



## Keeping up with the Redmon Cycling Club

### Editor's Comment

JA

Despite our high hopes for the Club's 2019 season, it has unfortunately started with a bit of a whimper.

Although, the Open 10 ran very successfully, thanks to our President Richard Hoskin, it suffered from a small field, which is now so very commonplace in our sport.

Our club events started in May, and we hoped that they would get a few of you on your bikes, riding, helping or supporting. It has, however, been very disappointing, with only a handful of riders turning up. Sadly too, most of the riders have been from other clubs, and without them several of the events would have been cancelled. I do feel for Derek and the others that turn out every week to run them. It is beginning to look as if their efforts are wasted, and looking more likely that this year will be the last of our Club events for ever. This lack of support does make me wonder why some members even belong to the club. Let's try to make the end of the season successful, please join in.

Unfortunately, Eddie Allen has decided to resign from his post as Club General Secretary, as he is moving out of the area, and it will no longer be practical for him to attend our committee meetings. This obviously means that we need a new volunteer. Can you help?

I still believe that the Newsletter is useful and read, but my continuing requests for contributions have fallen on deaf ears. If each of you wrote just one paragraph of a few sentences for me each year, then it would easily be a full four pages every quarter, without me spending hours making up rubbish for it. So if you are reading this, then why not write something too, as without contributions, there is no newsletter - perhaps some club history, reminiscences, race review or cycling topic?

I plan to publish the next copy in October, so I will need contributions by the 20<sup>th</sup> October. Please help me, and help your Club keep this publication going

I have recently updated and redesigned the Club's website, as it was becoming very difficult to maintain. I have recently been keeping it regularly updated with news and racing results for those of you that are interested. This is considerably simpler and less time consuming than the newsletter, and it will be a continuing record of the Club's activities. Be warned.

### President's Run Saturday 8-Jun-19

RH

Eight brave Redmon riders joined me at The Parrot, Forest Green at 10 am on Saturday 8th June for the

President's Run. We set out towards Ellens Green, Rudgewick and Lockwood along the G10/46 course. Our Tea/Coffee/Cake/Cornish Pasty stop was at the Kirdford Village Stores, when the rain started. We were lucky the owners had installed a Gazebo on the lawn area so sat and watched the rain pour down for a while.

Our Coffee break was extended owing to the rain, our bikes got wet whilst we remained dry. We decided that the best way to avoid the wet was to retrace our steps rather than the planned route. So back we went, a few Surrey Hills along the way but nothing too steep. John and Eddie Allen took the road back towards Guildford whilst the rest of us, Chris Brewer, John McGlashan, Eric Palmer, Mike Wakely, Peter Horsfield and Clive Walton made our way back to The Parrot for a pint. We managed 32 miles dodging the heavy showers, not bad for someone who doesn't get the miles in - me!

My thanks to those who joined me, we must do it again next year. Apologies, if the geography of the run was a bit short on detail but as you all know I have little sense of direction and rely on others to lead the way.

### Grand Prix de Gentlemen Sunday 17-Aug JA

Please note the date for this year's Grand Prix des Gentlemen. It will be held on Sunday 17 August.

It will be run on a different course than previously, and I note that the CTT website is currently incorrect, but with the same HQ as the last time we ran the event. The HQ is at St Johns' Primary School, which is by the North Holmwood roundabout.

The event secretary is Mike Wakely, and he will need help with all of the usual jobs, and any little assistance that you can offer will be gratefully received. So please contact him as soon as possible with any offers to help with marshalling, pushing off, signs, signing on, numbers and catering.



**REDMONster** – needs to discover Velcro

## Club Events Update

J A

We've had a couple of early events cancelled due to poor weather, but the season kicked off on 16 May, thanks to the organiser Derek Wardle and his crew. It's been great to see a few old cycling friends from other clubs turn up, including former member Ed Clark.

Eddie Allen has proved to be the fastest so far, and is getting quicker. He has been disappointed a couple of times to be beaten by Ed Clark, but is more recently turning the tables on him.

