



Nomads News

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The news letter of the Hitchin Nomads Cycling Club

Editorial

Looking back over the year we seemed to have progressed with new members joining on a regular basis. The social riding in the club seems to be going from strength to strength with numbers on the club run consistently 10 plus. There have been some notable rides by members which included a raid on Mallorca in the spring by five members, then later on we had Nigel's London to Paris ride finishing on the Champs Elysées with a bottle of champagne. And then Keith ducking family duties and riding from Calais to Paris to avoid going to Disneyland Paris, a bit extreme in my view but commendable all the same.

From the racing point of view there were some very impressive rides, with many riders recording personal bests. Unfortunately we couldn't, for various reasons, translate those good rides into good rides in the interclub series. One way and another it has been a rich year for the club.

May I and my wife Ann wish all members a very Happy and Peaceful Christmas and we will see you on Boxing Day.

Clive



Pre Christmas Lunch
Sunday 20th December
Mid-day
Green Man Stanford
2 Courses £5.95
Club Run will arrive approximately
12.00 – 12.30

December Clubruns

20 th December	Willington Garden Centre
27 th December	St Albans

Return of Trophies

If there are members still holding cups or trophies could they either bring the trophies to the pre-Christmas lunch.

Or return them as soon as possible to Frank

BOXING DAY 10.

Don't forget the premier winter event of the locality.

HQ Old Warden Village Hall.

Sign on **AT THE START** from **10-30 to 10-50 hrs.** First rider off **11-01hrs.**

Late arrivals may be disappointed.

Ann Bland and Sue Kelley are **once again** providing us with hot victuals.

It is up to the rest of you to donate other provisions.

Frank

AGM Report 2009

The club's Annual General Meeting took place as announced on Wednesday 9th December; with a quorum in attendance.

Club finances remain healthy as at the end of the last financial year on 31st December 2008 with a total of funds standing at £10114.72 up by £289.09 on the previous year. The treasurer Nigel Tooke gave notice that 2010 would be his final year as treasurer.

All other committee members have agreed to stand for a further year.

In any other business it was agreed that any profit that was made over and above expenses for the Boxing Day 10 would be donated to the Garden House Hospice.

Nominations for the club's
Most Meritorious Award,
 those nominated were:

Richard Bland for all his work in traffic counting and committee work, to bring about the evening fast ten series on the F1. Nominated by David Ledgerton

Neil Fraser for breaking the club 12 hour record that has stood since 1985. Nominated by Richard Bland

Charlie Bexfield for starting from scratch at the beginning of the season with out bike then building up a bike with a friend and then beating 30 minutes for a 10. Nominated by Tony Furby.

The officers and committee for in 2010 are
President
Paul Stanbridge

Vice Presidents
Irene Stacey, Barbara Stanbridge,
Dave Renny, John Houghton,
Geoff Perry, Richard Bland
Clive Collins

The 2010 Committee Members

Chairman	Richard Bland
General Secretary	Richard Bland
Treasurer	Nigel Tooke
Auditor	John Houghton
Club Captain	Neil Fraser
Time Trial Secretary	David Ledgerton
Road Race Secretary	Nick Senechal
Social & Touring Secretary	Keith Rapley
Records Officer	David Ledgerton
Editor	Clive Collins
Awards Organiser	Frank Turner
Clothing Organiser	Scott Edwards
Committee Member	Ann Bland
Committee Member	Peter Hanlon
Committee Member	Michael Levet
Committee Member	Charlie Bexfield

January Clubruns

3rd January	Royston Sports Centre
10th January	Forest Centre Stewartby
17th January	Willington Danish Camp
24th January	Welwyn Sports Centre
31st January	Woburn

Dinner & Dance Sat 6th February

To start off 2010 in style it has been decided to hold a Dinner & Dance. In previous years this was the evening event where the annual awards were presented, rather than the Sunday lunch format, of more recent years.

An evening of superb entertainment and culinary excellence is planned, along with

presenting those hard earned awards to those who deserve them.

Tickets are likely to be in demand, and as this format hasn't been run for a while I would be grateful, if those of you who might want to attend, could contact me with an indication of the number of tickets they might require. This would help greatly in finalising the plans for the exact format of the evening.

The location will most likely be Northill Village Hall. A choice of main meal and desserts will be included, along with a live band "The Strayhorns". Please visit their website here: <http://strayhorns.co.uk/> as there is a sample of their act to listen to.

The cost is likely to be around £22.50 per head, with a concession for children.

The eagle-eyed amongst you may well spot one of our newer members, Steve Makowski on the website, and it is entirely through his generosity that his band will be performing for us. It really does look like being a fantastic nights entertainment.

To guarantee tickets (but without obligation) please contact me, by phone or email, or in person.

Keith Rapley

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Guest Editors

Progress so far

I have six volunteers so far who will cover seven months; all I need now is five more volunteers to complete the year. The months I have covered at the moment are Mid-January, Mid-February Mid-April, Mid-August, Mid-September and Mid-October Mid-December.

Just to reassure you, I will not leave you high and dry; the idea would be that I would send you a blank of the Nomads News first page and any copy that would be due for that issue.

The guest editor would have complete freedom to present the news any way he/she wants, even play around with the font or change the title if they feel like it. The guest editors' choice for which month they want to publish the News is entirely his/her choice, hopefully the guest editor would write an article of his/her own for their choice of month.

Feel free to volunteer.
 Clive