

Rovers' Review

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(Andrew Woolf in the Club Hilly '28'. Photo Errol Baker)

Club season starts!

Geoff Keeble

A wonderful start to the season in the medium gear and 2-up '25' on March 4th, the total number of entries for the two races being 27, the most for opening day since 1983. The medium gear total of 13 was the biggest for this race since 1994, and the 14 that entered the 2-up was the most for that event since 1972.

M.G. Result:-

Ben Paton	1-7-34	(2 nd claim member)
Jim Reed	1-7-51	
Ken Baker	1-9-24	(Winner 2006)
Hugh Ward	1-19-11	
David Payne	1-19-58	
Keith Clarke	1-20-36	(Winner 2000)
Adrian Hills	1-25-54	
Matthew Wells	1-26-12	
Terry Law	1-32-54	(2 nd claim member)
Barbara Law	1-34-11	
Terry Kennard	D.N.F.	
Anna Lea	D.N.F.	off course

Dean Smith D.N.F.
 2-up Result:-

Phil Jarvis- Ed. Charlton-Werdy	1-6-12
Dennis Warner-Tim Warner	1-10-30
Peter Clarke-Ashley Thomas	1-12-50
Chris Hall-Ashley Thomas	1-27-30

Guests

Richard Haines-Roy Young	1-6-11 (Interbike)
Lucy Roberts-Steve Sewell	1-18-22 (Chelmer)
Richard O'Rourke-Brad White	D.N.F.



(Geoff and Ken get down to serious 'official talks' at the Club Hilly '28'. Photo Errol Baker.)

Starting one minute apart, Jim Reed and Andrew Woolf had a great battle in the Club Hilly '28' on March 18th. For quite some time Andrew had the advantage, but the more mature gentleman was able to finish more strongly. Adrian 'the man' Manley is in full flow following his mid-winter set back, and new lad, Pater Newell, can be pleased with his performance on a horrendous day.

Jim Reed	1-12-03
Andrew Woolf	1-12-17
Adrian Manley	1-20-21
David Payne	1-26-40

Peter Newell 1-29-20
 Matthew Wells 1-35-35
 Richard May 1-37-24
 Colin White 1-46-47

Privates

Stuart Chatting 1-11-05
 Paul Deberry 1-16-16
 Jeff Wharton 1-21-54
 Greg Andrews D.N.F

News and Views

Herman Ramsey

Bike week breakfast. Ride out to Wrabness for breakfast in the village hall with the Suffolk DA clubruns. Food served from about 9:15 to 10:30. £5.00 per person. Please book with Herman and Pauline on 01255 880768.

Barbeque. Still no offers or suggestions for a venue. There have been some changes to the time trial calendar and the usual date now clashes with the club's 100ml qualifying event; so the date is still open.

Audax Arrow to York Rally. Anyone for a night on the road riding to York, not for the same reason as Dick Turpin but an Arrow to the CTC York Rally. Nothing too strenuous envisaged. About 400 kms. In the 24 hours, a mostly coastal route, and only about four hours of darkness. We need three to five to make a team, tandems counting as one. Leaving at about noon Friday 22nd June from Colchester-Manningtree area and returning by train. For more information contact the number above.

Sir Jimmy Savile. A recent Saturday edition of a national daily paper included an article on the origins of Sir Jimmy's name. (Sadly there was no mention of his cycle racing days.) In case you are interested his name is believed to be a contraction of Sainville, a town in Normandy. It is possible that his ancestors came over with William the Conqueror.

Continental 'Gatorskin' tyres. I am now on my fourth pair of these, probably over 12,000 mls without a puncture. That is just as well as they are a tight fit, on Mavic rims anyway! A lightweight tyre, almost slick with a wide chevron tread pattern intended for training and club events, but I have used them for all kinds of riding, including time-trials, randonnees, and utility journeys on all road surfaces from smooth asphalt to the potholed and gravel-strewn lanes of the Suffolk cycle routes. Grip in the wet is quite adequate with sideslips occurring only on manhole covers, road markings and crossing dropped curves. Available in sizes up to 28mm (in 700c), which would be the choice for general riding, long randonnees and light touring.

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