Eve 10 G10/42 16 May 2019 (5 Riders/2 Redmon)

1	Eddie Allen	23:55
2	John Allen	26:31

Eve 15 GS483 23 May 2019 (5 Riders/4 Redmon)

1	Eddie Allen	37:55
2	John Allen	43:40
3	Peter Horsfield	45:56
4	Richard Hoskin	1:07:47

Eve 10 G10/42 30 May 2019 (8 Riders/4 Redmon)

1	Eddie Allen	22:53
2	John Allen	25:47
3	Peter Horsfield	27:17
4	Richard Hoskin	37:31

Eve 10 G10/42 5 June 2019 (8 Riders/2 Redmon)

1	John Allen	25:46
2	Peter Horsfield	27:25

Eve 10 G10/42 20 June 2019 (9 Riders/4 Redmon)

1	Eddie Allen	25:25
2	John Allen	29:57
3	Clive Walton	32:49
4	Richard Hoskin	39:12

Eve 10 G10/42 27 June 2019 (4 Riders/3 Redmon)

1	Eddie Allen	23:00
2	Peter Horsfield	28:36
3	Richard Hoskin	40:01

Eve 15 GS483 4 July 2019 (6 Riders/2 Redmon)

1	Eddie Allen	36:37
2	Peter Horsfield	45:00

Eve 10 G10/42 11 July 2019 (5 Riders/2 Redmon)

1	Eddie Allen	22:28
2	Peter Horsfield	27:23

Eve 10 G10/42 18 July 2019 (7 Riders/4 Redmon)

1	Eddie Allen	21:54
2	John Mcglashan	24:33
3	Peter Horsfield	27:48
4	Richard Hoskin	38:10

There are only 3 events left for this season, including the hill climb on 15 August. Wouldn't it be good for the end of the season to go really well, so why not make the effort to come out and join your club mates? Perhaps, persuade us to continue them through 2020?

## Club Championship 10 on 25 July

J A

The Club Championship was run on 25 July, the hottest July day on record, with eight members turning up. This is the best all season so far, but poor compared with prior years. Eddie Allen was crowned Club Champion with a time of 22:18. Also congratulations to Richard Hoskin who with a bit of extra effort won the handicap.

1	Eddie Allen	22:18
2	John Mcglashan	23:45
3	Tony Tuohy	23:51
4	Jon Frost	24:36
5	John Allen	24:43
6	Peter Horsfield	26:32
7	Clive Walton	27:56
8	Richard Hoskin	35:20

## Redmon Open 10 Sat 11-May-19

R H

I thought that I would have to cancel the event, as about an hour before the 2 pm start time it was pouring. However, we were lucky the rain clouds rolled away, but not before David Eccles' fine Redmonster HQ sign was washed away and damaged beyond repair. There was some surface water up to Beare Green but after that the road was clear. Although a disappointing field, 42 riders, it went well, apart from the odd shower.

My thanks for all the help from Redmon members and friends. Our Timekeepers Mick Irons of the Worthing Excelsior and Clive Walton of Redmon, Recorder Eddie Allen, Pushers off Malcolm Pearson and Alistair Lang. Marshals were Geoff Goat at the Start, Mick Deen and Rene Peters at Beare Green. Mike Wakely, Chris Brewer and John Chatterton were at Clarkes Green. Derek Wardle managed the numbers. The catering was managed by Lorraine Allen, Pat Brewer and Joyce Walton, Lorraine and Pat also made some good cakes. David Eccles and Peter Horsfield managed the result board and John and Eddie Allen provided considerable technical support. Don't you think that this is a lot of work for such a small entry?

The fastest rider was Pat Wright, Paceline RT, 20.28. Fastest Vet. Pete Tadross, trainSharp, 21.36. Fastest Lady. Abigail Carter, Loughborough Students, 24.59. Fastest Junior, Theo Tadross, trainSharp, 22.47. We also had a lucky dip for three bottles of plonk (in the style of Robin Johnson!)

Open events can't be organised without a considerable amount of help so I am indebted to all those who helped out on the day and before and after the event. We need the same number of helpers for a field of 120 as we do for a field of 42. I plan to organise the event next year at around the same time, Saturday 9 May 2020, including a section for Road Bikes and Hub Gears but if the entry numbers are about the same it may be the last Redmon Open 10.

