

## Evening 10 League – Final Standings

This year's competitions were overshadowed by the tragic accident that resulted in the death of Doug Davis. A number of late-season events were cancelled as a result. Nevertheless, competition was as fierce as ever.

Thanks to everyone who took part. Thanks especially to Merv and Pat for organising the timing and results and to all who helped with marshalling and setting out signs.

## Scratch Competition

Barry moved up to number one to win the 2009 **Scratch Competition** with 104 points - 7 ahead of second placed **Phil Young**.



Barry Page

### Full Results

<b>Barry Page</b>	104
<b>Phil Young</b>	97
<b>Doug Davis</b>	83
<b>Renato Davis</b>	83
Peter Walton	50
Steve Watson	40
Graham Knight	19
Steve Wall	8
Chris Walker	5

## New Members

Welcome to Steve Mendrys of Waltham Cross and Chris Smith of Hoddesdon. Both have already joined us on rides and Chris even had the temerity to win the Speed Judging Competition!

## Herts Wheelers' AGM

Thursday 19th November 2009 at 8:00 pm

St Margaretsbury Sports and Social Club

Chairperson: John Pearson

## Handicap Competition

Barry was beaten into second place in the **Handicap Competition** by a very strong performance by junior rider **Renato Davis** in his first season of racing.



Renato Davis

### Full Results

<b>Renato Davis</b>	99
<b>Barry Page</b>	85
<b>Peter Walton</b>	74
Phil Young	73
Doug Davis	57
Steve Watson	49
Graham Knight	32
Steve Wall	8
Chris Walker	7

## Veterans Competition

Doug, of course, was always competitive and it is fitting that he emerged as winner of the vets event.



Doug Davis

### Full Results

<b>Doug Davis</b>	101
Phil Young	100
Barry Page	90
Peter Walton	59
Steve Watson	42
Graham Knight	23
Chris Walker	6 MP/GK

## Wheelers' Hill Climb

### Alex is Hill Climb Champion

Once everyone had chosen from the variety of advertised start times, the annual club hill-climb began on the Harmer Green course near Digswell. Out of eight riders, Alex Powell proved to be the quickest - this despite his riding a touring bike which was some way from the top of the Edinburgh Bicycle Coop's range.



Alex Powell

### Full Results

Alex Powell	3:02
Barry Page	3:06
Angelo Davis	3:25
Renato Davis	
(on Mountain bike!!)	3:28
Paul Fennell	3:41
Steve Watson	3:41
Peter Walton	4:04
Valdis Bellines	4:59 MP

## Speed-Judging Competition – 18<sup>th</sup> Oct

This took place on a loop to the north of Codicote. Hitchin Nomads were already using the road race finish line and lay-by for their hilly time trial, so the start line was moved to the top of the lane from Kimpton Mill. The sun was just emerging but it was fairly cold. Steve and Paul, who had travelled out independent of the club run, had been waiting several minutes for the rest of us. Therefore a short circuit of 6 km was decided on. This was a simple left-left-left course; back to the Wyvale corner then past The Node to Crouch Green returning up the Whitwell lane, just as we had done in 2007.

Nine machines set off at one minute intervals on the anti-clockwise circuit, then Brian showed up to start number 10. All duly returned and were then sent off again for the clockwise circuit with a warning that this would be slightly longer due to possible delays at the right hand turns. Yet all but two riders returned with faster times. The exceptions, Barry and Paul, turned out to be only the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> best judges of their speed as the winner's mug was won by Chris, our latest recruit. Beginner's luck? Maybe, but he put in two steady rides and produced identical times that nobody could beat. JP

### Full results

	<i>Anti-clockwise</i>	<i>Clockwise</i>	<i>diff. (sec)</i>
Chris Smith	15.23	15.23	0
Barry Page	12.35	12.37	+ 02
Paul Fennell	12.16	12.20	+ 04
Peter Walton	13.31	13.23	- 08
Brian Evans	13.38	13.29	- 09
Valdis Belinis	14.48	14.36	- 12
Danny Mason	16.34	16.13	- 21
Steve Watson	12.42	12.14	- 28
Bob Bick	14.05	13.09	- 56
Graham and Sonia Knight	16.09	15.10	- 59

## 2009 Club Run Competition

### Andy heads the final list

Congratulations to Andy Crawley who won with an impressive 86 points. That's a lot of miles and a lot of cafés!

Thanks also to John F for organising the runs throughout the year and to all the run leaders.



