

The Crooked Wheel

Autumn 2010

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Club Dinner

The Club Dinner went well with the exception of a delay between starters and mains when a stove failed in the kitchen.

All tickets were sold so the venue was full and fairly loud.

Many thanks to Tom Scott who did a great job putting together a backdrop of racing photographs for the trophy presentations with the rider's name and award along the bottom of the screen (with the exception of Chris Rimes who warranted a "See next page" for his van load of trophies!).

As ever, Steve Clarke smoothly handled the presentations.

Thanks to Shirley for organizing the venue.

Any suggestions for next year (or any other social events) would be gratefully received - please email Shirley on

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CLUB RUNS

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The club runs have become quite well established now, with around a dozen regular riders out each Sunday; I just wonder how hardy you will all be in the deepest depths of winter?

Well the runs do continue right through winter, although we may have to adjust the route if the weather is really bad; I think we only missed one Sunday even in last year's bad winter; we must be a hardy lot!

I am, however, conscious that the pace is a bit 'hot' at times and would ask club mates to remember these are club runs, not training sessions for races. If we get enough out on a run we can easily split into groups with faster riders doing a few more miles and meeting up at the same tea stop, with slower riders going a more direct route (but at a more leisurely and enjoyable pace!).

Finally, don't forget the last run of the year planned for 10am on Boxing Day; work off a bit of that Christmas lunch with a leisurely 20 miles or so around the local lanes, stopping at a suitable pub along the way!

Cheers!
Ian T, Runs Captain

AGM
This years AGM will be held on:

24th January 2010

National Clarion championship dates for 2011 By Ian C

Hill Climb Champs

Easter Meet (Stirling)

50 mile champs

Nottingham Section 29th May
2011 (Granby)

25 mile champs

Fenland Section 6th August 2011
(Sawtry)

National Clarion Easter Meet 22nd – 25th April 2010

By Ian C

Start planning now for the National Clarion Easter Meet at Stirling in Scotland:

<http://www.clarioncc.org/Stirling.html>

and note the major event Gateway to the Highlands Sportive

Please also note that some members are talking about riding to Scotland for the event and may stop off en-route at other Clarion members for board and feeding.

Meet HQ and accommodation

The Meet will take place a stone's throw from Stirling Castle, at the Barcelo Stirling Highland Hotel.

Rooms will be allocated on a first-come first served basis with a B&B rate of £80 per room for Friday and Sunday, and £100 for Saturday, based on 2 sharing. Single occupancy rates are £60 and £80 respectively.

Family rooms are available (at no extra cost. Children pay for breakfast only).

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Please contact reservations on 01786 272725, quoting booking number 8647824.

Early booking is recommended to secure a room

Alternative accommodation

Stirling's Youth Hostel is 5 minutes from the Stirling Highland Hotel for those looking for budget accommodation. It has bike storage, a license, private and family rooms.

<http://www.syha.org.uk/hostels/central/stirling/information.aspx>
Telephone: 01786 473 442

Friday 22nd

1. Scottish Welcome
2. Whisky tasting
3. Live music
4. The hotel has an observatory and tours to visit the telescope will be on offer

Saturday 23rd

1. National Clarion Hill Climb Champs (entry fee extra)
 2. Conference
 3. Social Rides
 4. Clarion Youth Grass Track Championship (under 16) using geared bikes (entry fee extra)
 5. Clarion Party with a ceilidh band and buffet
- ## Plus Clarion beer

Sunday 24th

1. Gateway to the Highlands Sportive (entry fee extra)
2. Sight seeing tours (eg Stirling castle) (entry fee extra)
3. Social Rides
4. National Clarion Champions Night.

Go-Ride

By Sharon

Things are pretty quiet in the junior section at the moment with the suspension of the Monday evening coaching due to the season, but regionally we have had some action with Alison Lilley holding some go-ride racing at Ferry meadows on Saturdays.

Oliver Smith was holding his own and supporting the club until he was unfortunately struck down in true cyclist style with a chest infection, we are hoping for a speedy recovery.

Last week saw more support from the Fenland Juniors with Sam Widdess and Josh Owen making a good effort.

Plans are still being made for next year with the hope for a grass track league and possibly a Hereward league for the go-riders too so watch this space!

Events are being planned over the next few months so, if you've any under 16s that want to come and have some fun on bikes come and join us.

