

## Club Awards

Pat Player presented the end-of-season Club competition results at the AGM. These are summarised below.

### Evening 10 League

Scratch: 1. P Young,  
2. B Evans, =3. P Walton,  
D Davis

Ladies: 1. H Hodges

Handicap: 1. P Walton,  
2. P Young, =3. B Evans,  
D Davis

Vet. on Standard: 1. P Young,  
2. D Davis, 3. P Walton

Restr. 72" Gear 10:  
C Wellings 26.32

Restr. 81" Gear 10:  
S Watson 27.29

### Hill Climb

Men: B Page 3.09

Ladies: C Parker 5.06

Out of Season BAR (72", 81" 10's  
and Hill Climb: P Walton 1.01.42

Garrett Cup 25 (Scratch): P Young

### Fastest Rides

25 P Young 57.32  
30 M Player 1.17.31  
50 M Player 2.07.07  
100 B Page 4.43.42  
12hr P Walton 232.697 miles

Intermediate BAR (25,50 & 100):  
B Page 22.714mph

Outstanding Performance:  
P Walton

Novice Award: C Hodges

George Middleton 30:  
A Stuart (VC St Raphael)

Centenary Trophy: G Knight

Clubmanship Cup: P Walton

## Club Run Points

October saw the end of the 2007-08 Club Run series. Congratulations to Peter Walton who braved the year's unhelpful elements more determinedly than anyone else!

### Final scores 2007-2008

Pete W	75
John F	64
Alex P	42
Tim D	42
Bob B	40
Bruno C	40
Angela D	36
Graham K	33
John P	32
Barry P	31
Jane P	30
Cathy P	26
Bill C	25
Danny M, Steve B	24
Valdis B	20
Sarah W	17
Brian E	16
Paul F	12
Steve Mansfield	10
Geoff G, Andy C	8
Steve W	6
Steve Whipp	4
John Cannon	3
Terry L, John B, Dennis B,	2
John Clark, Ian H, John H,	
Dave P, Libby R, Mark R,	
Dave R, Rod T, Bob W,	
Steve Martin, Clive W	

## Club Nights

At the AGM the Club agreed to discontinue the rental arrangement which has given us exclusive use of the back bar at St. Margaretsbury for Thursday evening meetings. The room would, in any case, be unavailable for several weeks during renovation, after which the price would rise.

**Thursday evening meetings will continue** but will take place in the St. Margaretsbury club's main bar.

A full report of the AGM will appear in the Mudguardian.

## Inflation Report



Dec 7<sup>th</sup>. Andy demonstrates that the resourceful cyclist has no need of modern frippery such as cycle pumps.

## From the Editor

I am following Clive as editor of *Mudflap* and I am sure you will all join me in thanking him for his efforts over recent years. I shall do my best to match his timely and comprehensive coverage of club activities.

I joined the Club a couple of years ago. I am a fairly regular club runner and a very occasional (and slow) participant in evening 10s.

My non-club cycling has been aimed at audax rides and sportives.

There being no racing to report this month, I have taken the opportunity to include a couple of general interest items; a neat measure of cycling persistence and a book review.

Do please let me have your opinions, suggestions and contributions.

Graham Knight

## Club Run Reports

### Sunday 9<sup>th</sup> November

Andy C, Angela D, Tim D, Cathy P, Bob B, Barry P, John F, Alex P

An experiment was tried with two rides; an easy pace ride from Much Hadham led by Angela D and medium pace ride from Ware led by John F. Both rides headed for the "Tea Tree" at Doctor's Pond in Dunmow.

As there were no other takers for the easy pace ride, Angela rode out alone on a beautiful sunny morning via Spellbrook, Woodside Green, Hellmans Cross, Bacon End and Puttocks. The medium pace riders joined her later having ridden via Babbs Green, Much Hadham, Little Hadham, Upwick Green, Stansted, Ugley Green, Elsenham, Molehill Green and Little Easton. They returned through Little Dunmow, Felsted, Onslow Green, High Roding, Hatfield Forest, Spellbrook, Much Hadham, Babbs Green. (59 miles)

As she had only herself to please, Angela rode back by her same route but in reverse. (40 miles).

### Sunday 16<sup>th</sup> November

Alex P, Andy C, John F

Just three ventured out from Puckeridge via Great Munden, Ardeley, Rushden, Slip End, Ashwell, Mobbs Hole, Eyeworth (Alex turning for home) to Wrestlingworth. Here they found the Brookside Tea Shop looking permanently closed. Plan B took Andy and John to Farrowby Farm, Hinxworth for a very tasty lunch. The return leg was via Ashwell, Bygrave, Baldock, Bird Hill, Clothall, Walkern, Benington and Whempsted back to Hertford/Ware. (56 miles).

### Sunday 30<sup>th</sup> November

Andy C, Paul F, Graham K, Alex P, Steve W, Peter W and neighbour Pat.

John Pearson being indisposed, a leaderless bunch decided to scrap



*Dec 7<sup>th</sup>, Much Hadham bus shelter. The group contemplates the forthcoming ride with varying degrees of enthusiasm.*

the speed-judging competition and the pub and head for Emily's Tea-room in Whitwell. Fair order was maintained until Watton-at-Stone but organisation deteriorated from there on. Peter and Pat were delayed by a puncture but, eventually, were the only riders to make it to the agreed destination. Paul and Steve were joined by Alex and, collectively, became wet and cold waiting at Halls Green before heading back to Hertford via Redcoats Green and Codicote. Andy and Graham waited a while in Walkern before cutting their losses and heading back via Ardeley and Dane End.

### Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> December

Easy pace: Angela D, Sarah W.  
Medium pace: Andy C, Bob B, Peter W, Graham K, John F.

The ride took place on a beautiful, sunny but freezing morning. In view of the icy conditions a gentle pace was set out of Much Hadham via Little Hadham, Albury and Furneux Pelham where the two groups parted company.

The medium pace group rode through Manuden, Rickling Green, Wicken, Arkesden, Duddenhoe End, Langley, Measden, Anstey and Great Horstead. The easy pace group went via Berden, Clavering, Langley Lower Green, Shaftenhoe End, Nuthampstead, Anstey and Great Horstead. The two groups rejoined in a very busy

Old Swan Tea Room where they met up with Paul F and Steve W who were on their training ride.

Sarah, who had ridden out to the start, then headed for home. Angela rode back with the medium pace group through Little Horstead, Furneux Pelham, Braughing, Standon and Barwick Ford - where all had to walk up the hill as the road was more suited to skating! (Both groups apparently believe they rode 40 miles!)

## Club Run Points

### Points scored in November

Andy C	8
John F	5
Bob B, Barry , Alex P	4
Bill C, Angela D, Tim D, Cathy P, Paul F, Graham K, Peter W, Steve Watson	2

## E Numbers

Devotees of BBC docu-dramas will have noticed "Einstein and Eddington". This was the story of Arthur Eddington (played by Dr Who) and his efforts to verify Einstein's theory of General Relativity. When he was not doing that, Eddington spent a lot of time cycling. He devised a measure of his efforts that became known as the "Eddington Number" defined as:

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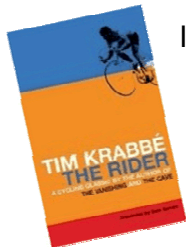
"E, the number of days a cyclist has cycled more than E miles". So, to claim an Eddington number of 50 you have to have completed 50 miles in a day on at least 50 occasions (they don't have to be on consecutive days!).

I think I would be pretty confident in claiming an Eddington number of 62 on the basis of club runs and 100k audaxes. I reckon there must be many in the club who could claim much more. Any advance on 100?

Eddington's Eddington number was 87 when he died.

## Book Review

"The Rider", Tim Krabbé.  
ISBN-13: 978-0747559412



I guess even the most dedicated Wheeler must be riding a little less at this time of the year. So, how about a book to

read in the long, dark evenings?

A book I much enjoyed is "The Rider" by Dutch author Tim Krabbé. In the 1960s Krabbé worked and raced his bike in the mountainous Cévennes region of southern France. The book's action spans a single bike race - the half-day Tour de Mont Aigoual. Now, the closest I have come to being in a proper bike race is trying to get back on to the club run

## Club Run Schedule

Date	Time	Start	Destination	Dist.	Pace	Lead
<b>December</b>						
14th	9:30	Ware	Christmas meal appetizer ride	2½h	Med.	BP
21st	9:30	Hertf.	Emily's tea shop, Whitwell	35m 40m	Easy Med.	PW JF
26th	10:30	Ware	Boxing day leg stretcher	2-3h	Med.	BP
28th	9:30	M. Had.	Ashlyn's, North Weald	40m	Med.	T&AD
<b>January</b>						
1st	10:30	Ware	New Years day leg stretcher	2-3h	Med.	BP
4th	9:30	Ware	The Village Tearoom, Hatfield Heath	45m	Med.	JF
11th	9:30	M. Had.	Parrishes café, Thaxted	35m 45m	Easy Med.	AD TD
18th	9:30	Hertf.	The Swan PH, Wheathampstead	40m	Med.	PW
25th	9:30	Hertf.	Rising Sun PH, Halls Green *	40m	Easy	JP
<b>February</b>						
1st	9:30	Puck.	Fox & Duck PH, Therfield	45m	Med	AC

\* This ride will include the speed-judging competition

Leaders: Bruno Cartwright (BC), Andy Crawley (AC), Tim & Angela Dobson (TD, AD), John Farnham (JF), Paul Fennell (PF), Barry Page (BP), John Pearson (JP), Alex Powell (AP), Peter Walton (PW), Sarah Wren (SW).

Start Locations:

Much Hadham: bus shelter north end of High Street

Puckeridge: outside White Hart pub in High Street

Ware: Broadmeads car park near level crossing

Hertford: Hartham Common, recycling point

Sawbridgeworth: Bell Street car park

Harmer Green: Top of New Road at junction with Harmer Green Lane

after a comfort stop. Notwithstanding that, Krabbé's descriptions ring true. You can feel his pain when hanging-on on a climb, the exhilaration of making it into a break and the shock of finding a rider you thought you had dropped riding calmly at your shoulder.

In between the action the author muses on life, riding and the contemporary cycling scene – and here we are talking of Jaques

Anquetil et al. Can it really have been that Anquetil believed that lightening his bike by removing a bottle and placing it in a back pocket would speed him up the climbs?

Hertfordshire Library has a copy so you can save the price of the book and spend it on new bits for your bike - or even on Xmas presents for your nearest and dearest. G.K.

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