Andy Crawley

### Full Results

Andy C	86
John F	75
Peter W	58
Graham K	56
Cathy P, Alex P	52
Bob B	51
Barry P, Jane P	46
Patrick D	38
John P	26
Angela D	24
Bruno C	23
Tim D, Valdis B	22
Steve B	18
Steve Wh	14
Sarah W	11
Brian E	10
Sonia K	8
Danny M	7
Bill C, Paul F, Steve Wa,	
John C, Lawrence U	6
Geoff G	4
Steve M	3
Angelo D	2
John Cannon	1

JF

## The Emitremmus 100k Audax

Emit Remmus is a song by Red Hot Chili Peppers - but I expect you all knew that. More importantly it is the traditional end-of-Audax-season ride (at least for those of us who do not fancy 200k rides in January). It is organised by Stevenage CTC and takes place on the Sunday when the clocks go back, (reverse the name and you will get the idea).



This is a big Audax event with 259 finishers this year and mayoral support. There was even a whizzy number to fix on your bike.

Six Wheelers took part; Danny M, Valdis B, Steve W, Alex P, Peter W and Graham K. The staggered start meant they did not start together. However, they mostly met up at the first control at Hare Street where, unusually, there was a long queue for card stamping. On the route to Saffron Walden Peter and Alex forged ahead, Graham, Danny and Valdis proceeded more sedately while Steve was somewhere in between.

On the return the weather, which had started out bright and sunny, turned dull and drizzly while what had seemed a gentle tail-wind became a brutal head-wind. The hilly sections near Chishill and Reed were especially tough.

Steve managed to miss the worst of the rain whilst enjoying the excellent cakes at the Therfield control – an improvement on the Silver Ball. He then got lost in Stevenage (easily done). Various aches and pains afflicted Peter and Danny but all six Wheelers eventually finished.

Special congratulations to Danny who completed his first 100k Audax.

GK

## Club Runs

### Sunday 11<sup>th</sup> Oct

Alex P, Peter W, Andy C, Lawrence U, Bob B, Valdis B, Barry P, Graham K, Jane P, Sarah W + guests Simon and Chris

Due to various incompetences the club ride started either at 10:00, 11:00 or 11.30 after the Hill Climb, which was at either 9:30 or 10:00. (*Mudflap* was responsible for the completely fictitious 11:30 time – for which apologies! Ed.)

Seven riders, led by Alex P started at 10:00 and followed the lanes to the Golf Club at Tea Green. Four stragglers assembled at 11:00 and set off in pursuit. Along the way they picked up Chris S who was valiantly trying to make the 11:30 start. Fortunately everyone was together at Tea Green. Two groups returned – though not quite the same ones as started out.

One rider failed to find us and went without a club run. We can only apologise! PW/GK

### Sunday 18<sup>th</sup> Oct

Bob B, Valdis B, Brian E, Paul F, Graham K, Sonia K, Danny M, Barry P, John P, Chris S, Peter W, Steve Wa

There were eight riders at the start, including Graham and Sonia K on their twicer. JP led out through Port Vale to Bramfield Lane at a sedate pace. This was too cool for two of our faster men who had already arranged to do a few more miles and meet us at the appointed start for the speed-judging competition (described elsewhere). A traditional route was taken via Bramfield, Datchworth Green, Woolmer Green, Potters Heath and Codicote church to the top of the lane from Kimpton Mill.

After the competition a short ride took the group to Whitwell and Emily's Tea Room. They arrived about noon to find riders from three other clubs had packed the place out. However, these soon left and service was amazingly rapid. Within an hour we were all

fed and watered and still had time to inspect their new feature - a barn full of bikes and kit to suit all members of the family, even the club fast-men. A scenic route was ridden back via St. Pauls Walden, Nup End, Knebworth, Datchworth and Bramfield. We reached Hertford by the surprisingly early time of 2:15 pm. (35 miles) JP

### Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> Nov

Peter W, Jason T

A new year began for the Club Runs Trophy. Alas the weather was so foul that only two (fool)hardy members turned up for this ride. Showing determination, fortitude, resourcefulness and will-power (if not sanity) they rode from Puckeridge to Harlow and then home. PW

### Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> Nov

John F, Peter W, Jane P, Graham K, Jason T, Sarah W, Chris S, Danny M, Bob B, Steve Wh + guests Colin Hodges, Trevor Charsley,

Twelve riders, including two guests, set out from Puckeridge via Braughing, Furneux Pelham, Brent Pelham and Anstey to Nuthampstead for the Freewheeling Competition. Just before that Steve headed for home. Colin did likewise after the competition. The remaining ten continued through Barley to Café Moreno in Royston (cyclist friendly - a bit of a cross between a Wimpy Bar and the Mocha in Saffron Walden).

