardwick course with a time of 32.13.



August – The Team Cambridge open 10m TT promoted by Tony Clarke attracts a record number of riders, at least 64 entries were returned. Michael Hutchinson had set a new 50m comp record the previous week; and was hoping to lower the 10m record at this event. Unfortunately very heavy rain meant that Tony had to cancel the event after half-an-hour. The A11 was too dangerous to allow the event to continue.

September – The missing Guru comes out of hibernation ready for the forthcoming MTB season.



October – Another fine Alan Kidd promotion, his Autumn Open 10m TT on the Barton course. The event was won by Cambridge CC's Ken Platt's with a time of 23.16

Simon Bowden retained his hold on the Stuart Dingley Hillclimb trophy by another successful victory



November – The club entered a team for the Dusk to Dawn (D2D) race in Thetford Forest early in November. In spite of the torrential rain that came down during the event, the riders put up an excellent performance.

The first of the Thetford MTB series was held, Simon Bowden stormed into an early club lead ensuring that his name will be back on The Most Prestigious trophy early next year.

The AGM was held at the Perne Road Scout HQ as per normal, only a couple of slight changes were noted in the committee and officers. One notable announcement was the elevation of Doug & Pauline Parker to the ranks of Life Vice Presidents.



December – The second round of the Thetford MTB series took place, once again Simon Bowden dominated the points table taking maximum points for the TMP trophy. (the most prestigious)

Colette Millard produced another of her amazing quizzes which was won (again) by Sue Clarke



The Gentleman's Guide to Handlebar Bungs

What ho! The prospect of the dreaded inheritance tax making next season's grouse shooting a trifle less sporting than hitherto has forced one to consider a few economies in the domestic arena.

So it was then, while forsaking one's regular purveyor of Farrow & Ball to redecorate the stables for the humbler aisles of B&Q, I happened to lose one of one's handlebar bungs whilst trying to manhandle an oversized picture frame onto the crossbar of the trusty Ridgeback (it was the chauffeur's day off). Blast!

A quick trip to the Cycleries soon revealed that the bungs meant for an MTB were far beneath one's dignity and wouldn't fit, so something else was needed, and fast, before my tape unravelled like a badly tied dicky-bow. Luckily, due in part to my learning of the fashion among the lower middle classes for recycling, I'd managed to keep hold of one or two champagne corks from last Monday's supper. Just the ticket!

I now have a couple of shiny plastic Specialised bungs cluttering up my desk, while the bike now wears Tesco Premier Cru on one side and Cava on the other (it *was* a Monday, and we're supposed to be cutting back these days).

I'll let you know how these fare in due course, after some intensive testing. In the meantime, if someone fancies an opinion on any of the more reputable vintages on their handlebars, just supply a case or two, and I'll report back in a month or so.

Toodle Pip!

(Champagne) Charlie

Christmas Quiz Night

For what has been a tradition for many years, Colette Millard produced another of her masterpieces of a quiz. The usual format of picture puzzles and written questions applied, the maximum number of points on offer was 60. I scored Meg Kimber at 59 (I awarded her a Presidential bonus) but this was rumbled and once again Sue Clarke was announced as the winner, will she ever get beaten?



Right lets get started



Peter looking intelligent



Paul looking er ummjust looking



Doug's going to give me bonus points!



The Big Three!!



And the winner is.....

First Event of 2009

It was a dry dull morning but was also bitterly cold on Sunday 4th Jan as 8 riders lined up to face the two timekeepers Pauline and Angela Parker, assisted by Trevor Avis, with a fair number of spectators on hand for support. Trevor Kimber elected to be the turn marshal and cycled down to the turn. Riding tandem and off at No 5 was Charles & Christine Wilmetts, this was Christine's first time back in the racing saddle since the serious accident way back in 2007. Chris has still not made a full recovery, but it was great to see her back again! A blast from the past came along in the form of Pedroy Docherty (Roy to the uninitiated) He is not a member of a club these days so TC members were persuading him to re-join TC. There were no records set during the event, only Simon Bowden managed to break evens, everyone else struggled round in the bitter conditions. Juvenile member Peter Millard took over four minutes out of Katy Parker, who ended up practically suffering from hypothermia at the finish. Peter was seen climbing the hill in a style that reminded the three hillside spectators of his big brother Le Stick. Full results were :-