Mountain Biking

With a sudden upsurge this year in the purchasing of MTBs (mountain bikes) in the club, have some members finally seen the light? and the huge benefits to be had in training through the winter on a MTB?

Lets hope so, its great fun in the snow!!!

The Thetford mountain bike winter series saw a great turnout of Fenland riders last month, with Martin Jones, Chris Rimes, Malc Church and of course Myself all battling each other in 2 hours around a great course at Santon Downham along with other local riders such as Nick Sayers from the Peterborough and our local star Steve Lampier.

The morning started rainy but the sun came out and a great ride was had by all. Results and details of the rest of the series can be found on www.thetfordmtbracing.com

Cheers, Paul

EASTERN ROAD RACE LEAGUE

By Paul Frost

Last week, Martin Jones travelled to Brentwood in Essex to attend the ERRL AGM and make representations to support our club's request for affiliation. I am sure all of our road racers will be pleased to know that we were successful and now have the ERRL calendar of events opened up to them next season. (Dates below).

Our own Open Road Race on August 21st will now be run as an ERRL event. See website for more details on what the ERRL is about: <http://www.errl.org.uk/index.php>

Thank you to Martin on behalf of everyone for going down south and representing the club.

Many thanks to everyone who contributed to this month's Crooked Wheel. If you have any suggestions, comments or improvements let me know on emma@crackingcheese.com.

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EASTERN ROAD RACE LEAGUE DATES

DATE	ToS	EVENT	CAT	Other Nat A/B's
Highlighted event not ERRL at the moment				
March				
6th	09.00	Crest CC Spring Road Race	Reg A	
13th	10.00	Jock Wadley Memorial RR	Nat B	
20th	09.00	Ipswich BC RR	Reg A	South East Nat B
27th	09.00	Braintree Velo Spring Road Race	Reg B	
April				
3rd	14.00	Tour of Dengie Marshes	Nat A	No other Nat A.
3rd		Chelmer CC Road Race	Reg B	
3rd		Welwyn Wheelers Road Race (Central Region)	Reg B	
10th	09.00	Glade CC Road Race	Nat B	South East Nat B
10th	09.05	Hainault RC Road Race	Reg B	
17th	09.00	Ken Wright Memorial RR (VC Revolution)	Reg A ?	Central Nat B
22nd				
23rd				
24th	10.00	Ed Taylor Memorial RR (Haverhill Whls)	Reg A	Central Nat S.E Mids Nat A.S East Nat B
May				
1st	09.00	ECCA Senior Road Race	Nat B	Central Nat A
1st		ECCA Supporting Race	Reg B	
8th	09.00	Techniflow Road Race (St Ives CC)	Reg B	E Mids Nat A South East/Nat B
8th		Lea Valley CC Road Race	Nat B	
15th	08.30	Andrews Trophy Road Race (Southend Wheelers)	Nat B	Central Nat A South East Nat B
15th	13.30	Whitewebbs CC Road Race	Reg B	
22nd		Region Championship Road Race (West Suffolk Whls)	All Cats	
29th	10.20	Peterborough CC Road Race	Nat B	
29th	10.30	Peterborough CC Road Race	Reg B	
29th	09.00	Beccles Road Race	Nat B	
June				
5th	09.00	Abberton Road Race (Colchester Rovers CC)	Reg A	
12th	08.30	Paul Simon Homes Road Race (Finchley RT)	Reg A	Central Nat B. South East Nat B
18th	15.00	Redgrave Road Race (Diss & District CC)	Reg B	
19th	09.00	Eagle RC Summer Road Race	Reg B	South East Nat B
26th		Extreme Sports Therapy Road Race	Reg A	
July				
3rd	08.30	Ike Saul Memorial RR (Cambridge CC)	Nat B	
10th	09.00	Ken Lush Memorial RR (North Road CC)	Nat B	
10th		VC Norwich Road Race	Reg A	
17th	09.00	Essex Mid Summer Road Race	Nat B	East Mids Nat B
24th	09.00	VC Baracchi Summer Road Race	Reg A	East Mids Nat B
31st	09.00	Essex Roads CC Road Race	Reg B	
August				
7th	09.00	Diss & District CC Road Race	Nat B	
7th	09.30	Neil Gardner Memorial (CC Luton) (Central Region)	Reg B	
13th	09.00	ELV 2 Day	Nat B	
13th	10.00	Essex Giro Ladies 2 Day	Ladies	
14th	08.30	ELV 2 Day	Nat B	
14th	09.00	Essex Giro Ladies 2 Day	Ladies	
14th		Peterborough Classic	Nat A	No other Nat A
14th	11.30	Mid Suffolk Road Race (Stowmarket & District CC)	Reg B	
21st		Fenland Clarion Road Race	Nat B	
Sept				
4th	09.00	The Easterley Falling Leaves Road Race	Reg B	South East Nat B
11th	09.00	Victoria Road Race	Reg B	
18th	09.00	Shaftesbury CC Road Race	Reg A	
25th	08.45	Last Chance Points Grabber (Hertfordshire Wheelers)	Reg A	South East Nat B
Oct				
2nd	09.00	Maldon & District CC Road Race	Nat B	
2nd	09.15	Maldon & District CC Road Race	Reg B	
9th	09.00	Finsbury Park CC Road Race	Nat B	
9th	10.00	Interbike Road Race	Nat B	
16th				