The homeward ride was up Therfield Heath where, shortly afterwards, Sarah turned for home. This was the signal for things to go pear shaped - Graham had a puncture, Danny's rear mech. broke in two, necessitating a phone call to Mrs M for the broom wagon. Our progress thereafter through Sandon, Cromer and Ardeley was leisurely with frequent stops to pump up several tyres with slow punctures. We finally limped back through Great Munden to Puckeridge about an hour behind schedule. (43 miles). JF

## Festive Rides

Does Xmas leave you feeling bloated? See what the Wheelers' Xmas and New Year Rides can do for you.



There are four rides this year to help you keep in trim. See the schedule on the last page.

## Freewheeling Competition - 8<sup>th</sup> Nov

This took place on the hill by the golf club near Nuthampstead and was keenly contested by a number of skilled non-pedalers.

### Results

1st Graham Knight	
2nd Colin Hodges	@ 2 metres
3rd Jason Thorpe	@ 3m
4th Sarah Wren	@ 25m
5th Chris Smith	@ 30m
6th Danny Mason	@ 33m
7th Bob Bick	@ 35m
8th Trevor Charsley	@ 49m
9th John Farnham	@ 51m
10th Peter Walton	@ 52m
11th Jane Pike	@ 85m

(Look out for a full report, comment, interviews and analysis in the next *Mudflap*. Ed.) JF

## Cheapest Prices?



We have received an email promoting a comparison site for bikes and bits. Basically they search a number of online retailers on your behalf and tell you where you can get the cheapest Colnago. They have a cycling links page (including a link to us) and plan a free buy-and-sell section. It's in its early stages of construction but is potentially useful I guess. Find it at <http://www.wheelhub.co.uk/>. GK

## Green Goo

Last year I decided to winter-proof my hack bike and invested in "Slime"™ tubes. These are filled with a green goo, which bursts forth from punctures and seals the hole before you can say "hiss". They are heavy, bulky and probably don't roll too well but, I hoped, I would be able to cruise down flinty lanes with impunity.

I guess they performed as promised and I probably got at least 1500 puncture-free miles. The rear one eventually succumbed to a big tyre gash sustained in Cheshunt. This was accompanied by an extended spluttering noise and green goo spread over the bike and along the road. Despite quite a big hole the tube **did** seal leaving me a tyre that was soft but still rideable. It needed to be rideable too because the green stuff had effectively gummed up the valve which needed pliers to free it once I had got home. The bulky tube then meant that removing the tyre was an extended, three-lever, arm-wrestling job that I would not have fancied in Cheshunt High Street. Once the tube was out though, it was possible to see a number of places where it had done its work unobtrusively in the past.

Not too bad then but I am not continuing the experiment. This week I went to top up my front-wheel Slime tube. The valve was firmly glued as usual and, blundering around with pliers in a gloomy garage, I succeeded only in removing the entire valve core. This gave me a close-up view of just how much goo it is possible to fit in a tube - I probably resembled the Jolly Green Giant's little brother. So, it's back to conventional tubes and I have invested in some Schwalbe Marathon tyres. GK

## Club Run Schedule

<i>Date</i>	<i>Time</i>	<i>Start</i>	<i>Destination</i>	<i>Dist.</i>	<i>Pace</i>	<i>Lead</i>
<b>November</b>						
15 <sup>th</sup>	09.30	Much H.	Clavering Lakes	45m	Med.	T&AD
22 <sup>nd</sup>	09.30	Puck.	Farrowby Farm, Hinxworth	50m	Med.	JF
29 <sup>th</sup>	09.30	Hert.	Tea Green Golf Club, Wandon End	35m	Easy.	JP
<b>December</b>						
6 <sup>th</sup>	09.30	Much H.	Mocha Cafe, Saffron Walden	45m	Med.	JF
13 <sup>th</sup>	09.30	Ware	Xmas Lunch Appetiser lanes ride	20m	Easy	BC
20 <sup>th</sup>	10.00	Ware	The Chequers PH, Anstey	40m	Easy	JP
26 <sup>th</sup>	10.30	Ware	Lanes - Tea Stop or Pub	30m	Med.	BP
27 <sup>th</sup>	09.30	Hodd.	Emily's Café	40m	Var.	PW
<b>January</b>						
1 <sup>st</sup>	10.30	Ware	Lanes - Tea Stop or Pub	30m	Med.	BP
3 <sup>rd</sup>	09.30	Ware	Cafe Moreno, Royston	45m	Var.	PW

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:

Hertford: Hartham Common, recycling point

Hoddesdon: Clock Tower

Much Hadham: bus shelter north end of High Street

Puckeridge: outside White Hart pub in High Street

Ware: Broadmeads car park near level crossing

*Note that details are occasionally subject to change. See the website for the most up-to-date information.*

## Name the Village

Lots of correct entries for the Xmas Lunch venue in Hertingfordbury. Brian Evans won by a short-head from John Pearson.

As a consolation prize for John, this month's one should be a gift for him. GK



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