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|--------------------|----------------|-------|------------------|----------------|-------|
| 1. Simon Bowden | Team Cambridge | 29.10 | 5. Tony Clarke | Team Cambridge | 32.50 |
| 2. C & C Willmetts | Team Cambridge | 30.37 | 6. Sue Clarke | Team Cambridge | 34.19 |
| 3. Derek Bailey | Ely CC | 30.50 | 7. Peter Millard | Team Cambridge | 43.08 |
| 4. Sue Rogers | Crest CC | 31.30 | 8. Katy Parker | Team Cambridge | 47.12 |



Peter Millard



Katy Parker



Sue Clarke



Tony Clarke



Sue Rogers



Derek Bailey



Christine & Charlie Willmetts



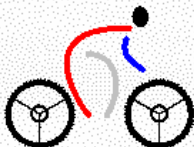


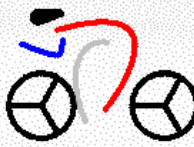

Forthcoming Events

Jan 16th Team Cambridge Roller Racing - Portland Arms 7.00pm

Jan 25th MTB Round III – Rendelsham Forest

Feb 7th Team Cambridge Annual Social Places still available closing date Jan 19th!!

Feb 16th Committee meeting – Perne Road 830pm

<h2>Team Cambridge Roller Racing</h2>	
   The Portland Arms 	<h3>Fri 16th Jan 2009 @ The Portland Arms</h3> <p>Rollapaluzza Roller Racing is coming to The Portland Arms, Cambridge, for a Team Cambridge event generously sponsored by Ben Hayward Cycles.</p> <p>Unsure what Roller Racing is? Check out the Rollapaluzza web site which has loads of information. Their press page includes a recent Cycling Plus article and a couple of mentions in Cycling Weekly. For those people looking for that extra edge there's also the December 10th 2007 episode of the BikeShow entitled "How to Win at Roller-Racing".</p> <p>Race format: 2 hours of qualifying sprints followed by 2 hours head to head knockout with both men's and women's competitions. The cost is £10 per rider and spectators are free (but still need a ticket). Racing to commence promptly at 7pm - please wear club colours.</p> <p>To book your ride or to get some spectator tickets please contact rollerracing@team-cambridge.co.uk</p> <p>All proceeds go to the Arthur Rank House.</p>  Arthur Rank House

..... and for those who have yet to send their membership form, one is attached please complete and send to the Membership Secretary Ian Millard.

And Finally

It's Hello from Him! - Introducing Rossi

Most of you know how much we missed poor old Sophie when she died in August 2007, you will all recollect that we did say 'no more dogs'. Well we have another one now, but this time we are fostering him for about 12-14 months. Pauline has been accepted to be Puppy Walker with the Guide Dogs for the Blind Association. During this period of time she will train him in all aspects of life i.e. getting used to sights and sounds that a dog will encounter when working with a visually impaired person. He will be introduced to buses, trains, shopping centres cafes and restaurants. She also has to give him basic obedience training with the usual dog commands Come, Sit, Down, Stay etc etc. He will go on to intensive training towards the end of this year or early 2010.

One of the most important aspects is to socialise him with other dogs and people including children of all ages. Like Sophie he will be attending the club night on a Monday and will come to some of the Wednesday evening races. One thing we must ask of people is not to feed him any biscuits etc he is not allowed any human food. Also you will note how much more lively he is than Sophie ever was; please do not throw things for him to chase!! Guide dogs are not allowed to chase anything, but he does like a fuss, so at this early stage in his training feel free to stroke and pat him as much as you like.



Rossi (at 7 ½ weeks)

(Since this was drafted Rossi is bigger and 2kg heavier)

For more information on Guide Dogs refer to the web site below.



Team Cambridge Membership Application Form 2009

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.

2009 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)	£7.00		
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 CTT.

(2) Orders for Handbooks will be taken until 16th January 2009. After this, order direct from the CTT.

Please send the completed form to:

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