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Trevor Avis Wins 25 mile Handicap Championship

In a close fought race Trevor A just pips
Trevor K for 1st Place



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A race to remember

It was a cool yet sunny morning when I woke up at around 6am on Saturday the 21st June, preparing for my first ever '30', and my second ever open event.

The event was the Hertfordshire Wheelers George Middleton Memorial '30' on the F2A/30, which was three laps of the F2/10 course. The race started fairly late; I was second off at 7:43 am, due to the lack of entries (only 15 started on the day) so I was a bit more awake than I was at 6am.



The race started off well, and I was soon onto the A428 and doing about 18-20mph average, which I managed to maintain throughout the majority of the race. About half way round, the drizzle started, which made it feel very cold, but in a weird way, I felt better for it and somehow it made the race feel easier than I thought it would have been. I was managing to maintain the 18-20mph average speed until it started raining, at which point my bike computer failed, so I had no idea how fast I was going! This, however, did not prove to be a problem, as it still had the clock on it, so I knew what time it was and roughly how far I had gone, so I could guesstimate at my speed (have a rough guess).

Mum and Peter were there yelling 'keep yer head down' and 'well done keep going' amongst other shouts of encouragement (at least, that's what I think they were!). I rode up the final slip road off the A428 and turned left to finish the course and met up with Dad at the finish line. We rode back to the HQ in a heavy drizzle and became increasingly colder, but we eventually reached the HQ to find Mum and Peter waiting with hot tea and biscuits, kindly provided by Janet, who was doing the catering all by herself.

The times were posted and..... 1hr 36min 22 sec which I was impressed by considering it was my first '30'. I managed a personal best time, although quite by default as it was my first '30'! I also managed to set a club record, again by default as it was the first '30' time trial done by an Under-18 in Team Cambridge.

Dad finished in 1hr 25min and 36sec and won the handicap prize with a handicap time of 57min 51sec, which he was quite pleased with. We would have won the team prize (Michael Stanley 1.51.02 was racing as well), but as we were the only team, there was no prize!

All in all, it was a good ride and I was pleased with the time I did, as well as setting a PB and a club record, so I was happy with the result, despite the not-quite-so-nice weather conditions.

Ian Millard



Tarmac Terriers Tribune

Whitewebbs CC 25m TT 15th June F1b/25

In an event that was won by Sam Barker (Planet X) in 52.54 in cold winter like conditions, once again three club members faced the time keeper. Alan Kidd did a creditable ride of 59.16 while Tony Clarke rode to a 1.06.41 finish. Meanwhile Sue Clarke completed the 25 miles in 1.12.18. Second claim Nick Jackson (CCC) did a 58.33.

VTTA (East Anglia) 10m TT June 21st E2/10

Mid summers day and there was a drizzle all morning (so what's new about British summers?) the usual trio of club riders were present Alan Kidd did a good ride of 22.13 while Tony Clarke rode to a finish in 24.45, meanwhile Sue Clarke completed the 10 miles in 25.54 the event winner was not recorded.

Ely & Dist CA 100m TT June 28th B100/4

This course covers four laps of a 26mile circuit, there was strong westerly wind which seemed to get stronger with every lap completed. Tony Clarke was the only club rider on the start sheet, and he pushed a 43x21 gear on some parts of the last lap. His time of 4.53.26 was his slowest 100 miles for a number of years, (all Tony needs now is a 12hr under the belt to claim the Team Cambridge BBAR) The winner was Lee Bark (Stowmarket Dist CC) with a time of 4.4.37

ECCA 50m TT 18th June E2/50B

The only club rider on the start sheet for this potentially fast 50 was rewarded a PB by 4min 14secs for his efforts. Trevor Kimber was well pleased with his time of 2.09.44; he reported that it was breezy going out but very fast on the return leg. Ian Cammish (Planet X) was over two minutes faster than his nearest rival with a time of 1.45.44; this was done riding a fixed wheel!

Leo RC 30m TT 28th June

A strong breeze to the turn was noted by the riders which produced a very fast return leg, Alan Kidd made the most of this and completed the 30 miles in 1.12.53 to take 13th position overall. The two Trevor's were also on the start sheet with Trevor K just piping Trevor A by 48 seconds. Trevor K was 23rd overall in 1.16.05, while Trevor A was 25th in 1.16.53. The event winner was Barry Charlton (Lyne RC) in 1.03.22.



