

# Nomads Bulletin



Hitchin Nomads CC's latest result, announcements and members stories they care to share

## A note from Ivy Dawson

Dear Nomads

All of the Dawson Family would like to thank you for all your kind messages, card and flowers you sent for Albert's funeral. All your kind wishes are much appreciated and the spray was beautiful, Albert would have approved of the colours.

Thank you once again.

Ivy and the Family

## Results

### 12-Hour 5<sup>th</sup> September

In this year's Icknield 12-hour we had an unprecedented, in recent times, four riders and congratulations to all of them in finishing in what was a particularly hot day. As usual a good turnout of helpers for the feed was mustered

Particular congratulations must go to Anthony Perkins who is this year's 12-hour Champion and also winner of the Novice 12-hour Trophy.

Anthony Perkins	209.02
Scott Edwards	205.70
David Ledgerton	192.32
John Harrison	184.11

### North Middx & Herts CA 100 12<sup>th</sup> September

Tired legs from the previous week's 12-hour and poor weather conditions, blowing a gale, reduced the field of 52 riders on the start sheet to just 26 finishers. Of the finishers there were two Nomads who stayed the distance and finished, congratulations to them!

Julian Siedlecki	5.04.45
John Harrison	5.34.54

As the organiser I would like to thank all those Nomads who assisted in the running of the event.

Geoff Denny for pushing off and marshalling, Lynda Harrison, Dave Wentworth, Scott Edwards, Clive Collins, Paul Kelley, Geoff Perry; Simon Doyle for assisting the timekeeper; Nick Senechal for marking up the scoreboard; Ann Smyth and Sue Kelley for organising the catering and thanks especially to David Ledgerton for rushing around gathering signs and making himself generally useful.

### Pre Club Run 10 26<sup>th</sup> September

A near perfect morning but a poor turnout of Nomads for the final of this year's series of Pre Club Run 10's.

Michael Webb	25.31
Neil Fraser	26.18

Guest Riders	
M Summers	26.44
G May	25.25
J Gilham	25.31
K Holt	26.28
D Farthing	28.15
K Perry	28.19
E Manson	29.52
R Thomas	32.05
F Bertram	34.06

The timekeeper was David Ledgerton and Richard Bland pushed the riders off.

### Inter Club 15

We have only just now received the official results sheet for the Inter Club 15 and sadly we came a disappointing third place. Beds Road won the day with 182 points, Icknield closely beat us with 149 points and we achieved 141.

Total points so far in the competition are:-

Hitchin Nomads	577 points
Icknield Road Club	666 points
Bedford Road CC	527 points

Rider	Time	Points
Richard Ellis	36.31	31
Mike Webb	38.02	27
Andy Saunders	39.46	25
Paul Kelley	39.59	24
David Ledgerton	40.04	23
Nick Senechal	40.37	20
Scott Edwards	41.16	17
Steve Robinson	42.00	15
Julian Siedlecki	42.22	13
David Summerell	42.40	11
Roy Robinson	44.47	7
David Rossall	46.49	5
Richard Bland	51.13	2

### Hammer Hilly 16 3<sup>rd</sup> October

The forecast rain never materialised but the cold wind was not a lot of help to riders for much of the course.

Andy Saunders	43.18
David Ledgerton	44.41
Scott Edwards	45.26
Julian Siedlecki	46.10

Timing the event was Richard Bland and riders were pushed off by Clive Collins.

### Briercliffe Trophy Series Final Results

Congratulations go to David Ledgerton this year's Trophy winner.

Rider	Tm1	Tm2	Tm3	Tm4	Tm5	Av.
D Ledgerton	25.08	25.13	25.21	25.25	25.32	25.19
M Webb	24.45	25.15	25.21	25.41	25.42	25.20
N Fraser	25.02	25.06	25.31	25.47	26.17	25.32
S Doyle	25.12	25.27	25.28	26.06	26.11	25.40
A Saunders	26.01	26.01	26.13	26.20	26.39	26.14
J Siedlecki	26.36	26.47	26.49	29.08	28.24	27.08
S Edwards	27.01	27.18	27.22	27.22	27.40	27.20
D Summerell	27.11	27.29	27.38	28.10	28.14	27.44
D Wentworth	27.28	27.50	27.54	28.00	28.07	27.51
R Bryan	28.00	28.21	28.47	29.15	31.03	29.05
D Rossall	29.09	29.30	29.50	29.56	30.04	29.41
C Collins	29.26	29.56	30.14	30.34	30.49	30.11

### A Day Out on Bluebell (our Tandem)

The day of the sponsored bike ride around the churches dawned sunny and windy, and also with the threat of rain but unperturbed we started our journey on our tandem at All Saints church, in Willian. From there we made our

way down to Hitchin, which was very busy and there were eleven participating churches to be visited. Once again our tandem attracted quite a lot of attention. Our favourite comment was from a young lad of five or six in Hitchin who called us a two-bike. There were a lot of cyclists visiting the churches and there was a lovely feeling of camaraderie. From Hitchin we cycled on to St Ippolyts, up the short sharp hill, with lovely views from the church to reward us. It was there that we discovered the ultimate in garden sheds, an old converted shed complete with full facilities.

