

# HASTINGS & ST. LEONARDS CYCLING CLUB



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## KCRRL ROAD RACE

A big thank you to all who helped make our promotion of the KCRRL morning Ninfield event a great success. There were technical hitches in the crucial minutes before the race when we could not get a radio to work in the car allocated to the Chief Commissaire. Andy Hillman had agreed to be an Assistant Commissaire / radio operator but stepped into the breach and was kind enough to drive the Chief and be number four car in the convoy. This meant Steve Pocock (third consecutive year driving) in lead car number one lost his radio operator, Steve Clarke, to Chris Parker in lead car two. Dave Freeman drove at number three with the Assistant Commissaire and because of the last minute change Steve Holland had to drive at the back chauffeuring the first aiders.

Steve Pocock was on his own but had the only radio which could transmit reliably to all others so he had an exceptionally busy race relaying messages and keeping the convoy updated on road conditions, a very creditable and commendable effort.

Thanks to the marshals: Richard Watkinson and David Bird at the Squirrel junction (sons Chris and Simon should soon be back from University and riding on Wednesday evenings); Colin Briggs, Steve Shoesmith and David Taylor at the Boreham St junction; Tim, Romana and Jay Miles at the Kings Head junction.

For the catering thanks go to Gina and Emma Parker with assistance from Romana Miles and Jenny Blower for baking a cake.

VC Bayeux were short on helpers for the unusually long 85 mile afternoon race. Nick Rudkin was not unhappy about the extra miles because it meant that there were more BCF points awarded for his 14th place. Andy Hillman showed what a dedicated bikie he is by driving a convoy car again. Tim Blower had a long lonely afternoon marshalling on his own at the Kings Head after his efforts in the morning race.

Chris Parker joined Bruce Mitchell at the Boreham St junction and had a pleasant afternoon relaxing in some garden chairs and having a good chat but it could have all gone horribly wrong at the end. Unbeknown to the marshals the race was going to be two laps longer than normal and Bruce thought Martin Markowski in the lead car had confirmed that the riders were just going past for the last time. Martin swears he told Bruce two laps left but... The mistake was realised back at the HQ so Chris and Bruce sped back down the hill and were relieved that each of the small groups of riders had successfully negotiated the corner.

Driving back over the finish line they were amazed to be told that there was still one lap to go so another quick about turn and dash back to safely marshal the two dozen remaining riders one last time at the junction.

## ESCA 100

Marshals for Little Common RAB urgently required for this event on 5th July. This should be at a sociable hour as it is some 60 miles into the event. Contact Chris Parker.

## JULY TIME TRIAL EVENTS

Listed below are some of the local events in July. Further details can be found in the RTTC handbook and the club handbook.

1.7.98	14 mile	G883	Club event	Ninfield
4.7.98	10 mile	G10/42	Addiscombe cc	Holmwood
5.7.98	100 mile	G100/86	ESCA	Upper Dicker *
	25 mile	Q25/20	VTTA Kent	Harrietsham
8.7.98	8.25 mile	QS/19	Club event	Broad Oak
12.7.98	25 mile	G25/18	VTTA surrey/Sussex	Crawley
	25 mile	Q25/12	Southborough Whlrs	Ham Street
15.7.98	10 mile	G811	Club event	Little Common
18.7.98	25 mile	Q25/20	Gravesend cc	Harrietsham
19.7.98	100 mile	Q100/4	Kent CA	Bethersden
	25 mile	G25/18	De Laune cc	Crawley
	25 mile	E72/25 MM 1.0.0 LTS	Hertfordshire Whlrs	Hatfield Peverel
22.7.98	14 mile	G883	Club event	Ninfield
26.7.98	50 mile	E5/50	Southend & Cty Wlrs	Hatfield Peverel
29.7.98	10 mile	G811	Club event	Little Common

\* ESCA BAR event

## BRITISH CYCLO CROSS ASSOCIATION

We will soon have to renew our affiliation and need to give a list of names (and date of birth) of those who want free registration cards which will save them two pounds when entering BC-CA events. Names to Chris Parker by the end of June ideally but certainly by the end of July plus orders for handbooks of race dates.

## CLUB 2 UP HANDICAP TTT

A fine morning saw five pairs tackle the undulating 25 mile course. Dave Freeman lost his partner when Len Norman had mechanical problems, Dave going on to finish on his own. Other solo performances were recorded by Jon Sharples, Chris Parker, Anne Addrison and Steve Holland.

Of the pairs, Derek Addrison and Tim Blower were fastest on actual time in 1.02, next came Martin Markowski and Jon Gumbrell in 1.03, Dave and Rob Dixon in 1.04, and Tim and Jay Miles in 1.10. It is believed only Derek and Tim were able to work as a pair as Martin, Dave and Jay assisted their partners round the course.

On handicap, after a recheck of the times, Jay and Tim deservedly won the honours with all the finishers within 2 minutes of each other. A particularly good result for Jay having been seen out on the town only hours before the start and congratulations to Tim on exceeding his best 25 mile time on such a testing course.

## CLUB EVENTS

A reminder that Rye - Hythe - Rye car parking and sign on is in the car park at the mini RAB by the garage. Only time keeper / marshals cars at the start / finish. Juniors have the option of the shorter course to Brookland and back.

## RACE RESULTS

Congratulations to Steve, Tim and Rob for taking the Club team 25 mile record on the 31st May in Essex. Their combined times surpassed the previous record which had stood for 19 years by just 5 seconds. With 4 riders now under the hour so far this season, it seems unlikely that this record will last very long.

10.5.98 Addiscombe cc 25 mile

Nik Leech 59.12  
Steve Holland 1.00.35  
Dave Dixon 1.01.19  
Tim Blower 1.02.20

Congratulations to Nik, Steve and Dave on taking the prize for first team.

17.5.98 Redmon cc 73 mile

Nick Rudkin 3.19.44 9th overall

24.5.98 Kent CA 50

Dave Dixon 2.06.14 (PB)

30.5.98 VTTA 10 mile

Jay Miles 26.16  
Tim Miles 26.56  
Colin Briggs 26.58  
Stuart Patterson 28.23 (PB)

31.5.98 Southend & County Wheelers - 25 mile

Steve Holland 57.56 (PB) 3rd overall  
Tim Blower 58.16 (PB) 5th overall  
Rob Dixon 1.01.33 (PB)  
Colin Enderson 1.05.13  
Steve Clarke 1.13.21

Several more rides were probably done but times were not available. Please ensure all times go to either Chris or Rob for inclusion in Observer reports and newsletters.

## CLUB NEWS

Congratulations to Jon and Nikki Hollidge on their recent marriage. Hopefully we will soon see a return to form as Jon seeks to defend his title of Best All Rounder though we may have to wait for his stag night injuries to heal before he takes to the saddle again.

Steve Clarke has now discovered a 'hotter than ever' warm up ~~rib~~ though judging by his burning legs in the Essex race it's not one to be recommended.

Rob Dixon finally sorted out his handlebar problem after trying to ride the handicap event with bars sticking out at 45 degrees to the angle of travel. A few stops to correct them along the way helped but the final descent of Boreham Street hill was somewhat scary.

Finally, look out for a couple of team entries in a 4 up TTT at the end of June. The ability to produce some good times is there if we can hold it together and not turn it into a race against each other so watch this space for what could be an amusing tale of our venture into this discipline.

Deadline for the July issue will be June 30th. Contributions are welcome from all members and should be sent to Rob Dixon.