

Racing

15th Aug - CC Breckland 12hr

Peter W entered this event full of hope and expectation - unfortunately things did not work out quite as planned. He began well; 50 miles in about this year's 50 time, 100 miles at faster than his 100 time and 120 miles inside 6 hours.



Peter near the end of his ride.

Then the wind really got going and he managed only 55 miles in the next three hours. By now pins and needles in his left hand were preventing him from adopting an aero position, he also had problems with his cleats. Nevertheless he still estimated 218-220 miles at the finish. Unfortunately, with 2½ hours to go, his left knee suddenly became useless - he could not bend it. Worse, he could not unclip his foot so could not stop until he saw two gentlemen by the side of road who caught him! He then had to get back to base using one leg only (fortunately the course was flat by then!). He got to 200 miles, then pulled out!

Despite all these difficulties he still managed 21st place just 2 minutes

Doug Davis

Doug's funeral took place at Enfield Crematorium on Doug's birthday – 25th August. Over 50 friends and family, including 9 other members of Herts Wheelers and a pal from the C.C. Islington, attended.

Last Chance Points Grabber

This is the Wheelers' road race promotion and takes place on 27th September on the Whitwell - Codicote - Langley - St Pauls Walden circuit, starting at 8:45am. Come along and support – better still, contact John Pearson and offer your services as a race marshal. Race headquarters are at the Fellowship Hall, Bendish Lane, Whitwell.

There will be a short (25m) club run after the race.

down on standard and has now completed all the distances from 10 miles to a 12 hour race this year. You can witness his exploits at <http://tinyurl.com/mslwv> GK

15th Aug – E. Ang. VTTA 10

A trio of Wheelers rode on the Six Mile Bottom course on a warm, sunny day. However a strong south-west wind slowed the riders.

Wheelers' times were:-

Phil Young	25:20	
Peter Walton	26:06	
Merv Player	26:56	MP

22nd Aug - Team Sanjan 10

This took place on a course between Caxton Gibbett and Cambridge with a gentle wind.

Again three riders competed, two in the Old Skool event; Phil Young on his "vintage"(?) Stan Miles and Chris Walker on his equally ancient Raleigh. Merv, not wanting a further handicap than age, rode a 2009 Dalkia.

Times were:

Phil Young	25:46	
Chris Walker	27:28	
Merv Player	25:20	MP

30th Aug - VTTA National 30 Championship

Merv rode this on a course near Newmarket. It was a very cool morning with a strong and rising south west wind, making it a hard ride to the turn at Sawston. Merv

managed 1.18.53 for 6th position on Standard out of 91 riders. MP

5th Sep - Revenge 25

The annual Wheelers Revenge 25 was incorporated in the Norlond Combine 25. The event was held on a sporting double circuit near Guilden Morden and Ashwell. Whilst the weather was bright and sunny, there was a strong north-west wind blowing, which made things difficult in places.

First place went to Phil Young with a fine 1:2:44 leaving the other three Wheelers trailing.

They were:-

Barry Page	1:5:52
Merv Player	1:8:53
Peter Walton	1:8:56

Phil also won the handicap section of the Revenge 25.

In the "Vet on Standard" section in the Norlond event Merv managed to win first place with Phil third. After this result Merv now has 29 points out of a possible 40 in the Edgar Mascall Vets Norlond Points Competition. There is just one 25 still to go. MP

New Members

This month we welcome two new members; Jason Thorpe from Harlow and Dominic Whitehead from Godmanchester. We hope they will enjoy many miles riding with us.

Marshalling

Grateful thanks are due to the Wheelers who gave up their Sunday to do marshalling duties.

- Barry Page and Bruno Cartwright in the North Middlesex & Herts 25 on the F1.
- Lynn and Phil Libby and Denis, Pat and Merv Player at the Eastern Counties 12 near Duxford.

Who is this man?



Older members will recall Phil Waterton. He has contacted *Mudflap* with news that he has added downhill MTB to his timetrialing skills. The photo shows him competing in the UCI masters in Pra-Loup, France. More from Phil next month I hope. GK

Club Runs

Sun 16th Aug - Morning ride.

Cathy P, Alex P, Andy C, Bruno C, Patrick D, John F plus prospective new members Lawrence from Hertford and Jason from Harlow.

Before the start we had a minute's silence in memory of Doug Davis. We left Hertford along the B1000 to Old Welwyn, Ayot Green, Coleman Green, Nomansland Common, Ayres End, Redbournbury, Hemel Hempstead, Gaddesdon Row, Jockey End and Clements End followed by a long decent to Hudnall Corner. The Four Ways Café proved to be a "proper café" and cyclist friendly - one to go on our list. Return was via a long accent back to Clements Ends, Jockey End, Flamstead, Kinsbourne Green, New Mill End, Peters Green, Kimpton, Codicote, Rabley Heath,

Oaklands, Bulls Green, Bramfield and back to Hertford. (55 miles).JF

Sun 23rd Aug

Tim & Angela D, Jane P, John F, Andy C, Alex P, Patrick D and three new riders Rob, Andy and Anthony.