## Racing Results

**J A**

Club members have been busy racing since the last newsletter in April, and performance is high. There are certainly some very good results, and I expect that there'll be more to come later in the season!

E Allen	21-Jul Southdown Velo 50	1:54:22
J Frost	21-Jul Southdown Velo 50	2:12:21
P Horsfield	21-Jul Southdown Velo 50	2:22:05
J Mcglashan	14-Jul VTTA London 10	23:17
E Allen	14-Jul Brighton Excelr. 25	57:14
P Horsfield	13-Jul ...A3crg 30	1:18:43
P Horsfield	07-Jul Reading 25	1:07:48
J Mcglashan	03-Jul ...A3crg (MM) 25	58:43
P Horsfield	30-Jun Hampshire RC 25	1:08:37
P Horsfield	23-Jun Blazing Saddles 50	2:15:59
J Mcglashan	22-Jun Alton CC 10	23:32
J Mcglashan	15-Jun De Laune 10	24:45
P Horsfield	15-Jun Sussex CA 15	43:01
P Horsfield	02-Jun Portsmt Hnth 25	1:05:48
J Mcglashan	25-May VC St Raphael 10	23:35
P Horsfield	25-May North Hants RC 10	25:46
J Allen	25-May North Hants RC 10	25:50
J Mcglashan	22-May ...A3crg MM 10	23:29
J Mcglashan	18-May Medway V C 10	25:02
J Allen	18-May Farnham RC 10	24:11
P Horsfield	18-May Farnham RC 10	25:45
P Horsfield	11-May Redmon 10	27:57
D Eccles	11-May Redmon 10	30:17
J Mcglashan	11-May Redmon 10	24:45
J Frost	11-May Redmon 10	25:45
J Allen	11-May Redmon 10	26:15
T Tuohy	06-May VTTA London 10	23:12
J Mcglashan	06-May VTTA London 10	24:04
P Horsfield	05-May Sussex CA 25	1:15:35
P Scaplehorn	28-Apr Houghton 10	27:15
P Horsfield	28-Apr East Sussex CA 25	1:16:06
J Mcglashan	28-Apr VTTA (Sry/Sx) 10	26:10
J Allen	28-Apr VTTA (Sry/Sx) 10	27:16
C Brewer	20-Apr Brighton Mitre 10	34:02
R Hoskin	20-Apr Brighton Mitre 10	45:18
T Tuohy	20-Apr Shaftesbury 25	59:20
J Mcglashan	20-Apr Shaftesbury 25	1:01:21

## Club 'Vintage' TT

**J A**

As you know, I planned to ride the club 15 event on 20<sup>th</sup> June in memory of my father Ron Allen, on his bike, built by Leader Cycles in the 1950s.

We managed to make it a mini Vintage TT, I was joined by Clive Walton on his Hetchins/Holdsworth. I don't know about Clive, but I quite enjoyed the experience, although I was slow and it was a tough ride.

Fortunately for me, though, road works on the 15 course forced us to use 10 course instead. The bike was quite different to ride, with completely different geometry and gearing, and has particularly narrow handlebars. Presumably that was the way of the day?

I certainly have a massive amount of respect for the guys (and gals) of yester year now, and the times that they managed to achieve. Today's technology certainly does contribute considerably to the times achieved!

## Trophy Competition Events

Not too many events left in the competitions, so if you want to win them, you need to enter (and ride!):

### *Sporting Courses Trophy*

Sussex CA	10m	G10/45	24-Aug
Sussex CA	25m	G25/49	26-Aug

### *Club Events Championship*

Club Hill Climb		GH/41	15 Aug
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### *VETS Championship*

VTTA Ldn+Home		H10/2	08-Aug
Bec CC		G25/93	18-Aug
VTTA		G25/89	22-Sep
VTTA Ldn+Home		H25/2	06-Oct

## IMPORTANT: Club Secretary Needed!

Sadly, our Club General Secretary, Eddie Allen has found it necessary to tender his resignation as he is moving away from the area.

