



### Newsletter of the Cycle Club Bexley

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Here we are again, 20 issues in and no one has killed me nor wrestled the typewriter from my hands, so I hope you will continue to enjoy and be informed by my efforts in producing our club's little bit of old school communication.

The summer just gone has been such a fantastic time for the club with riders representing C C Bexley in just about every discipline, whilst members also stand on the regional committees of cycling's organising bodies. We keep hearing about brand new clubs springing up and having hundreds of members in no time at all, well, where are their events? Where is their contribution to our sport? Where will they be in another 50 years?!

### KCA Reliability



Mick, Sally and Jamie are missing from this photo, they got a head start for the pub – strangely, we didn't find them in the chair at the bar ready to get the beers in when we arrived!

The KCA Reliability is like the annual gathering of the clubs. With the usual start point pub now all boarded-up the ride commenced straight from the Colliers Street carpark. Good weather made sure that there was, as always, a great turnout.

We at CCB did our bit, bringing 16 riders along. It is always a pleasure to see old friends again and ride this

excellent and well run event.

In true CCB style, afterwards we all decamped to the pub for a slap up meal and a beer or two.



Pam with her first cycling medal –she was rather pleased with it.

### CC Bexley Reliability - Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> November

Following the disastrous attendance last year when the BBC Weather Forecast predicted high damaging winds and lashing rain (it was calm and sunny on the day) the weather, and forecasts, were on our side this year and we had 82 riders from 19 different clubs signing in for a piece of the action, our best showing for many a year.



John Healy and Joe Tingle got to see all the riders at the first checkpoint.

37 riders took part in the 50km ride, 35 of whom finished, and 45 took part in the 100km ride, 41 of those finished. Thankfully, at the end of the day all riders returned to the cricket club.

For C C Bexley 9 rode the testing and enjoyable 50 and 6 members took on the very challenging 100km route.

## Results:

2 pts for riding the 100 - 1 point for the 50

		21	Points
1 <sup>st</sup>	C C Bexley		
2 <sup>nd</sup>	Seeds	20	
3 <sup>rd</sup>	West Kent R C	14	
4 <sup>th</sup>	Old Portlians	10	
5 <sup>th</sup>	Gravesend	9	
6 <sup>th</sup>	Westerham	7	
7 <sup>th</sup> =	East Grinstead Tri	6	
7 <sup>th</sup> =	Cycling UK	6	
9 <sup>th</sup>	WyndyMilla	4	
10 <sup>th</sup> =	Southborough Wheelers, GS Avanti, San Fairy Ann, Medway Velo, 4T+, VC Elan and Catford.	2 pts	
17 <sup>th</sup> =	Abellio SFA, Dartford RC and De Laune	1 pt	



Angela gets her timecard checked in with Ken whilst Pete supervises – Paul Blacker loves a good photo-bombing opportunity.

A big THANK YOU must go to:

John Healy & Joe Tingle who marshalled at the 1<sup>st</sup> checkpoint, Pete Granger and John 1066 Hastings who marshalled at the top of Gangers Hill, Roger Bunnett, marshalling at Knockholt and Bob Mellor who was manning the checkpoint at Shoreham Station.

Ken Gardner was the official Timekeeper and Starter, and Pete Holbrough and Brian Heasman took care of all the entries and a box full of cash.

Debbie Boxall, Joan Holbrough and India Fumarola were on cake and tea counter (India was on an “enhanced pocket money deal” with her day Luigi) – also thanks to Jo Hovenden for the coffee and walnut cake and the blue and yellow cupcakes. India made the lemon and poppy seed cake and Joan and Debbie pretty much made the rest.

The cakes all sold and raised £200 towards the total.



The Ladies of the Cake – All that lot was gone by the end of the day.

**And finally** - Mick Morris organised and promoted the event, made sure the route was all open and clear, organised all the marshals, set up the club room, rode the 100km route and then locked up afterwards! Well done Mick we all appreciate all the hard work you put in to make it all happen.

All of the profits from our reliability go to the Demelza and Ellenor Hospice Charities, each will be receiving a cheque for in excess of £250.00

## 2018 Evening 10 Time Trial Series

Starting on Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> April, next year we are adding an extra week to the end of the season, therefore the last round will be on Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> August. The Hill Climb will be on the following Wednesday, 22<sup>nd</sup> August.



Dave Sutcliffe at full speed heading towards the finish line.

## Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> December –Christmas Social Evening

Again this year my favourite night of the year will be at the Rising Sun Public House, Fawkham – arrive from 7:00 to get socialising.

There will be a buffet which will be charged at £5.00 per head, please call Debbie Boxall, with the number of people in your party, on 01322 523956, or check “Going” on the Facebook event advertisement so that the buffet is generous enough for all of us to enjoy.



The wearing of Christmas jumpers and other seasonally uncool outfits are positively encouraged, this is an occasion when you can relax and let your hair down.....if you have any that is.

## C C Bexley Road Race Championship

How do you fancy a spot of road racing?

We have been offered the opportunity to hold a closed to club race in conjunction with a neighbouring cycle club, they hire the Cyclopark every year in order to put on their own Club Road Racing Championships. If the appetite is there we could share the hire costs for the circuit and revive our own club's Road Racing Championship – we have a trophy, that hasn't been awarded for many years now, all ready and waiting. This will be an inclusive Championship, open to both male and female competitors, who are full 'first claim' members of C C Bexley riding solo bicycles. I don't have a date for this event just yet. Please talk freely with Mick Morris and Murray Spencer so that we can gauge the level of interest.



