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New Members

**KCC welcomes five new members this month:
Blair Adams; Andy Fairley (re-joined); John Montemajor; Tom Perry
and David Foster**

2012 TT events

Just a reminder for ALL RIDERS:

You will have seen the list of club events in the Feb magazine.

1. All club members MUST have paid their membership if they wish to ride. Please dont leave it to the day of the race, the event organiser has enough to do on the day.
2. Entry fee is £3 for KCC riders & £5 for private riders
3. The wearing of a protective helmet remains compulsory
4. You must also have a working red flashing rear light.
5. Keep your head up
6. Please dont stop at the finish to get your time, the timekeeper will return to the start / HQ with the results.
7. Enjoy it & stay safe!

A reminder to you all to check where you have been allocated duties in the 2012 club events timekeeping & marshalling rota. Please be aware, to avoid disappointment, we cannot run the event if the allocated helpers don't turn up.

Thanks in advance for your support.

Gavin

TT Secretary

Club Run

February 12th

This Sunday was a very different one to the previous one, the temperature had also risen from the sub-zero of the day before so the conditions for riding were quite good as long as the lumps of ice, which still lingered in places were avoided.

However just three riders set off from Sainsbury's; they were Jon Thorne, Roger Read and Tom Bailey, they rode out of town down Regent St, along Bath Road and then Weekley Glebe Road to join the circuit, which will be used on the 4th of March for the first of this season's open Time Trials, down the hill to cross the narrow bridge over the Ise Brook before climbing through Walkton and continuing past Grafton Underwood and through Slipton to the roundabout at Islip.

They turned left towards Lowick and turned right at the bottom of the hill to climb towards Aldwinkle, turning left as they reached the village to ride through Stoke Doyle and on to the outskirts of Oundle, where they turned to ride to Lower Benefield. It is quite a steady climb before the road descends into the village.

A short way through the village they turned left ride to Brigstock from where they rode across the Harper Brook and up and down the series of hills to Grafton Underwood and turned right at the cross roads back to Kettering.

Tom arrived home at 11:45. The distance was about 33 miles.

February 19th

A fine sunny Sunday, just right for a club run, however just five riders met to take part; they were Tom Perry, Roger Read, Stuart Walters, Hamish Baxter and Tom Bailey.

The route began by riding towards Rothwell and taking the turn to Rushton and continued by turning to and through Pipewell. When they reached the next junction, Stuart's time limit was up and he turned to head back home, the others continued and rode down the hill into Middleton, where they turned to ride along the valley to Ashley. Quite a number of cyclists were taking advantage of the good weather including a very large club run coming from the direction of Ashley. From Ashley the quartet turned to go to Weston by Welland where they turned right just past the church and went to Welham and continued along the single track road to Great Bowden, which joins Market Harborough. They then turned through Little Bowden and on through Braybrooke to Desborough taking the road back to Rushton and retraced their outward route to Kettering.

Tom arrived home at 11:45, the distance ridden about 33 miles.

February 26th

Seven riders met at Sainsbury's on a fine dry Sunday morning, they were Tom Perry, Hamish Baxter, Stu Walters, Jason Gadsby, Rob More and Tom Bailey.

They set off through the town to turn left along Stamford Road and turn down the hill into Warkton crossing the narrow bridge over the Ise brook before climbing up the hill on route to Grafton crossroads.

Just before reaching Slipton they turned to ride the twisty road through Twywell and head for the roundabout at Islip. Stu needed to return home so turned to retrace back through Slipton.

At the junction the others turned towards Brigstock and then turned right to Aldwinkle up the hill away from the Lowick bypass.

They turned left in the village to ride through Stoke Doyle and on to Oundle, from where they turned left towards Glaphorn and Southwick, just before leaving Oundle they turned towards Fotheringay and turned left onto the course where a Time Trial was taking place. At the next crossroads they turned to ride up the hill past the water tower and on down into Southwick to turn left to ride up the gentle but quite long hill to Bulwick. When they reached the junction with the old A43 they turned to ride down the hill and cross the old bridge over the Willow brook. Riding away from the valley they turned left again onto single track road, over the A43 bypass, which goes to the road between Harringworth and Deene. They turned left again towards Deene but before the village they turned right to ride past Kirby Hall and continued past the turn for Gretton and Rockingham Motor speedway and onto the Rockingham Road turning left at the top of the hill to ride along the A6003 towards Kettering.

At the filling station on Cottingham roundabout, Jason stopped to buy some refreshments telling the others to continue without him.

A short way after this Rob decided he needed to press on faster than the pace set by Tom and proceeded to ride off into the distance.

