



Nomads News

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The news letter of the Hitchin Nomads Cycling Club

Editorial

The start of summer time at the end of week? The two up was ridden in a gale and medium gear cancelled due to snow. The forecast is for rain all day this coming Sunday for the start of summer time ride. Hopefully the weather will have improved for the first evening ten of the season next Tuesday 1st April.

Are you getting your fill of the cycling on BBC2 all this week 19.00 to 20.00?

Bradley showed the Dutchman how to ride the 4K pursuit. The Queen of the track (the title bestowed by Hugh Porter) Victoria Pendleton will be defending her titles that she won last year. Just to let new members know that Victoria's dad belonged to the Nomads in the late 60s and early 70s and is still in contact with our president Paul Stanbridge.

The first event of the interclub series is scheduled for the 20th April organised by the Icknield RC. Please let Neil JJ Fraser know if you are able to ride the event.

Thanks to Tom Durkin for his monthly diary.

Results

Welwyn Hilly

Jason Stuart	1:32:04
Anthony Perkins	1:38:33
David Ledgerton	DNF

Second Claim

Phil Lisher	1:12:01
Richard Webster	1:12:06

Winner

Tim Bayley	1:05:50
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Congratulations to our riders who finished and commiserations to David Ledgerton who had the misfortune to catch some gravel and came down at speed near Kimpton. He is OK but has managed to remove some skin from his left side and knees, also taking the skin off his right hand fingertips. Ouch.

David has sent me an update of his condition.

He reports, 'fingers are fine but crusty and sore but at least I can type now! Phil Lisher came ploughing past me going up the 505! Really annoyed my avg when I stopped was 17.9, I might have been fastest Nomad!! Still got to finish to get a time! Always next year! Not sure that I'll be doing the Icknield's Hilly on Sunday knees still very raw and sore!'

David

Medium Gear

Cancelled due to Snow

How prophetic can you get? The paragraph below was written by Jamie Tomlin and sent to me on the 14th March. I have to ask, 'was he there on Sunday for the medium gear or is he more sensible and wiser these days?'

I always liked to think of myself as being a dedicated all weather cyclist, even going out in the snow (for the younger generation who may not have seen snow, it's that cold damp white stuff that falls from the sky, which then turns black and slushy after a day or two). Early season events were often held when snow was still around, although I remember one being cancelled after a heavy fall, much to my annoyance as there was a clear twelve inches of clear road available and I didn't see why this should mean it was too dangerous to ride. Such very early season events rarely take place now as common sense has pushed them back a month.

Jamie Tomlin

April Clubroom

I would appreciate a phone call to the above number if you are intending to buy club kit at the clubroom.

The club kit will be on sale at the clubroom
from 20.15 April 16th
at the

Settlement, Nevells Road, Letchworth

April Club Runs

April 6 th	Moggerhanger Hall
April 13 th	Riverside Garden Centre Bayford
April 20 th	Forest Centre Stewartby
April 27 th	St Neots Cafe

April Club Events

April 20 th	Interclub 10 TT
April 27 th	Club 30 Mile TT

CTT Planner

Event	Date	Closing Date
Beds Road F1B/25	13.04.08	01.04.08
Team Cambridge F16/25	19.04.08	08.04.08
Team Milton Keynes F5/20	19.04.08	08.04.08
Southgate F20/10	20.04.08	08.04.08
St Ives N1/10	26.04.08	15.04.08
NorlandTT Combine F5C/10	27.04.08	15.04.08

Tom's Diary now aged 8

Hi, I'm now a big bad 8 year old, so watch out all!!!! I've been up to loads this month, best of all it was my birthday and I had a great time.

I raced at Milton Keynes Bowl 3 times this month, I came 3rd, 2nd, and on last week I came 1st. and won a total of £18.00 goodie (even though Grandad and Dad are trying to get petrol money out of me. Ha fat chance).

On the 9th of this month I cycled the Boot and back. It's a 4.2 mile timed run, and I went round twice on different bikes. First I went on my 1952 Hopper, the set time was 20 minutes, and I did it in 19 minutes and 57 seconds and the second time I was on my 1966 Peugeot Racer set time for this run was 17 minutes and I did it in 17 minutes and 27 seconds, so that's not to bad. I also had to present the trophy as I won it last year.

At school I won the star of the week (Whoopee!!!) That was for doing really well at school, I got a certificate and a trophy which I kept for a week. Its now the Easter Holidays for 2 Weeks so back to annoying my Mum and Dad again.

Media Watch

World Championships

The GB team have done it again, covering themselves in glory at the world championships. At the last count on Sunday morning they had nine gold medals in the bag of the eighteen that were on offer.

Being English in the face of success I have to wonder whether we are big fish swimming in a small pond or are the other countries keeping their powder dry for the Olympics.

It will be an interesting Olympics from the cycling viewpoint.

LATE EXTRA

The Great Britain cycling team harvest 9 Gold medals and 2 Silver at the world track championships.

The caption to this picture was
Paddle to Pedal Romero's golden change



Maybe a better caption would be
**Rebecca 'Rolls Royce' Romero
Roars her Result**