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Well, there went another year! It seems to have disappeared in a flash. On reflection though, Angela and I have managed to cram in a weeks training camp in Mallorca, took up triathlon training (even though we didn't swim or run) and successfully completed our first of three triathlons this year in June. Mingled in with training for three disciplines we also raced in the CC Bexley Evening 10 Series and competed in a number of open time trials. I think we may well have got our money's worth out of 2013!



Your magazine editor racing in the CC Bexley Open 20 at Grain. Thanks to John Hastings for sourcing this picture for me.

CC Bexley weekend trip to Ghent

A few of us went to Belgium last weekend (22nd to 24th Nov) to watch the final 3 days of the Six Days of Gent at the Kuipke Stadium. Rumours were rife that Mark Cavendish would be pairing up with Belgian track superstar Ijo Keisse, however, the team bosses at Omega Pharma-Quick Step called a halt to Cav's track ambitions, stating that they paid him to be a road racer and furthermore, that the track did not fit in with his preparations for next year.



Ijo Keisse (centre) gave the crowds plenty to cheer about.

Cav's absence did not spoil the enjoyment for the thousands of fans crammed in to this very warm arena. Keisse, the local boy from Ghent, was the crowd's favourite and every move made by him was accompanied by an almighty roar. Racing was thrilling and very close all week long with the final result all coming down to the last race on Sunday afternoon. The atmosphere was electric.

We are likely to be heading across the Channel again next year for another weekend of racing, beer and good food.

Club Racing Apparel

This edition's magazine header is a photo of the leg section of the new shorts. The white cuff (out of shot) has 'Bioracer' detailed in reflective material – sweet.

If you would like to order some new gear then please see Mick Morris or call him on 07912 376148. You are too late for ordering some gear for Christmas, but a new top, shorts or skin suit would make a great Easter gift.

Sunday Club Runs

To allow time for the sun to come up, over the winter months, we will be starting the club runs at 10 o'clock at Farningham

Now for a few essential dates for the diary:

Club Annual General Meeting

Wednesday 11th December 2013 at 8pm
Venue: The club room Horton Kirby
AGM Agenda enclosed with this newsletter.

Christmas Social Evening and Buffet

Wednesday 18th December 2013 at 8pm
Venue: The club room, Horton Kirby
Please bring a few nibbles to add to the buffet.

New Years Day Ride

Wednesday 1st January 2014
10:30 start at the public car park opposite The Bell public house in Kemsing. The social ride will be around the 25 to 30 mile mark followed by lunch in The Bell. Start the year as you mean to go on. All are welcome. Please notify John Hastings

CC Bexley Reliability

Sunday 19th January 2014
Starts at Horton Kirby Cricket Club
100km and 50km route options.
Entry fee £5.00

CC Bexley Roller Championships

Wednesday 5th February 2014 – Start 8pm
Venue: The club room at Horton Kirby
Start training now – high cadence is the key!

ANNUAL DINNER-DANCE AND PRIZE PRESENTATION – Saturday 1st March 2014

The venue is The Woodlands Suite in Swanley. We were hoping that Paralympian, Shaun Mckeown, would be our special guest speaker, sadly for us, it looks like Shaun will be preparing for or competing in the World Championships at that time.

Tickets will be available soon from Debbie Boxall – see her at the club or call her on 01322 523956



2013 CC Bexley Roller Champion – Mick Morris – Can anyone beat this man?

Tour De France 2014

A few of us may be travelling north to spectate on the first 3 stages of the 2014 Tour De France, then, a few weeks later, travelling to Paris for the final stage on the Champs Elysees. Please see Mick Morris or myself if you are interested in joining in.

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Please send any comments or content to the editor at mandaspencer44@gmail.com



See you in Farningham, 10 o'clock on Sunday.
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