



The official Team Cambridge Newsletter – February 2010
(Incorporating Mud Munchers Monthly)
(Incorporating Tarmac Terriers Tribune)
(Incorporating Angie’s Antics)

Shock Horror – Sue Clarke beaten in TC Quiz



Whippersnapper takes first prize (but he is at uni y'know)

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Christmas Quiz

Only a handful of members made the effort to attend the club on what is undoubtedly one of the highlights of the year. The raging blizzards didn't deter the Parker tribe, the mud munching Millard's the Clarke's and even the old MTB, were amongst the attendee's. As usual the club provided some of the party nibbles, while members also brought a contribution. There was even one of Sue's famous Christmas cakes, something that we have not seen for a couple of years or so.

When the scores were added up to everyone's amazement Ian Millard was declared the winner, probably only the second time in the club's history that Sue has not won it!!



MTB Winter Series Round VI

There was a shock at the third round for Team Cambridge's 'Most Prestigious' Simon Bowden was beaten into second place by Kevin Parker! Perhaps the three weeks Christmas holiday in New Zealand had something to do with it. But Simon did win the early New Year 10m TT (see page 3) with one race remaining, the points now stand as per:-

1	Kevin Parker	59
2	Charles Tallack	54
3	Paul Millard	52
4	Simon Bowden	39
5	Mark Tallack	37

New Year 10m TT Jan 10th

It was a cold and wet January...

Hang on, it was a cold January morning but the riders were all queuing up to sign the overfull sheet stuffed to the gunnels with names of people desperate to greet the New Year with a 10 mile time trial.

Let me begin that again, it was 10am on January 10th, the roads were clear of snow, when the Millard's pulled onto the roadside ready to time keep and ride the New Year's Bottisham 10 mile time trial and there was **1** rider in sight. (Apart from the racing secretary, that is!).

Kevin Parker was eagerly awaiting a time keeper and signing on board to greet the new cycling year but with only two riders was it really worth them racing. Just as we were contemplating going back somewhere very warm (like maybe my fridge) another rider was spotted haring down the road already warmed up and on his cycle. Three riders...now we had a race on, now there was no thought of cancelling!

So we had three riders, Kevin Parker off first, followed by Simon Bowden and then Paul Millard. After Kevin set off, rumour has it that Paul thought the race should be called off and everyone should go home, but Simon wouldn't let him chicken out...I mean, go home. So off the riders went, leaving Papa Rat See to record them for posterity and the timekeepers to check times, with Peter & Ian (yes see, even the student made it out of bed in time to cheer from the roadside) as almost willing supporters. It wasn't long before the ranks of supporters were doubled with the arrival of Chris and Charles Willmets ready to cheer on the myriads of riders. I haven't been to many Team Cambridge races where the supporters outnumbered the riders...Tour de France races yes, Team Cambridge races no.

Having stamped our feet for a short while and exchanged new year greetings, and just as I was beginning to think my toes had dropped off we spied a rider in the distance. Ian & Peter together with Frosty (see the photo) cheered Simon over the line in a time of 30.06 minutes, followed quickly by Kevin in 32.38 minutes and finally Paul came in recording 33.58 minutes.



I'm talking to the racing secretary to see if we can sort out the New Year's race for next year, I think maybe some time in July should be warm enough and failing that a new year in Australia. If the club can't run to tickets there then maybe I can at least have thermal socks!



Simon Bowden 30.46



Kevin Parker 32.28



Paul Millard 33.58

As usual, Pauline and Colette did a fantastic job timing the riders, standing around for over half an hour waiting for them! Even George (the snowman) turned up! Shame on those of you who didn't turn up!

Report by Colette & Ian Millard



Well someone has to do it!!!!



Can we go home now?

Champagne Charlie's Column

Good news, eh, what? Now that they tell us the recession is supposed to be over, we don't have to pretend to economise on the old fizz – such a bore having to ask one's man to reserve a corner of the cellar for non-vintage stuff to serve to the shooting parties...

Charlie's done a Jeffrey!

Regrets to all those who missed a freezing cold foray in the woods on Dec 30th. Thankfully li'l bruvver turned up on the dot of 10.42 a.m. complete with 29er, single speed, mud tyres and all.

And a modicum of riding skill, which enabled him to ride in and out of Howe's pit and me to follow him in, go over the bars and land on my right shoulder blade. Nothing more serious than a torn muscle but the circuit training is going to be that bit harder after missing a week or two...

As I lack Jeffrey's trans-global fame, the paparazzi were not on hand to record the incident. Suffice to say that the trajectory was similar but the size of the crater rather larger! Thanks Mark (again), for seeing me back to the car park and getting my bike onto the rack.

New Year's Resolution #1

Either learn to do drop-offs properly, or stick to the chicken run!

Proper Cycling?

