

Newsletter

Gravesend CC

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Hours of leisure, miles of pleasure



The GCC Bike Jumble will be held on Saturday 23RD February at Southfleet Village Hall (just for a change) which is at Dale Road, Southfleet, DA13 9NX

Prices are :

£7 Single Pitch Outside
£10 Double Pitch Outside

Open to Sellers 8:00 am
Open to Buyers 9:00 am

Admission £1 (**early Bird £3**)

For bookings, directions & anything else contact Roger Stevens 01474 745884 or steverog8@live.co.uk
Try the 'Sangster Sarnies' (bacon), haute cuisine at its peak. It is also a really good social occasion where all manner of cyclists congregate.

Hello All

I'd like to start with a letter that Mike received:

Letters of appreciation from Faith Katie and Debbie Bardoe. Their card reads

"Myself, Katie & Debbie would like to thank you for a most enjoyable evening at the dinner. We were very touched by the presentation of the cup and the flowers. The club have been so supportive at this difficult time. The Club was very important to Donald over the years. He will be missed greatly.

Love from Faith & family"

Pictured above we lead with the Bike Jumble advert from last month.

Welcome to new member Paul Foye who has already been out on some Club Runs. Paul is an experienced rider, has ridden the track and was previously 'with the Woolwich'.

Reminder – if you are competing for Club awards then you **have to be in Club kit** – unless you are a 1st year member or you have lodged your order with Champion or with the Club

GCC Kit Stock List

| | Size | Qty | Price |
|-------------|------|-----|-------|
| Shorts | L | 3 | £55 |
| Gillet | M | 1 | £40 |
| Gillet | L | 1 | £40 |
| Jacket | M | 1 | £66 |
| Overshoes | - | 3 | £15 |
| Buff | - | 2 | £11 |
| Arm warmers | L | 1 | £20 |
| Arm warmers | M | 1 | £20 |
| Socks | L | 3 | £8 |
| Socks | M | 2 | £8 |
| Jumper | M | 1 | £24 |
| Jumper | L | 1 | £24 |
| Polo | M | 1 | £14 |
| Polo | L | 2 | £14 |
| Old Stock | - | 1 | £76 |

If you want to order any of these items then please contact Steve Harrington directly, you can email him at steve_harrington@live.co.uk



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Mike Savage has been building a Club Website and promoting a Facebook Page, the more shares we can get for our Facebook page the better profile we will be able to build and increase for our club. We can use this platform to advertise our events and increase the number of people interested in our club. Medway Velo's site is used so much they have daily updates and unlike What'sapp the Facebook events allow you to download the vent to your diary so that you don't forget. We should see an increased number of entries at our Hill Climb and other open events.

As we move forwards we will incorporate a link to the newsletter from the Facebook Page, and vice versa – although not yet in this issue.

2019 Racing season. If you are riding Open or other club events then you MUST forward your results to Ed Crocker (Newsletter Editor (**ME**)) who will collect and collate the results over the season. **IT IS YOUR RESPONSIBILITY TO DO THIS.** Any results you achieve will be used at the end of the season in determining Award winners. If the Club does not know then we cannot take you into consideration. In submitting

results please ensure there is the event name and distance, the date and your time. The Club Evening 10s will be recorded by Keith Ward on the results section of the Evening 10 website.

Committee Meeting update. We have recently held the first meeting of the year and this is a resume of the main outcomes. David Barnes is now the new treasurer and the Club account has been successfully transferred over to him. We discussed the Club finances and how to make best use of them. As an interim measure it was decided to subsidize the cost of the Annual Dinner & Awards ceremony – the exact value to be decided later. The new Racing Secretary, Kate Savage, has already started to get the logistics of this role in place with the 10s starting in 2 months time. Championship qualifying events will remain the same but now members must forward their Open or other Club results to Ed Crocker, who will collate and keep a record. Members are reminded to that from the AGM it was decided that if you want to be eligible for Club Awards then you must ride in the Club (summer/official) kit. With the new data protection requirements an additional



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paragraph will be added to the online and hard copy Application Form stating that members agree to the use of their data for Club administrative purposes and that the Club will not divulge members' data to third parties.