Trevor K



Trevor A



Alan K

Preston Wheelers 50m TT 22nd June

Trevor and Meg made the long haul 'up north' to visit Meg's brother (Gethin Butler) and his family, whilst in the area Trev decided to enter a local 50 mile TT just to see what he could do on a foreign course. The event winner Paul Shallicker (Lancs RC) normally completes a 50 around a time of 1.45, in this event even he was hard pushed to win with a time of 2.02.52 due to the very inclement weather. Our intrepid traveller recorded a time of 2.21.13, saying that it was one of the hardest events that he has ever ridden. Only twenty five riders finished the race.

Wolsey Road Club 25m TT 13th July B25/24C

This event incorporated the Pat Pepper memorial trophy which was presented to fastest lady rider. Sue Clarke was specifically asked by Mick Pepper if she would enter the event. There was a chilly start to the day but at least it was still and dry. Sue took the third lady position with a time of 1.10.12 meanwhile Tony Clarke the only other club rider on the start sheet did 1.06.02. The event was won by Lee Bark (Stowmarket & Dist CC) in 54.07

Victoria CC 10m TT 19th July E1/10A

Four Team Cambridge riders on the start sheet for this event, on a wet (start) and very windy morning. Simon Bowden riding a rare open event produced the clubs best time of 26.01, followed by Tony Clarke in 27.52. Sue Clarke was a few seconds behind with a time of 28.41. The event was won by A.Stapleton (Chelmer CC) in 22.59. The fourth Team Cambridge rider Dave Earle was a DNS

Verulam CC 25m TT 20th July F2A/25

Based on a two lap circuit on the new Hardwick/Caxton Gibbet course this has the potential to be a fast course. There was a strong chilly westerly wind which made times a bit slow. Tony and Sue Clarke were on the start sheet in spite of attending the TC social function the previous day. Tony did say that he would don a number on his back but will make little pretence to actual racing! He finished with a time of 1.07.35 with Sue completing the 25 miles in 1.13.09. Ian Cammish (Planet X) won the event in 53.32.

Team Cambridge - Club Events.

18th June Still on the Bottisham course for this 10m championship event. Once again Alan Kidd proved that he is on top form by winning the trophy in 24.00 followed by Trevor Avis with a time of 25.23. Simon Denny was third in 25.39. As usual full results are on the Team Cambridge web site.

25th June Another milestone in the list of club events with this 25m handicap event. Trevor Avis claimed his first trophy in a number of years by taking top slot in handicap time and also real time.

1.	Trevor Avis	47.30	5.	Simon Denny	49.18
2.	Trevor Kimber	47.59	6.	Jeremy Greer	49.42
3.	Simon Bowden	48.37	7.	Charles Tallack	50.38
4.	Kevin Parker	48.50	8.	Ian Millard	52.57

Alan Kidd rode a 2-up with Tom Platts (CCC)

July 2nd Back to the Barton course for this event, which was won as usual by Alan Kidd in 24.54 followed by Simon Denny in 25.21, this time Tony Clarke was third with his time of 26.58. Katy Parker set a new Juvenile girls record of 34.16, on what she claims is her least favourite course!