Out through Sawbridgeworth, Sheering, Matching Green, where Alex headed for home, Moreton, Toot Hill, Mardon Ash, Stondon Massey, Ingatestone, Stock and finally to Hanningfield Water's Edge Café. wHere we all sat outside overlooking the reservoir in shade from the hot sun. Our return journey was through Galleywood, Margaretting, Radley Green, Abbess Roding, White Roding - where four stopped for more refreshment and the remainder headed for home. AD

30th Aug

Andy C, Lawrence U, John F, Graham K, Alex P, Kathy P, Jane P

The group rode out from Much Hadham via the usual route of Sawbridgeworth (where they were joined by John, a lone cyclist who came along for a ride), Sheering, Matching, Fyfield, Willingale

(where Alex, Graham and John turned for an early bath) and on to Writtle tea rooms. There we were met by Barry P who had preferred a lazy morning in bed then a fast direct route out.

The return journey was via The Chignals, The Easters, The Rodings, round the back of Hatfield Broad Oak, then Spellbrook and back to Much Hadam. Three stayed for a couple of Barry's special recovery drinks in the pub before heading for home. (56 miles) AC

6th Sep – Invitation Ride

Andy C, Bruno C, John F, Angelo D, Geof G, Graham & Sonia K, John P, Jane P, Peter W

10 members met at Broadmeads, including Graham and Sonia on their tandem and a welcome return of Geoff Green and Angelo Davis. Also joining us were 3 new prospects - Simon Edwards from Watford and Steve Mendrys with son Adam. We set off for a pleasant saunter through fairly traffic-free lanes, ridden with deceptive ease due to a chuff wind. The traditional route was taken via Fanhams Common, Babbs Green, Much Hadham, Westland Green and Horse Cross

Club Run Schedule						
Date	Time	Start	Destination	Dist.	Pace	Lead
September						
13 th	09:30	Sawb.	(Off-road), The Booking Hall, Rayne	45m	Med	JF
20 th	09:30	Much H.	Blue Egg, Great Bardfield	55m	Med	A&TD
27 th	09.30	Whitw.	Whitwell (after finish of club road race)	25m	Easy	BC
October						
4 th	09:30	Ware	4 hours Off Road, take own food			JF
	14.30	Ware	Tea Shop Ride to Braughing		25m	Easy JP
<p>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).</p> <p>Start Locations:</p> <p>Much Hadham: bus shelter north end of High Street Ware: Broadmeads car park near level crossing Sawbridgeworth: Bell Street car park</p>						
<p>Note that details are occasionally subject to change. See the website for the most up-to-date information.</p>						

to Braughing village hall. Busy as ever, the village ladies served us splendid cake and tea and we also met up with Colin Skipp and family and about a dozen other cyclists from Stevenage CC and Crest CC. The usual return route, involving a strengthening SW breeze, was via Puckeridge, Barwick, Cold Christmas and Thundridge. All were back in Ware inside 50 minutes.

Trivia Corner

We are a bit short of material this month so ...

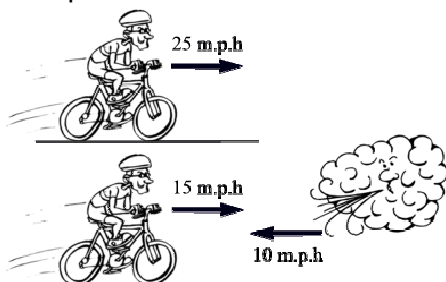
"My dog chases after everyone he sees riding a bike."

"What will you do about it?"

"I'm going to take his bike away".

and something to think about ...

On a flat, straight, road, on a windless day, a cyclist rides 25 miles in an hour. Next day, on the same road, the cyclist manages 15 miles in an hour in the face of a 10 m.p.h headwind.



Which was the more impressive performance? GK

Name the village

Geoff Green correctly identified the pub sign with the aerial hunting scene as being in Barley. The pre-war photo was from a book on old M.G. cars. I think this must be Barley also – but none of the buildings match up. Perhaps the sign was moved from the main road?



Summer is almost over so here is a gloomy scene to get you all in the mood for winter.

The low building is part of an enclosed farmyard. There is a church just opposite. The village name begins with W and it's up a hill.

Enough clues!

Club Run Points

Points up to end August.

Andy C	78
John F	65
Peter W	50
Graham K, Alex P	48
Cathy P	44
Bob B	43
Barry P	40
Patrick D, Jane P	38
Angela D	22
Tim D, John P	20
Bruno C	19
Steve B	18
Valdis B	16
Steve Wh	14
Sarah W	9
Bill C	6
Paul F, Steve Wa,	
John Cl, Brian E	4
Steve M, Lawrence U	2
Danny M	1

Leisure Wear Order



John has received one order for a fleece. If anyone

else is interested in a garment of any style (or information) please contact John at jandr.cannon@care4free.net or 01245 602134.

Note that details of Wheelers' leisurewear are on the website. Just follow the "Club Kit" link.

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