

## ***The Team Cambridge Newsletter – September 2010***

*(incorporating Mud Munchers Monthly, the Tarmac Terriers Tribune and a load of other stuff)*

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# **Teenage Tearaways Terrorise Tarmac!**

## ***A perfect Ten!***

This year's juvenile TT campaign has been dominated by Miss Katie Parker, scoring ten points in eight qualifying rides to sweep the board. Not only that, she went on to score ten points in a further four races and eight points on one occasion, only missing one event.

Meanwhile, Peter (Twiglet) Millard's competitive instinct is developing with every race, scoring a clutch of 9's and a couple of 10's to finish the season on 74 points.

Last, but not least, is Danielle (Yellie) Parker, who doesn't let her tender age put her off battling for every point, and even cheekily beating big sis when a puncture slowed her on 21<sup>st</sup> July.

We haven't seen so much of Sam this season, but perhaps next year?

*As all the juvenile contestants broke their personal best times on several occasions this season, next year will be a competition worth watching. Watch out, some of you oldies...*

## ***A bit late, this one...***



A belated Happy Birthday to Katie and Sam - this pic was taken on 7<sup>th</sup> July when they celebrated their joint birthday in style - at the side of the road at Bottisham.

Not sure why granddad Dougie isn't looking so cheerful, but perhaps they're standing on his toes?

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## ***Cyclists in Mass Friday Skive Shocker!***

*(by our own very excitable hack)*

Motorists across the East of England on September 17<sup>th</sup> were stunned to find their lawful progress on the highways rendered somewhat confusing by hordes of shirking cyclists, high on coffee and home-made cakes, standing on the roadside in some kind of mass demonstration.

Productivity in firms was slashed by several percent as employees stayed away in hundreds. Ministers at the Department for Culture, Media, and Sport were at a loss to explain the occurrence, but released a statement saying that as far as they knew there were no football fixtures in Suffolk on a Friday and perhaps these people were turning up for the 2012 Olympics a bit early?

## **Tarmac Terriers' Tribune – Race Results**

(by our very own high priest of pedalling, Tony Clarke)

ECCA 10

E2/10

7<sup>th</sup> August

“Showers were forecast but we stayed dry for the event, despite big black clouds blowing past to the North of the course. There was a brisk SW wind that made the outward leg quite slow but did not seem to give much assistance on the way back. As with all ECCA events, there were a lot of people at the HQ to chat to, so it made for a nice afternoon.



<b>Sue Clarke</b>	<b>Team Cambridge</b>	<b>27:59</b>	Nick Jackson	Cambridge CC	21:41
<b>Tony Clarke</b>	<b>Team Cambridge</b>	<b>26:20</b>	Ron Back	West Suffolk Wh.	25:11
Eric Angell	Redbridge CC	26:04	Derek Bailey	Ely & DCC	24:47
Peter Horsnell	Chelmer CC	27:44	<b>Alan Kidd</b>	<b>Team Cambridge</b>	<b>??</b>

Finsbury Park C.C. Open 25

F1/25

8<sup>th</sup> August

“It was quite a murky morning as we arrived, but by the time I started the sun was beginning to come out to produce a fairly nice morning, but there was quite a significant wind from the North. I did not seem to be able to get my pulse rate up and finished with quite a slow, even for me. Perhaps I am less fit than I think and two events in the weekend is too much? I did not see Trevor Avis as he was off a lot later than me, but he did a good time and nearly beat Alan Kidd.