Reflecting on the outgoing year, it dawned on me that I'd managed to spend a bit of time chasing trees on the mtb, a bit slogging between roundabouts with my nose on the handlebars of the TT bike, but not much actually going anywhere. This includes a definite reduction in commuting trips and no charity rides, audaxes or sportives at all!

Luckily, one of my birthday presents was a book about the National Cycle Network, with route guides etc. It had occurred to me a while ago that a decent objective would be to cover as much of the NCN as possible, giving the ideal pretext for a short or long ride and a modest and inexpensive adventure. Whereas Tony & Sue would probably knock this off in a fortnight (there are over 10,000 miles to cover!), I intend to take a while longer...

New Year's Resolution #2

As Eddie Merckx may have said, "Just Ride Lots"

Happy New Year to you all!

(Champagne) Charlie

Angie's Antics

Angie was very much involved with fund raising with other guide Dogs during December. Between them they earned nearly £3,000 pounds over two weekends. There is no doubt that having puppies at a collection definitely help to swell the coffers. It was not all work, Angie managed to get some free runs with her little pals, Rosa and Marinka . One day a lady came by and had to ask what kind of dogs they were, as both of them (A&M) were very black. Like all dogs Angie really enjoyed playing in the snow.



In the bath



Watching Shaun the Sheep

Team Cambridge Annual Social Evening

The Team Cambridge 20th anniversary social evening and awards ceremony will be held on Saturday 20th February 2010 starting at 7.30pm. Once again the venue will be at Doug & Pauline's house in Longstanton. The price will be £10 per person inclusive of drinks. If you would like to attend please fill in the form below and return it to Pauline together with a cheque (payable to Team Cambridge) by **Monday 8th February 2010**

Send it to Pauline Parker: - 13 Colesfield, Longstanton, Cambs, CB24 3BW, telephone 01954 780470 or even book by Email.

Name(s) _____

No of tickets _____ Vegetarian Y/N _____

I enclose a cheque for £ _____ (Payable to Team Cambridge)



Obituary

It is with sadness that I report the passing of the hamster known alternately as “Andrew”, “Hammy”, “Snowy”, “Roadkill”, “Lucky”, “Sumo”, “Sooty” or “It’s not staying!”, depending on your point of view.



He had a successful and some would say charmed career as the mascot of the world famous all conquering Team Cambridge Mud Hamstering race team, inspiring them to within a hair’s breadth of victory at the unforgettable Dusk2Dawn race of 2009.

His rise to fame began in September 2009, when he was found in the middle of the road at the dodgy end of Balsham. Following his rescue in a lunchbag, he took up residence with my son’s friend and neighbour George, who duly became his manager and PR secretary in spite of his Dad’s initial protests. He passed away just after Christmas, possibly justifying his previous owner’s claim that he was “a bit past it”.

He will no doubt be sadly missed, and it will be something of a miracle if Team Cambridge Mud Hamstering will be able to maintain their legendary form and fitness for the coming season without his inspired and charismatic leadership.

So, “Stuff your cheeks, and ride ‘till sunrise!”

(Champagne) Charlie

(Was there a minutes silence at the MTB event on 24th Jan?..Ed)

Membership Reminder

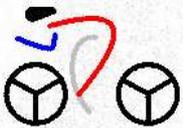
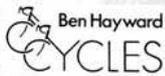
Just to remind all members that haven’t renewed their membership for 2010, that the existing membership will expire on 31st January along with your access to bikemates@team-cambridge.co.uk To rectify this situation please send your completed membership form and a cheque to

Trevor Kimber
36 Worcester Avenue
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Forthcoming Events

February 12th Roller Racing Bottisham 7.00pm
February 15th Committee meeting Perne Rd 8.30pm
February 20th Annual Social Longstanton 7.30pm
February 28th MTB Winter Series Round VI at Rendelsham Forest (refer to TC web site)

Team Cambridge Roller Racing



Rollapaluzza Roller Racing Fri 12th February 2010 The Royal British Legion Bottisham, Cambridge

After the success of our [2009 event Rollapaluzza](#) are coming back to Cambridge for another [Ben Hayward Cycles](#) sponsored Team Cambridge event. This time we're at [The Royal British Legion, Bottisham](#), with room for 50 riders and 100 spectators.

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 £5 for spectators. Racing to commence promptly at 7pm.

To book your ride contact rollerracing@team-cambridge.co.uk Spectators pay on the door.

All proceeds go to the Arthur Rank House.



Arthur Rank House

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".

The Royal British Legion 31 Downing Close, Bottisham, Cambridge, [CB25 9DD](#) 01223 812063



Team Cambridge Membership Application Form 2010



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.

2010 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		

(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 18th January 2010. After this date they can be ordered direct from CTT.

Total (Payable to Team Cambridge)

£

Please send the completed form to:

Trevor Kimber, 36 Worcester Close, Hardwick, CB23 7XG

Email: membership@team-cambridge.co.uk Phone: (01954) 212937