

Carpenter's all-round effort sets pace

TIM Carpenter became the first rider from Hastings & St Leonards Cycling Club to qualify for its Best All Rounder (BAR) competition this season when he completed his first 100 mile time trial for more than 20 years.

Sunday morning's Kent Cycling Association event was a tough ride in the strong winds, particularly on the exposed stretches across Romney Marsh, but Carpenter's time of 4.57.06 will averaged 20.195mph.

With the previous week's 23.790mph 50 and just one ride at 25 miles of 1.07.47 at 22.129mph, Carpenter's BAR average speed is 22.038mph.

Several members are planning to ride the longer distances in the coming months so the BAR trophy will be keenly contested.

Back in Sussex, a team of six were competing in the Southborough Wheelers 25 on the Uckfield course in the same blustery conditions which took the edge off times.

Ivan Johnson (1.03.16) was the best placed Hastings rider ahead of Simon Newell (1.04.55), Malcolm Daly (1.04.59 including a late start of 2.03), Lee Holdaway (1.05.00), Tim Miles (1.09.15) and Chris Parker (1.20.26).

Holdaway has only just returned from his winter and spring training camp where he has been preparing to compete in the Swedish Iron Man Triathlon in August and will be riding the SCCU 100 and some 50 mile time trials as part of his preparation.

Daly (46.35) won the first of three club Hastings-Rye-

Hastings classic 18-mile time trials with a narrow success over Johnson (46.41), who still tops the points table. Chris Watson (49.04), Simon Newell (49.22) and Dan Hanlon (53.10) made up the top five.

Fastest time of a glorious evening was set by In Gear's Pete Tadros (39.53) with teammate Barney Willard (48.35) and Bayeux's Rob Morris (48.55) also clocking fast times.

Wednesday's evening time trial is a later meet and sign-on at 7pm opposite the Hastings Academy (formerly Hillcrest School) for first rider off at 7.30pm in the last of the three classic Hastings-Rye-Hastings trials. Any cars should be parked off the main road in Old Winchelsea Road.