Roger Stevens reported that the Gravesend Cycle Jumble on Sat 23rd Feb at Southfleet Village Hall 8-12 is fully staffed with most of the tables already booked. There had been a suggestion from Dave Abbotts about a new competition and awards but which needed some clarification.

Quick reminder that Subs for 2019 are now due and the exorbitant figure of £15 can be paid directly to Dave Barnes (electronically if you prefer, or in cash to Mike at any GCC event). Ideally by the end of March Please. If you wish to contact Dave his email is : David@Barnes-woodfield.co.uk

Well done to Patrick for organising the GCC & Cycling UK (old CTC)

Reliability Ride. The weather hit the number of riders, 46, which was well down on last year 0and those who ventured out will have remembered just how cold it was. Some of us selected the Grain route and endured a very cold stiff headwind on the way back which made the ride feel a lot longer than we thought. Some of the other riders went for the longer route, but I understand that this was a bit of a puncture fest. However, we still managed to raise £320 for the Air Ambulance. (Bob, acting as our representative and getting our money's worth with 2 rides!!!!). There was definitely a chill stiff wind and some stiff climbing, with at least 2 members suffering mechanicals.

Bob, I understand is now out of hospital and making a good recovery from his ordeal, when hopefully he will be out on the roads again in the not too distant future. Both Bob and Valerie Wilson have expressed their appreciation for the cards sent by the club to Bob, wishing him a speedy recovery, and also to Valerie and Megan expressing our support and sympathies and the offer of help should the necessity arise. It was greatly appreciated.



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EVENTS NEWS Including Awards you can win

Hell of the Ashdown 17th February
107k Start Biggin Hill

Wye Wednesday 20th February
208k Start Cyclopark

Evans Ride It 10th March
15,30,50 & 70 mile routes Start
Cyclopark.

2019 Dinner & Awards Evening at
the See Ho, 8 December, 7 for 7.30

Holland/Belgium trip at the end of
April – there’s still time and space if
you are interested.

Contact Steve Harrington on
steve_harrington@live.co.uk

Alps trip in September – again still
time and space – contact Ed
Crocker on

breadcrumbs@live.co.uk

AWARDS– it could be you!!!!!!!

(Awards are listed here in alphabetical order)

Attendance Trophy (1st awarded 1946)

For the member who has attended
or contributed to most Club
activities.

BAR (Best All Rounder) (1st awarded 1937)

This is the lowest aggregated time
for a 10*, 25, and 50 mile rides in
Kent based events.
(* from a GCC Club 10)

Bearsby Challenge Shield (1st
awarded 1927)

This is a track award. Originally it
was for a mile, but recently
proposed as an officially time lap of
Cyclopark.

Eldridge Memorial Trophy (1st
awarded 1946)

The fastest Gravesend rider in the
designated Eldridge 25 mile time
trial. (Jo Eldridge was the only
GCC member not to survive WWII;
the trophy is in his honour)

Evening 10 Championships

i) Juvenile - Macross Trophy

(1st awarded 1964)

ii) Junior (1st awarded 1946)
) base on the lowest aggregate

iii) Ladies time for 5 rides

iv) Senior (1st awarded 1974)

vi) Veterans (1st awarded 1949) highest
plus aggregate time from 5 rides

**Fixed Wheel Trophy (Evening
10s)** (1st awarded 2018)

Fastest total from 3 Evening 10
rides

Half Wheel Trophy



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Awarded for half wheeling or other generally provocative tendencies with the bunch!

Handicap Championship

Calculated from the difference between the two combined fastest times minus the two combined slowest times.

Hill Climb Championship – Ladies & Mens

The rider with the fastest time in the Gravesend Hill Climb event.