We therefore DO need a new club secretary for next year, and we need a volunteer before the AGM in November, as the annual affiliation forms to the various cycling organisations must be submitted in October.

So, please think about it. It isn't particularly onerous: it is the club's address and official contact, the work is minimal. For more details see the 'job description' on the website or contact a committee member.

Several of our committee members are fulfilling multiple roles, and our capacity is limited. We need a volunteer, as without this post the club cannot operate.

## Scary Precedent

**DE**

In 2015 a cyclist hit a pedestrian near London Bridge. Both were knocked unconscious but did not otherwise suffer serious injury. The lights were green for road traffic and the pedestrian was crossing the road while looking at her mobile phone. The incident came to court because the pedestrian put in a claim for injuries. The presiding judge ruled that both parties were culpable, but that, because the cyclist had not put in a claim, he would have to pay the costs of the hearing.

The bill he is faced with is £100,000. However, there is public support behind him to help, and he has, to date, received £45,000 from the public, probably much more

by now. It goes to show how the letter of the law so often lags behind notions of general morality and simple, ordinary, common-sense social justice, eh?

### **Geoff's Reminiscences: 12 Hours? G G**

Having got back into cycling after being in the Royal Navy, I met up with Jim Burrow and he introduced me to the Redmon Cycling Club.

The passion for man against the clock was renewed in me. I had done a few 25s, 50s and 100s plus the great "Hilly 73", the half day event was making in roads into my way of thinking after helping me with one or two of our distance riders, riding 12s.

We were now into the 1960 racing season, and my times were going in the right direction, down. I was asking the distance riders what it was like riding for 12 hours. They said you have to pace yourself, and do not need to worry if you hit a bad spell later in the event, as you'll ride out of it. Ken Gadd was a good adviser.

My first two 12s were the "Southern Counties" events. The club members were out in force supporting any of our riders taking part. One favourite spot was out in Shalford, where it was custom to be handed a pint of beer, before you did the leg up to Ewhurst. If you were behind schedule you were turned here. It was all downhill now to the finishing circuit round Shipley Bridge and Cophorne area.

Brenda wasn't happy when I rode 12s, as she said the nights running up to the event, in my sleep she said I would ride the event in my sleep, so in future could I go away the night before I rode. I elected in future to ride the Luton 12.

To ride this event I used to drive up to Ely and stay at my Mother's. On the day of the event I would get up early and drive over to the HQ near Sandy, Beds.

This was a great event and course centred off the A1 road with legs off. I knew this area from my younger days with the Ely City Road Club. The Luton 12 was called the "Gormandise" 12 because of the feeding arrangements.

After the event I used to go back to my Mother's for a shower, meal and a little rest before driving back to Sutton, the Rossdale, sleep, then get to ride up to London P. H. Q. (?) for work, Monday morning.

I always wanted to do a 24 hour, but Brenda put the block on that. She said you get worked up enough over the 12, what would you be like in the work up to a longer event?

Over the years I enjoyed my 12 hour events, but following my accident, long distance events were a no

go. My mileage was nothing great, my best was just over 220 miles on the Luton course.

### **Website JA**

As mentioned in the editorial, I have updated the club's website, as it was becoming unmanageable. I have recently realised that by letting it fall into disrepair we were losing a lot of information about the Club. There was nowhere recording the Club's recent activities for posterity and all of our news, results, club records and history would be lost.

The results of the club events are now being reported regularly, and I have reinstated the club records and history, which were previously difficult to find, although some of it is still a work in progress. I will be trying to update it gradually over the next few months.

Hopefully you will find it easier to use, and if you have any suggestions for it, or notice any mistakes or typos, please let me know. You know the email address!

### **Club Rides JA**

Don't forget John Chatterton's rides on Wednesdays. 11am by Blundel Lane / Stoke Road junction, in Stoke D'Abernon (opposite the pub) for a gentle ride of 20 miles. Check with John on 07767 811701, before 9.30.

### **Diary Dates**

15-Aug-19	Hill Climb
17-Aug-19	Grand Prix des Gentlemen

### **Contributions and Views to the Editor? JA**

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