Dave Jones	Cambridge CC	1:13:53	Sam Barker (winner)	Planet X RT	51:42 ()
<b>Tony Clarke</b>	<b>Team Cambridge</b>	<b>1:08:07</b>	<b>Trevor Avis</b>	<b>Team Cambridge</b>	<b>1:00:23</b>
<b>Alan Kidd</b>	<b>Team Cambridge</b>	<b>1:00:03</b>	Eric Angell	Redbridge CC	1:04:20
Nick Jackson	Cambridge CC	55:31	Peter Balls	West Suffolk Wheelers	52:18

VTTA 10

E2/10

14<sup>th</sup> August

“The forecast was for heavy thundery showers but it was wrong again. Sue and I got a bit wet as we rode out and there was another light shower just after we started which made me a bit hesitant as I do not like damp roads. The wind was from the East and I got to the turn in a reasonable time and thought I would pay for it on the way back, but I got back in approximately the same time. We were off near the beginning and whilst we had the showers, the later starters had a much stronger wind but no rain. The later riders certainly appeared to be a bit slower.

<b>Sue Clarke</b>	<b>Team Cambridge</b>	<b>26:19</b>	John Iszatt	API Metrow	21:57
<b>Alan Kidd</b>	<b>Team Cambridge</b>	<b>22:32</b>	Nick Jackson	Cambridge CC	21:28
<b>Tony Clarke</b>	<b>Team Cambridge</b>	<b>25:11</b>	Peter Baumber	Cambridge CC	25:52
Peter Horsnell	Chelmer CC	26:26	Bernard Smith	Kettering CC	28:21
Jan Ertner	Cambridge CC	22:45	Eric Angell	Redbridge CC	25:16
Angus Jardine (winner)	Ipswich BC	20:59	Merv Player	Herts Wheelers	25:26
Derek Bailey	Ely & DCC	24:47			

Team Sanjan Design 10

F2A/10

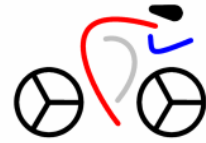
21<sup>st</sup> August

“A strong Southerly wind buffeted us from the side on both legs of the event. It made riding in a straight line difficult, especially when entering or leaving the shelter of the trees. The event was well organised though with a good selection of cakes in Comberton Village Hall to help the usual post-race chat.

Peter Baumber	Cambridge CC	27:31	Derek Bailey	Ely & DCC	26:53
Merv Player	Herts Wheelers	27:21	Tony Clarke	Team Cambridge	27:13
Ron Back	West Suffolk Wh.	25:40	Sue Clarke	Team Cambridge	28:39
Ashley Cox (winner)	Team Corley	20:12	Dominic Whitehead	29 <sup>th</sup> Wheelers	26:05
Jan Ertner	Cambridge CC	23:40	Colin Whitechurch	Ely & DCC	25:38
Nick Jackson	Cambridge CC	21:39	Sam Barker	Planet X	20:58
Alan Kidd	Team Cambridge	23:29	Richard O'Rourke	Fritch Chrono	20:40



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Victoria/ Ciclos Uno/PCA/ Pro-Lite CC

E1/10A

28th August

“The Open 10 was won by the current Under-23 World Time Trial Champion, Alex Dowsett, with 19:47 for 10.2 miles on a chilly morning with a brisk northwest wind. The wind blew across the course so both out and back legs alternated between fast and slow as the road twisted. Alex Dowsett’s time really puts our rides into perspective. Alan Kidd and Nick Jackson were fastest of both Vets and Open 2-up section.

<b>Nick Jackson/ Alan Kidd</b>		<b>23:27</b>	John Iszatt (fixed)	API Metrow	24:43
Peter Baumber	Cambridge CC	28:17	Brian Phillips	East Grinstead CC	22:45
<b>Tony Clarke</b>	<b>Team Cambridge</b>	<b>28:30</b>	Richard Glover	Cambridge CC	25:40
<b>Sue Clarke</b>	<b>Team Cambridge</b>	<b>30:23</b>	Peter Horsnell	Chelmer CC	29:33
Mary Horsnell	Chelmer CC	40:18	Alex Dowsett (winner)	Trek Livestrong	19:47

Norland TT Combine

F14/25

4<sup>th</sup> September

“I entered this as it made a nice change from chasing up and down dual carriageways. The course was two laps of a circuit based on Guilden Morden. A surprise entry was Ben Hallam, who has not been seen for some considerable time. Apparently he packed up racing and has been to university. He has also got a girlfriend, Cecile Charrier, who was riding her first cycle race. Despite Ben’s claims not to be fit, he still managed a good time of 1:01:42. His father Stuart has had a motorbike crash and has now decided to start cycling again. It will be nice to see them all at events again.