We then cycled on to Stevenage, and while passing through Todds Green we saw geese chasing ducks across the pond. Once in Stevenage we mostly used the cycle tracks to negotiate between churches, though this wasn't always possible. From south Stevenage we took the country lane to Old Knebworth and visited St Mary's in the Park where one of the graves in the churchyard really caught our eye as it was covered in cyclamen. As we cycled up the lane to Old Knebworth we passed a golf course where several gentlemen were enjoying a round of golf, and later in the Park we saw a cricket match in progress. After stopping for lunch we continued through Knebworth, and then on to Datchworth.

In Knebworth we had met a couple of lady cyclists, and as we approached Datchworth, they came passed us with a shout of glee. We followed in hot pursuit but the ladies raced us to the parish church!

From Datchworth we turned north and returned to Stevenage, again using the cycle paths to ride between churches. Time ran out on us in Stevenage, but we had visited twenty-five churches. More churches were manned this year than in previous years and more were participating, and every welcome we received was a warm one. The refreshments were plentiful and varied, and we were constantly being wished a safe journey. It was a privilege to see the daily activities in so many churches, music being played/practiced, flowers being arranged, coffee mornings and we also saw a birthday party in progress. One church had an exhibition with a lot of vestments on display.

We met a lady who was transporting four mature ladies around the churches in her car; at least one of them had a walking stick. They seemed to be choosing mostly the old

churches to visit and were having a lovely day out. We met up with them twice and heard about them at a third church.

The hedgerows just seemed to be overflowing with ripe berries this year. We saw blackberries, hawthorn berries, rose hips, sloes, elderberries that seemed to be hanging so heavily and berries in the yew trees. Such a plentiful harvest in the hedgerows made us wonder whether we will have a hard winter this year.

We returned home using the greenway path between Graveley and Willian. The weather had been very kind to us on our travels. It had been a mostly sunny warm day, with just a few drops of rain in the middle of the day. We especially enjoyed the ride when the wind was behind us!

A very big thank you to all those who have so generously sponsored us this year. So far this year just over £800 has been raised for the Bedfordshire and Hertfordshire Historic Churches Trust, half of which will go directly to All Saints in Willian for their restoration fund. It is wonderful to be able to visit these churches as very few of them are left open these days. They are all very beautiful inside ranging from ornate to a very simple style, and are always worth a visit.

Ann and Clive Collins

### **Wanted**

A second-hand road bicycle is required with a 22-23" frame in the £200-300 ballpark. Please contact John Reid on 01462 459922 if you can help.

### **News from the District AGM**

At the CTT London North District AGM held on Thursday 29<sup>th</sup> September, David Ledgerton was elected as the "Assistant Secretary (Club Events)" and surprisingly enough Richard Bland was able to retain the job of District Treasurer.

### **Sharpenhoe Hill Climb**

Just to remind anyone wishing to cheer our riders up Sharpenhoe that the first rider off will be at 11.01 and afterwards coffees will be served at the Chequers Public House in

Streatley next Sunday, 10<sup>th</sup> October. Look forward to seeing you there.

### **Annual Dinner Dance & Prize Giving**

Saturday 13<sup>th</sup> November is a date for your diaries for you to join your club members for the annual dinner dance and prize giving to be held at the Thistle Hotel at Little Wymondley.

We must have an attendance of a minimum of 65 for the event to take place, a target which disappointingly we didn't manage last year.

Please let me know how many tickets you will require as soon as possible because if we don't have enough takers this year we will forfeit our deposit and there will be no celebration of our achievements.

Remember that Frank Turner requires the return of all trophies ready for engraving for issue at the Dinner to this year's winners. Any claims for long service awards should also be made in time for the engraving of medals to be carried out.

Richard Bland

### **Editor's Note**

Please accept my apology for the late publication of this issue. Having been involved in moving two homes, organising a time trial or two, preparing accounts etc for the CTT AGM and the usual unplanned trips to work something had to give and, I'm sorry to say, it was the bulletin.

Although I have changed my address, my 'phone number remains the same and any correspondence sent to my old address will be re-directed. When I finally move into my new home I'll give out that address.

Richard