The gallop for the line – do we have our own Cavendish and Greipel?

Remember, this could be a wide open championship, circuit racing is not all about time-trialling prowess, drafting is the name of the game, tactics play their part and, with any luck, the race will end up in a bunch sprint for the chequered flag.

## Calling all 2016 Club Champions

Ken Gardner will be gathering in all of the club trophies ready for engraving with the names of the 2017 champions, to then be polished and presented at the Annual Dinner and Dance in February. Ken would like you to bring your trophies with you to the club's Christmas Buffet. If you are unable to attend, or forget, please call Ken on 01322 664566 to make other arrangements as soon as possible.



Evidence that Michael Bebbington has the Hill Climb Shield to return.

## Polo Shirts and Hoodies

We have a local supplier of very reasonably priced high quality polo shirts and hoodies who, besides adding our badge embroidered on the front of the garment, can also add names and/or messages screen printed on the reverse. These are proving very popular with the members and, when these members gather together after an event, it gives the club a very professional and unified appearance.

To place your order see Mick Morris at most club evenings, events and club runs. Mick has a full catalogue from the supplier for you to peruse. Mick will be placing the order immediately after the Dinner and Dance in February. Call Mick on 07753 105865

## Roller Racing! 7<sup>th</sup> February. Get Cadence Training!

### Sunday Club Runs

The Sunday Club runs start at 10 o'clock, meeting by the post box, just across the River from the Lion Hotel in Farningham. Any change to that arrangement, including cancellation, will be notified as soon as possible on Facebook. We have a couple of WhatsApp groups running too, these allow us to directly communicate news on rides and also goad each other in to entering sportives and races. This is particularly useful for people wishing to notify of late arrival or absence from a club run. Photos also share easily using this tool.

To join in the WhatsApp group ask Murray or Marc Engall to add you in to the mayhem.

These are social rides and are tailored to suit those attending, generally we ride between 40 and 50 miles and incorporate a café stop half way round.

If you have been thinking of coming along please call either Murray, on 07751 899921 or Mick Morris on 07753 105865. We never leave anyone behind and offer encouragement, help and guidance for less confident riders. Faster riders will not be out on their own nor will they be disappointed.





Cheeky stop at the excellent Café 1809 in Hildenborough.

Below are dates for your diary, go to your calendars right now and write them on there. Then, once you've done that, enter all the dates in to the diary in your phone. Finally, pin this page on the pin board in the kitchen therefore avoiding clumsy double-booking.

### 2018 Cycle Club Bexley Club Championship Dates

**50 Mile TT**      **Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> June**  
KCA

**100 Mile TT**    **Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> June**  
KCA

**25 Mile TT**     **Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> June**  
VTTA Q25/8

**10 Mile TT**     **Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> July**  
CCB Evening 10

**Triathlon**      **Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> July**  
Wilkins Kennedy Grays Triathlon

**Hill Climb**     **Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> August**  
Stansted Hill, Sevenoaks

### CALENDAR OF FORTHCOMING EVENTS

**Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> December – CCB Christmas Social**  
Rising Sun Public House, Fawkham from 7:30  
Buffet £5.00 per head. Please call Debbie Boxall, with the number of people in your party on 01322 523956 so that the buffet is generous enough.

**Monday 1<sup>st</sup> January - New Years Day Ride & Lunch**  
Ride starts at 10:00 from the car park in Kemsing.  
Lunch at 12:00 in the Bell Public House.  
To book your seat at lunch call John '1066' Hastings on 01322 402361 as soon as possible, the limited spaces in the restaurant are going fast.

**Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> January - WKRC Reliability**  
Starts from Horton Kirby Cricket Club

**Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> January – C C Bexley AGM**  
Horton Kirby Cricket Club, 8pm prompt start.  
Any proposals to be raised and/or discussed at the meeting must be received by the Club Secretary, in writing, by 3<sup>rd</sup> January

**Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> February - Winter Roller Racing**  
This is the Club Championship night, as usual this is being held at the Horton Kirby Cricket Club.  
Keep an eye on Facebook and WhatsApp for announcements.

**Saturday 17<sup>th</sup> February – CCB Annual Dinner & Dance**  
**Holiday Inn, Bexley (The Black Prince) from 18:30**  
Get dressed up and put on your dancing shoes.  
Trophies and medals for all of the Club Championships are awarded on this evening. Tickets will be around £35 per head, booked in advance. Please call Debbie Boxall to reserve your places on 01322 523956

**Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> April 2018 - Evening 10 Time Trial Series First Round**  
First rider will be away at 6:45pm

**C C Bexley Open 10 Mile Time Trial**  
**Saturday 5<sup>th</sup> May 2018 – First Rider off at 15:01**  
Event HQ will again be the Lower Stoke Village Hall.  
Entries Secretary: Richard Boxall.  
Entries, online only, via the CTT website.

**Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> July - Summer Barbecue**  
Horton Kirby Cricket Club

**Next Issue – Due March 2018**



See you in Farningham at nine o'clock on Sunday.