When they reached Oakley Hay roundabout they turned into Great Oakley briefly, then turned towards Little Oakley only to take the next turn to Geddington, from where they rode along the cycle track to Weekley and re-joining the road they continued into Kettering. Tom B instructed Tom P how to get back to his car by turning into Avondale Road, which leads to Regent Street and then Rockingham Road and Sainsbury's.

The three remaining riders continued along Windmill Avenue and then St. Mary's Road to reach home.

Tom arrived home about 12:20. The distance he had ridden was a satisfying 45 miles.

Newport Velodrome

KCC had their 2nd club track session in February at Newport.

The attendees were me, Sian Edwards, Jon Thorne, Marcus Buksh, Darren Botterill, Jerome Smith, Adrian Read, Daniel Tereszczyn & Andrew Christie (the latter three all being first time track riders). Some of our members of our road race squad were there to tidy up a few loose ends in performance & technique, namely Paul Ashdown, James Stokes, John Hardwick, David Robinson & Stu Jones

We were joined by 3 riders from my work Chris Scott, Rob King & Neil Croxton, two St.Ives riders Mick Hodson & John Batchelor, Stuart Alexander from Welland Valley, Rob Barker from Colbert Cycles plus a large contingent from the 45RC - Chantelle & Paul Rothe, Tom Kruger, Kev Hardwick, Rob Swannack & George Fox.

We were joined by a posse of supporters, namely Bernard, Pat, Helen & Rachel Jones.

A great (but exhausting) time was had by all. A special 'well done' goes out to Sian who had competed in a national cross country event in Wales earlier in the day!

We will back at Newport again in September & then hopefully we will be able to start using the newly approved Derby velodrome once that is constructed & operational in the later half of 2013

Gavin

Track organiser & bus driver!

What's On

Sat 10th - Road Race, NCRA Handicap Series 1 - Race 2 of 5 - 48km, Husbands Bosworth, 1400 hrs start.

Sun 11th - KCC Club run, meet at Sainsburys, Kettering, 0930 hrs start.

- Club Time Trial, Weekley 10, Northern Bypass, Kettering, 0900 hrs start.

- 45 Road Club Time Trail, Whiston Hilly 10m, 1000 hrs start.

- Sportive, Velo Club Rutland Reliability Ride, Rutland Water, Normanton. Event website <http://www.itpevents.co.uk/>

Thurs 15th - Off-road MTB club run, Woolpack, Islip, 1830 hrs start. (Suggest checking forum as can be affected by weather etc)

Sat 17th - Road Race, NCRA Handicap Series 1 - Race 3 of 5 - 48km, Middleton, 1400 hrs start.

- Open Time Trial, A5 Rangers CC - 31 miles (E Mids SPOCO), 1300 hrs start.

- Open time Trial, A5 Rangers CC - 15.4 miles, 1300 hrs start.

- Road Race, Team MK Early Season Bowl Series 1, various category races, from 1000 hrs.

Sun 18th - KCC Club run, meet at Sainsburys, Kettering, 0930 hrs start.
- Open Time Trial, A5 Rangers CC - 10 miles, 0900 hrs start.

Thurs 22nd - Off-road MTB club run, Woolpack, Islip, 1830 hrs start. (Suggest checking forum as can be affected by weather etc)

Sat 24th - Road Race, NCRA Handicap Series 1 - Race 4 of 5 - 48km, Old, 1400 hrs start.
- Road Race, Team MK Early Season Bowl Series 2, various category races, from 1000 hrs.

Sun 25th - KCC Club run, meet at Sainsburys, Kettering, 0930 hrs start.
- Sportive, Richardsons Rumble, The 4 Counties Challenge, St Ives, Cambs. Event website <http://www.wheelsinwheels.com/>

Thurs 29th - Off-road MTB club run, Woolpack, Islip, 1830 hrs start. (Suggest checking forum as can be affected by weather etc)

Sat 31st - Road Race, NCRA Handicap Series 1 - Race 5 of 5 - 48km, Southwick, 1400 hrs start.
- Road Race, Team Corley Cycles Circuit Race, MK Bowl, 1030 hrs start.

APRIL

Sun 1st - KCC Club Time Trial, Lamport 20.8m, 0900 hrs start.
- Sportive, Peterborough 5x5 Challenge Sportive, 50, 70 or 90 miles, 0900 hrs start.
Event website <http://www.peterborough5x5challenge.org>
- British Cycling Sky Ride local, Werrington Centre, Peterborough, 1000 hrs start.

Thurs 5th - KCC Evening Time Trial, Grafton Underwood 11.7, 1830 hrs start.

Sat 7th - Road Race, NCRA Handicap Series 2 - Race 1 of 5 - 48km, Old, 1400 hrs start.