



1966 to 2016

Newsletter of the Cycle Club Bexley

Issue No 13: January 2016

Editor: Murray Spencer
mandaspencer44@btinternet.com

The club has entered its 50th year of unbroken existence, with social events and cycle racing taking place throughout each and every one of those golden years, plus, some members have been with us for the whole duration too! We will celebrate this amazing milestone here throughout the year along with a few other events to be announced.

This edition of the Club Newsletter is mainly to populate your calendars for the year and to remind you of a few social events coming up in the next few days which are enormous fun. Don't miss the Rollers on Wednesdays 3rd and 10th February and the Annual Dinner and Dance, a not to be missed occasion, on Saturday 20th February.

Pin this newsletter on your notice board so that you don't miss out on any of the action.



One of the Founder members, Mick Morris, racing in 1966 and still racing in 2016 and just as fast...or FASTER!
Even the photo is golden – it's all planned that way you know!

Club Nights

Over the winter the club nights reduce to just one a month. We meet at the Malt Shovel Public House in Eynsford on the **second Monday of the month** from 8pm. Dates for the next few months are as follows:

Monday 8th February – 8pm

Monday 14th March – 8pm

Monday 11th April – 8pm

From Wednesday 13th April the club night reappears every week immediately after the Wednesday Evening 10 races. These club nights extend right through the summer until the end of August.

Sunday Club Runs

The Sunday Club runs start at 10 o'clock, by the post box beside the River Darent in Farningham village. Any change to that arrangement, including cancellation, will be notified as soon as possible on Facebook. 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 to less confident riders.

Mid-week Club Runs

Wednesdays

Every Wednesday many senior (and otherwise not gainfully employed) members converge on the Jungle Café on the A20 London Road, West Malling, Kent ME19 5AL, meeting at around 10 o'clock. Due to the meeting time, and location, club mates tend to ride to the café then join up to enjoy an extended ride home to burn off their hearty cooked breakfasts.

Velodrome Track Taster Session

We aim to repeat the fun, excitement and terror of the Stratford Velodrome visit we had last year, as

most of us have not stopped talking about it yet! To put your name down for a place please speak to Ken Gardner on 01322 664566 or grab him at the club night or one of the Sunday rides.

We haven't set a date yet, we will get the names first and then book a mutually agreeable date from there.

CALENDAR OF FORTHCOMING EVENTS

Roller Racing

Wednesday 3rd February 8pm – Fun/Practice Night.

Wednesday 10th February 8pm – Fun/Championship Races for CCB bragging rights and a trophy presented to you at the Dinner and Dance a week later.

Entry fee - £0.00 - yes, FREE!

Annual Prize-Giving, Dinner & Dance

20th February 2016 at 6pm to midnight

The Clock Tower Suite, Swanley.

Call Debbie Boxall 01322 523956 to book your place at the best party in town. £35.00 per head

Dress code is 'Lounge suit/business Dress' although black tie and posh evening dresses are taking hold, the evening is well worth getting dressed up for.

The Sunday club run usually starts a bit later the following day and is often well attended following drink-fuelled promises.

Evening 10 Time Trial Series 2016

First Race - Wednesday 13th April 6:45pm Start

June & July will be 7:30pm Starts

Last Race – Wednesday 10th August

Hill Climb – Wednesday 17th August 6:45pm Start



Ah, fond memories of the old finish in Beesfield Lane. New memories and selfies await us in the A20 layby outside Charton Manor, in just 10 weeks!

C C Bexley Open 10 Mile Time Trial

Saturday 7th May 3pm Start – Isle of Grain

All C C Bexley members are welcome/encouraged to take part. Entries online £9.00 via the CTT website.

Secretary of the Meeting:

Richard Boxall - 01322 523956

Club 50 Mile TT Championship

Sunday 5th June

Being run within the KCA 50 mile event on the Q50/11

Club 100 Mile TT Championship

Sunday 12th June

Being run in association with the KCA 100 mile TT on the Romney Marsh.

Club 25 Mile TT Championship

Sunday 19th June

Incorporated within the VTTA event held on the Chilham course Q25/8

CCB Summer Barbecue

Wednesday 6th July from 8pm at Horton Kirby CC.

Bit early, I know, but at least we can look forward to warmer weather and burning sausages.

Club 10 Mile TT Championship

Wednesday 13th July. Incorporated within the Evening 10 race event on this evening. Enter on the line £3.00

Club Triathlon Championship

Sunday 24th July

Being run within the Wilkins Kennedy Grays Triathlon, Blackshots Park, Grays, Essex.

400 metre pool swim, 25km reasonably flat road cycle and a 5k run on grass paths within the park.

Club 12 Hour TT Championship

Sunday 21st August

Flat Romney Marsh course, the wind can play a big part in your distance and morale on this course.

Next Issue due around April time, just before the Evening 10s get under way.

Please send any comments, photos & articles to the editor at the email address at the top of page 1.

So much goes on in this club that I am not always aware of, it would be a shame not to share some of those moments and rides with the rest of the club.



Last Sunday's Club Run, complete with photographer's dog, Zeus, who waited patiently whilst his master worked out how to use a smart phone.

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