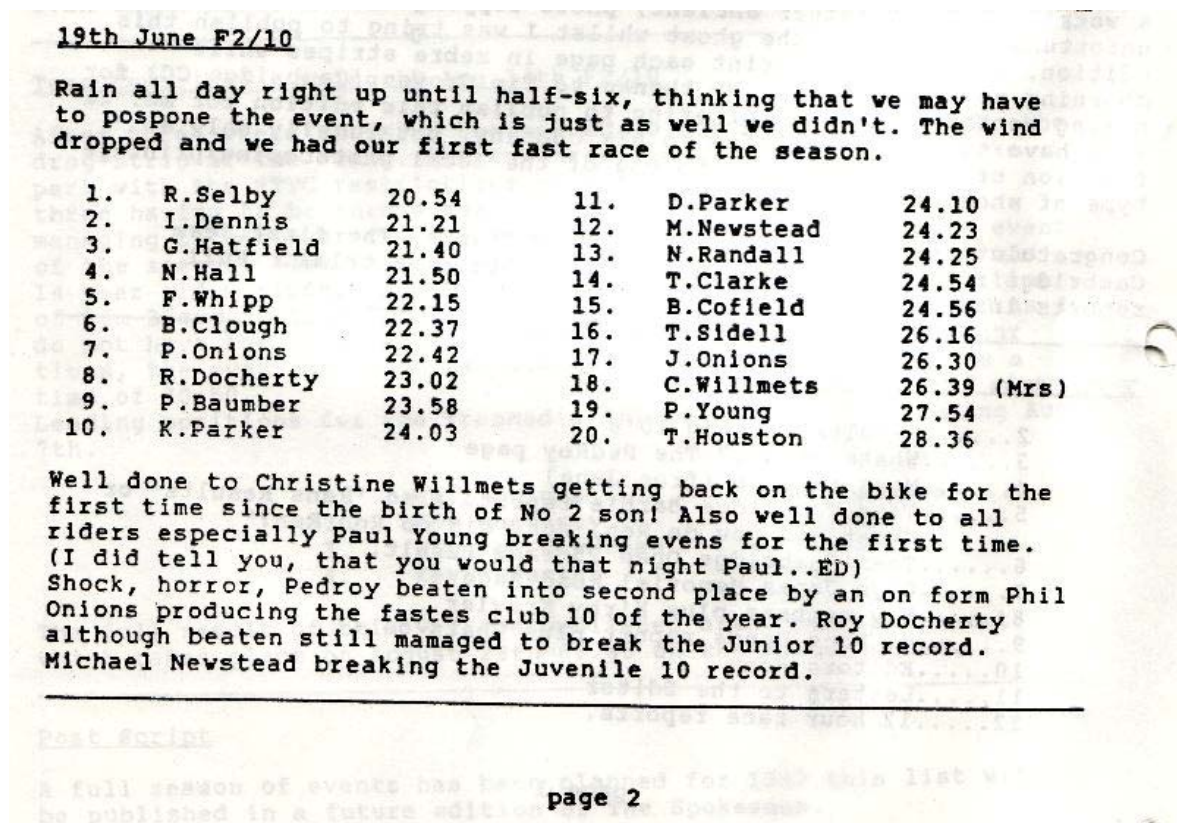
July 9th This event was cancelled due to inclement weather, the first event this season!

Forthcoming Events

- July 28th** Committee meeting 20.30 Perne Road
Aug 2nd Team Cambridge Open 10m TT 14.00 offers of help to Tony Clarke please
Oct 5th Team Cambridge Open 10m TT 08.15 offers of help to Alan Kidd please
- Aug** There will no club meetings at the Perne Road scout hut during this month, however if members want to continue with the club rides then use the club web site contact clubrun@team-cambridge.co.uk to arrange it.

A Blast from the Past

The following item from the archives of The Spokesman is dated June 1991, please note the Presidents time of 24.10 just proving that he did ride reasonably well a few years ago. The course was based on the old super fast A45 Histon to Quy road. (now the awful A14)



Pedroy was the nickname for Roy Docherty based on the famous Pedro Delgado!

Team Cambridge – Social Event July 19th

It was a dark and stormy night.....no it wasn't let's begin again.

The weather was as good as could be expected for a British summer and there was hardly a drop of rain to be seen (despite predictions!) when a large number of Team Cambridge members and families gathered at President Parker's for the Summer Social.

The Parkers had been busy the previous week erecting various gazebos to keep all the guests sheltered and dry and had raided every possible corner for enough chairs for nearly 40 guests.

There were more than 10 children there and despite the fact that some had never met before it was commented that we hardly saw them, they were off in the playing field



playing happily. Indeed Ian Membership Secretary Millard spent all of Sunday evening complaining his muscles ached from all of the cricket he had played!

The spread was, as always, a real feast with something for everyone. The only thing that didn't really get eaten was the green stuff (salad)-and I thought cyclists were a healthy



bunch. Everybody enjoyed the chocolate slice- there wasn't so much as a crumb left, or of the cheesecake or the roulade or even the strawberry layer.

The drink went down well too with wonderful local ale from the Milton Brewery. It was noted that Alan didn't make many visits to the beer until someone pointed out that he had a gopher collecting his beer for him! I hope everyone cycling home after their few pints made it safely, but I'm sure some must have travelled further than necessary weaving along the road.

The Social finally ended at about 10.30pm when the last stragglers finally left after thanking Pauline & Doug very much for a wonderful time.

Report by Colette Millard



With many thanks to Colette for her assistance with some of the catering!!