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Fenland Clarion Cycling Club Runs: October – December 2010.

Date	To (approx mileage)	Indicative Route	Start Time	Start From	Leader
28 Nov	Ashwell – The Potting Shed Cafe (45)	Stamford, Tickencote, Cottesmore, Ashwell , Burley, Empingham, Ketton, Stamford	9 am	Helpston Village centre	Ian Todd
5 Dec	Green Wheel – Pub stops en-route (35)	Pick up the Green Wheel at Etton for a clockwise circuit. Touring or mountain bike recommended, some track sections	9 am	Helpston Village centre	Ian Todd
12 Dec	Bulwick – New Lodge Farm Cafe (35)	Wansford, Nassington, Woodnewton, Southwick, Bulwick , Blatherwycke, Kings Cliffe, Collyweston, Stamford, Barnack, Bainton.	9 am	Helpston Village centre	Ian Todd
19 Dec	Cold Overton – Gates Nursery Cafe Cold Overton (60 miles)	Witham on the Hill, Castle Bytham, Stretton, Cottesmore, Ashwell, Langham, Cold Overton , Braunston, Preston, Edith Weston, Collyweston, Stamford, Helpston.	9 am	Helpston Village centre	Ian Todd

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26 Dec	Local Lanes Local Lanes (30)	Easy ride Helpston, Caster, Ailsworth, Sutton, Upton, Southorpe, Barnack, Bainton, Ashton, Maxey. Pub stop!	10 am	Helpston Village centre	Ian Todd
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Key -

Hard (Long, Hilly or Both)
Medium (Middle Distance and/or Flatter)
Easier (Shorter/Flatter, Newcomers should manage)

All are welcome but please, always:

- Observe the rules of the road
- Ride sensibly and show courtesy to other road users and pedestrians
- Ensure your bike is properly maintained in good working order and carry at least a spare inner tube

Rides will be at a steady pace and we will always wait for slower riders

Let Ian Todd, Runs Captain, know of any suggestions for future rides or if you know of any good new café stops (ian.todd800@o2.co.uk) Mobile 07548 885 748, Field View, 2A Rectory Lane, Etton, Peterborough, PE6 7DB

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Fenland Clarion 2010 Race Calendar (Provisional)

January 2011!						
Saturday 1	Club	Frostbite 10		Helpston Heath	NCC2	10m 11.00am

Time Trial events will be held under CTT Rules and while Road Races & Track Meetings are organised under BC Rules.

Entry Fees: Helpston 10's £2.00, Other Club Events £3.00. Youth Riders £1.00 in all club events. Payment is on the day for club events.

Club Championship Series (CCS) – Points Series on Scratch. Best 8 events to count.

Bluebell Series (BBS) – Points Series on Handicap. Best 10 events to count.

Open Events – See relevant handbooks for full details or contact organiser. These events will require entry forms by standard closing dates.

For Club Events Non Fenland Clarion Members pay double. New riders must fill in temporary membership forms. Riders under 18 must supply a parental consent form.

To enter club events email or call Racing Secretary at least one week before event. After that point you may not get a handicap.

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For updates also see: www.fenlandclarion.co.uk