Merv Player	Herts Wheelers	1:09:03	Helen Eborall	VC Rutland	1:06:48
Ben Hallam	Wyndy Milla	1:01:42	Julia Ertner	Cambridge CC	1:14:30
Nick Jackson	Cambridge CC	59:01	Richard Glover	Cambridge CC	1:03:48
<b>Tony Clarke</b>	<b>Team Cambridge</b>	<b>1:11:05</b>	Jonathan Shubert (winner)	Verulam CC	57:04
Jan Ertner	Cambridge CC	1:04:21			

Cambridge CC John Brown Memorial 25

E33/25

11<sup>th</sup> September

“A strong SW wind made this quite a hard afternoon, but I was a bit shocked to be caught for 18 minutes in a 25 until I realised it was David McClean. Nick Jackson was let down by 2 of the 3 sets of marshals so Team Cambridge helped out. Sue had pulled a muscle in her leg so was riding round the course in the opposite direction when Nick asked her to marshal Six Mile Bottom. A deputy was found for Stetchworth roundabout too. Consequently it was only the first three riders who discovered that there were no marshals. I am proud to say that this sort of thing does not happen in Team Cambridge promotions!

Nick Jackson	Cambridge CC	58:05
<b>Tony Clarke</b>	<b>Team Cambridge</b>	<b>1:11:55</b>
Merv Player	Herts Wheelers	1:08:03
<b>Sue Clarke</b>	<b>Team Cambridge</b>	<b>DNS</b>
Jan Ertner	Cambridge CC	1:04:04
Helen Eborall	VC Rutland	1:05:33
Peter Baumber	Cambridge CC	1:11:48
Martin Reynolds	Cambridge CC	1:00:12
Julia Ertner	Cambridge CC	1:14:33
David McClean (winner)	Team Fresca	53:47
Colin Davies	Cambridge CC	1:04:25
David Vickery	Cambridge CC	1:06:42



*(Ed: surely the promoter should have the option to pull his own club’s riders out of the race in order to provide the required number of marshals? Those who volunteer are the key to continued racing on public roads.)*

ECCA 10

E2/10

25<sup>th</sup> September

Your editor writes:- “Windy? – I should say so! The forecast was for 18mph gusts from the northwest and it proved to be the case. Having lost a stone since my previous essay a year ago, I was hoping to finish the season with a time that would justify entering for a club standard next year. However, the wind knocked be back (and sideways) to the extent that my time was quicker, but by a disappointing 28 seconds. The last half mile was fully exposed to the crosswind, and the next morning I found that my head bearings had worked loose from wrestling with the bike! I was shocked to read the times on the board until someone patiently explained that they were the handicap results...

Will Mangar	Ingear Quickvit RT	20:19	Nick Jackson	Cambridge CC	21:30
Peter Baumber	CambridgeCC	26:42	Peter Horsnell	Chelmer CC	28:11
Ken Platts	Cambridge CC	20:39	<b>Charles Tallack</b>	<b>Team Cambridge</b>	<b>26:02</b>
Andrew Strickland	Cambridge CC	21:27	Dave Vickery	CambridgeCC	??

Lea Valley 30

E1/30

26<sup>th</sup> September

Your editor writes:- “My first 30 and my first two-event weekend. It was gusty and it pissed down with rain, but I thoroughly enjoyed the ride. The prospect of racing on the A505 was admittedly quite daunting, but early in the morning it wasn’t actually too bad. It was disappointing to find that nearly half the entrants decided to stay in bed, especially as the incomparable cosiness of the Club Hut was enhanced by the bacon sarnies on offer. There were lots of marshals out in the rain, possibly more than the riders. Nick Jackson came in a while after I’d finished, like a drowned fisherman dropped off by the coastguard. I didn’t get his time but no doubt it was still as quick as ever. The road was as good as any and on a dry day this would be a great ride.

