

HASTINGS & ST LEONARDS CYCLING CLUB



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CLUB MEMBERSHIP

Welcome to new members Dave Wright and Steve Holland. Dave has recently moved into the area and is a keen triathlete. Steve is not actually a new to the Club since his name already appears on the Club silverware from when he was a member several years back.

Paid up membership currently stands at 12 seniors, 2 families and 2 juniors. Hopefully several renewals will be forthcoming shortly since they are overdue (monies to Chris Parker/Pete Campany please).

BCF/CTC/BTA/KCRRL INDIVIDUAL MEMBERSHIPS

The Club positively encourages individual membership of either the BCF or CTC. There are many benefits of belonging, one of the most important being the third party insurance provided. Triathletes have similar benefits from BTA membership. Several Club members have been pleased with legal advice and monies paid out through these organisations following incidents on the road and in races. We have at least four BCF members (Pete C, Chris K, Steve B and Steve H), two CTC members (Chris P and Bruce M) and several BTA members including Eileen. Have a chat with any of these people to hear of the benefits provided by joining up.

Those who ordered RTTC and BCF handbooks via Pete C please collect and pay for them. Pete can give the addresses for anyone else to order extras. Those who take part in road races must be BCF members. In order to compete in the series of events in the Kent Cycle Road Race League membership of the KCRRL is required. Chris K, Steve B and Steve H have signed up for this and being strong riders they should be in the prize money to recoup some of their expenses. Day membership may be possible for individual events. Remember that Club colours must be worn in road races so get in touch with Keith Evans who has jerseys in stock.

TIME TRIALS

The time trial season has already started and most of you will have seen that Clarence Wheeler's Paul Pangis is already getting results. Local events are being held shortly so everyone should be getting fit in preparation. It would be good to see a strong Club presence in the following events:

Sun 3 Apr	25	G839	7.00.	VTTA (Vets)
Sun 10 Apr	29.5	G893	9.00	ESCA 2 up (no composite teams)
Sun 17 Apr	25	G836	8.00	EG Tri
Sat 23 Apr	10	G815	14.30	ESCA
Sun 24 Apr	25	G835	8.00	ESCA
Sun 5 Jun	25	Q25/1	7.00	VC Deal

There is a Club trophy for the fastest member in the opening ESCA 25 on 23rd April so get your entries in together with the entries for warm up rides on the previous Sunday in a 25 and the day before in a 10. Remember entries must be received by the organisers at least 2 weeks before the event and that the new RTTC entry form (Feb 93) must be used. If the course codes, mysteries of the entry process or lack of forms is hindering you speak with Pete C or any of the old hands for guidance. Note that trade tops cannot be worn in these events.

The Club is going for quality and not quantity in the evening time trial series this year. Details of the programme are being finalised with the local RTTC District Councils. The traditional start of Hastings-Rye-Hastings will be in the week commencing Monday 23rd May. This will be followed by six 10s on the Pevensey course, the Rye-Hythe-Rye and a 15. Trade tops can be worn in Club events. Since Eastbourne Rovers have booked up Tuesdays and Thursdays it looks as though we will hold our events on Wednesday evenings again. We would like to see a better turn out this year and will be positively encouraging all 1066 Tri members to join in our events. Since Ernie and Ron have retired from timekeeping more volunteers for such duties would be appreciated so please ask friends and members of your family if they would be interested. If anyone is please contact Pete C to find out what is required.

STEADY CLUB RUNS, FIRST AND THIRD SUNDAYS OF THE MONTH

Steady Club Runs are being introduced to cater for those who find it a struggle to keep up with the regular Sunday riders. It is hoped that a wide range of people will find it suited to their needs such as those with rusty legs, newcomers to Club riding, youngsters or triathletes not feeling ready for the longer faster runs. The plan would be to do 30 to 40 miles and have a coffee stop if that is what the majority want. Time and demand will tell how this venture will work out. These runs will start on 20th March and subsequently be held on 3rd and 17th April, 1st and 15th May. Meeting time will be 9.00 at the Harrow for a social chat with the other riders before setting out separately. Chris Parker will lead them but is not available for all dates so volunteers will be welcome to help out or just come along to meet and chat with the steady riders.

EAST SUSSEX CTC DA 200km and 100km RIDES SUNDAY 27th MARCH

It is probably too late to enter the 200km Audax but you may be able to ride the 100km event. Starting at 10.00 in East Hoathly you have to navigate yourself around a course with a number of check points based at cafes. Contact Chris Parker immediately if interested.

TOUR OF THE MARSHES SUNDAY 24th APRIL

All of the British professional riders and many of the top amateurs will be riding this event. The Police will be using it as a practice run for the Tour de France so the organisers want to lay on something special. It is hoped that the race may even go through Rye town centre and that the finish can again be in the main road at the centre of New Romney. Yes you have guessed, volunteers are needed for marshalling duties so please contact Chris Parker to offer your services.

NINFIELD ROAD RACE SUNDAY 15th MAY

KCRRL are promoting two races on the Ninfield circuit. We are responsible for helping to run the morning race. We will need cars, marshalls and people to make and serve drinks and cakes in Catsfield village hall. Can everyone please put the date in the diary and be prepared to help out.

SNIPPETS

Many thanks to Bill Bowden, Richard Bateman, Mark Richardson and Chris Parker (Eileen and Steve B too!) for helping marshall the Duathlon.

There was not much response offering to help marshall the Tour de France in Kent/Sussex on Weds 6th July, offers to Chris Parker please.

Graham Obrée should be riding at Herne Hill on Good Friday, how about getting a car load together to go and see the great man in action?