



Newsletter of the Cycle Club Bexley

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C C BEXLEY IS BACK IN BUSINESS!

Welcome to a short newsletter to share important information about upcoming events that just shouldn't be missed. **See the Diary on page 2**

Club Subs are Due

Still just £12.00 for a full riding member
And an amazing £8.00 for social members
Renew online at ccbexley.com
Any member who has not renewed by 31st March 2022 will be deemed to have resigned from the club

C C Bexley Reliability

Sunday 28th November 2021

The Club's Reliability Trial is back after the enforced break last year; however, there are a couple of important changes for this year, so please read on.

The start venue will now be at:
**The Royal British Legion South Darenth,
Devon Road, South Darenth, Dartford DA4 9AB**

100k Riders 08:00 Departure
50k Riders 09:30 Departure
Entry Fee for either distance - £5.00 on the day

We are looking for volunteers to man checkpoints, signing on, Starter, Finish Desk, and the Tea Bar (Food and cake donations also very welcome)

For those new to the word 'Reliability' here is a quick description of the day:

This is a CCB organised event with two route options, 50 or 100km - you choose a distance and a time you reckon you'll do it in and, at the allotted time, set off. Traditionally, your navigation was via a set of written instructions that guided you along the whole route, more recently, GPS has become a popular method of finding your way round, although the purists will still prefer that bit of soggy paper to test the grey matter.

The idea is that you ride with your club, each rider that completes the course, within the stated time, gets points for their club - 1 for 50km, 2 for 100km.

The club with the most points wins - kudos only - but it's all about the sociable side of cycling, tea and cake is on sale at very reasonable prices afterwards and everyone mingles and talks about their ride. Finally, all of the profit from our event goes to Demelza House and Ellenor Hospices. You get all of that for a fiver entry fee, on the day.

C C Bexley Hill Climb

12 riders took on Stansted Hill for the finale to our summer Evening 10 Series; many hill climb specialists use our event as a warm up or test event in advance of the short but sharp Hill Climb Season. Others do it simply to test their mettle against, what would appear to be, a very modest hill, but which takes on a very different character when ridden against the clock. The best rider on the day was James Hayward of Woolwich CC clocking a fantastic time of just one minute and ten seconds.

The event is also here to determine the CCB Hill Climb Championship. Finally, after thirty years of trying, victory went to Andrew Elford, cresting the hill in 2:19. Second CCB member was Bryn Matton, just two seconds behind. Mick Morris took on the hill on his Ribble E-Bike and equalled Bryn's time of 2:21. The ever-smiling friend of CCB, Reg Smith, set a time of 3:13 on a tandem, partnered by his young grandson on the back - when, at the top, Reg asked his young stoker if he had enjoyed that, the lad simply replied "NO!" - we all laughed!



New club member and Silver Medallist, Bryn Matton, with the 2021 CCB Hill Climb Champion, Andrew Elford

Christmas Social

Wednesday 8th December from 7:30pm

**At The Fox and Hounds Public House
201 Lowfield Street, Dartford DA1 1JJ**

This event is free to all members and their partners. Normal pub drinks are available from the dedicated bar for this event space.

There is plenty of parking available nearby, but if you are concerned about where to leave your car, then please call Debbie Boxall on 07425 152445

Ron Ward

2nd October 1939 – 11th September 2021

Written by Ken Gardner and Pete Holbrough

Our fellow club member and good friend, Ron Ward, passed away on 11th September aged 81. We thought this shouldn't pass without a small tribute to honour his memory.

Ron joined C C Bexley in 1994 and at once started to be part of the club's activities – club runs, time trials, roller racing and socials, he enjoyed all aspects of club life.

We believe he competed before he joined CCB, racing at Herne Hill, Brands Hatch and Crystal Palace.

He spoke a lot, and Ron could rabbit on about different clubs and cyclists he knew, especially the West Kent and Mephisto. Unfortunately, in 1996 whilst warming up for an Evening 10, he was hit from behind by a car and suffered grievous injuries, Ken and I went to Maidstone Hospital with him, at one stage it was touch and go as to whether he would pull through. Being Ron, he recovered, but his cycling was never the same again, he still attended all the club events helping where he could, but mainly it was his ability to talk to people and bond with them wherever he went. He was an enthusiast for all sports on two wheels (apologies to trikes), he travelled extensively to watch motocross and Moto GP. Ron was a regular at Canada Heights and Brands Hatch, and a great fan of Valentino Rossi.

A cyclist and friend, he will be sorely missed.



Ron Ward - 1938 to 2021

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

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Club Mountain Bike Championship

For the time being this Championship will not go ahead for 2021, The Thetford Winter Series has been cancelled due to 'forestry operations' in each of the event sites. I understand that all will be well for 2022

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Annual General Meeting

Wednesday 12th January 2022 at 8pm sharp

The Royal British Legion South Darenth,
Devon Road, South Darenth, Dartford DA4 9AB

Proposals for discussion at the meeting are to be submitted in writing, with a seconder, to the Club Secretary, Gary Grayland by 31st December 2021 at: garythebike@btinternet.com

Annual Dinner and Dance

26th February 2022 at 6:30pm

£45 per person, guests are very welcome.

Birchwood Park Golf and Country Club

Birchwood Road, Wilmington DA2 7HJ

Tickets from Debbie Boxall Tel: 07425 152445



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