<b>Charles Tallack</b>	<b>Team Cambridge</b>	<b>1:27:39</b>	Adam French	East London Velo	1:11:40
Rob Young	Ingear Quickvit RT	1:07:56	Richard O’Rourke	Flitch Chrono	1:06:07
Murat Ozdenya	Flitch Chrono	1:09:30	Nick Jackson	Cambridge CC	?

## Mud Munchers’ Monthly

Look out all you tarmac warriors, next month is likely to see more mud-slinging than a Labour Party leadership contest. Our supreme Muddy Nutter, captain Kev, has been commissioned on pain of death to produce not one, not two but possibly three articles, with photos and amusing captions for the benefit and amusement of you, gentle readers.

And Simon, Paul and Steve have kindly volunteered to help – isn’t that kind! We would have asked Andy Hamster™, but we couldn’t give him a pen and paper in case he hurt himself.

And if anyone wonders why Kev likes to ride in a forest with the lights out, this is it...



### **Diary of an Office Bike, Part 2 (Who needs a reason?)**

Back by popular demand, the literary equivalent of a loose cotter pin...

#### Monday 1<sup>st</sup> February

32lb, telephones 0, vans 0, miles on bike 3½ .

First official day in new office, having returned hired van and avoided lethally icy roads by cycling cross-country, thereby avoiding being flattened by out-of-control Audis and BMWs as they cartwheel into the ditches. Am greeted by new phone lines defunct and spend the rest of the day haranguing BT. Ridgeback stays parked in the hall downstairs for most of the week but landlord doesn’t complain, thankfully.



### Saturday 9th February

3lb, spokes 71 (plus one broken), nipples 74 (count 'em!), miles on bike 15 .

Realisation of my wheel building ambition is satisfied, having neglected domestic tasks and escaped into garage. Having spent 1 hour dismantling donor wheel, the impending kick-off at Twickenham forces a daring move into the lounge with a tub of bits and newspaper to protect the carpet.

Half-time score: figuring out the three-cross pattern leads to frequent trips to the garage to refer to intact wheel. It's amazing how many mistakes are made with a seemingly logical task, although a playful dog and the rugby on TV don't help.

Full time. England 30, Wales 17. One wheel fully laced but wobbly. Truing and tensioning will have to wait for another day, before Shazza hits the road again.

### Sunday Umpteenth February

Spokes 36 (first, second and third attempt), hours spent lacing wheel 4½( at least).

Finally the penny drops – the reason why I can't centre the wheel is because I've got the lacing wrong again! Resort to the internet, lacing spokes in front of the computer just to make sure.

### About a Week Later

15st 8lb, spokes 72, miles on bike ½ (nearly).

Hooray! First venture down the road on Shazza commenced with a loud multiple creak as tortured spokes take the load. Soon realise that Tony's riding position is longer and lower than my less streamlined frame can manage and hastily lower seat and raise stem. Front tyre goes flat. Perhaps inner tube has been recycled one time too many? Back to the garage until next escape from domestic duties...

### Monday 15<sup>th</sup> March

15st 6lb, wheels 6, miles on bike 0.1

An auspicious day – first day in the office for Shazza, but delivered on a rack on the back of the car (cheat!). Mercian frame actually rides nicely and rebuilt back wheel is true enough for the job. Still can't get used to the old-fashioned bend of those handlebars though; did they really all used to be that way? Thanks Tony, one old bike has provided a lot of fun for nil cost, before even having ridden it!

## Competition Time

Where's Jeffrey?

It can't get any easier than this...

Entries on an email please, to  
[news@team-cambridge.co.uk](mailto:news@team-cambridge.co.uk)

It's a Rollover!

As no correct entries were received last month, the first prize of slightly used bottom bracket remains unclaimed and will be awarded to this month's lucky winner!



*Let's go riding where the bears do their business!*

*(Champagne) Charlie*