Hinds Road Race Award (1st awarded 1957)

Awarded by the Club to recognise achievement(s) by a Gravesend rider in road racing.

Lifetime Achievement Award

At the discretion of the Committee as and when appropriate

Mountain Bike Award

Awarded by the Club to recognise achievement(s) by a Gravesend rider in mountain biking.

Pym Hill Trophy (1st awarded 1948)

For outstanding contribution(s) to the Club during the season. A J 'Pym' Hill was one of the founding members of the Club.

Ramsay Cup (1st awarded 1927)

A team award, awarded to the fastest team of 3 riders in the

Ramsay Cup 25, an Open competition. First awarded by Gravesend Alderman, and later Mayor, A G Ramsay in 1927, originally just for Kent based teams. AG Ramsay was also President of the Club. The original cup is still being used.

Ramsay Shield (1st awarded 1956 (2nd edition))

Awarded to the winner of the Ramsay Cup 25.

Senior Men's Championship (1st awarded 1924)

The lowest aggregated time from 3 Gravesend Championship nominated events from 2 x 25m and 1 x 50 time trials.

Sydney William Goldsmith Trophy (1st awarded 1959)

Awarded at the discretion of the Club for any special achievement. S W Goldsmith was a founding member of the Club.

Tom Taylor Trophy (1st awarded 2005)

The best improvement in a 10 mile time from the previous season to the current season.

Initiated in memory of Tom Taylor, a hard working post war member of the Club.

Tom Medley Trophy (the original Championship Cup 1st awarded 1924)

Now awarded for the time nearest to the hour in any event 25m time trial without going under the hour. This was originally the Championship Trophy, but Tom Medley won it 4 times, 1928-31, and so kept it. On his death his widow bequeathed the Cup to the Club.

Touring Award

Awarded by the Club to recognise achievement(s) by a Gravesend rider in cycle touring

Veterans' Championship (1st awarded 1949)

The highest aggregated plus time from 3 Gravesend Championship nominated events –
2 x 25m and 1 x 50.

Wooden Spoon

Awarded, at the Club's discretion, for an event or action which has caused a 'stir'!

Ground Rules for Competitions

1. In riding in these competitions it is expected that, if a winner, you will receive your award at the annual Club Dinner and Presentation. (This is just showing respect to those that have competed but have not been successful)
2. It is ***your responsibility*** to send **any** event results, GCC, Open or otherwise to the Ed Crocker, Newsletter Editor. GCC will not trawl around to find your results. You need to provide (i) the promoting club (ii) course code (iii) date (iv) your time. If you are submitting road race, mountain bike or touring results or information then the corresponding information is required.

so don't say you haven't been told!



(Howls of Leisure, Chafes of Pleasure)

Mike's Musings – thoughts of the Secretary

So far in 2019 the major topic has been the shock and concern earing about the heart attack to stalwart Bob Wilson while out riding. It was a great shock at the time and there was much concern, but as I write this he is now safely back home (+2 stents) and well on the way to full recovery, with no outward signs it every occurred - thankfully. Mind you his discharge was a bit on/off for a while. He is already talking about riding the bike again, but recognises this may have to wait a while!! Club Runs have looks impressive with everyone in

the same kit. Well done to all involved. Don't forget about being in Club kit if you are racing and hoping for Club Awards too; the racing strip is the predominantly white one; the dark blue is ***only*** the winter kit and optional, in use from 1/10-31/3 The non-Sunday café rides (Sat or midweek) have had some support, but it they have been a good social ride and finding new venues. Worth thinking about.

Looking ahead there are two fantastic trips coming up and not to be missed. The first to Holland to ride part of the Amstel Gold Spring Classics course and the possibly to watch and or ride part of the Leige-Bastogne-Leige or ride the cobbles of Paris-Roubaix. This occurs at the end of April. Then in September it is down to the Alps to ride Alpe d'Huez as well as other notable peaks over a 3 day stay. These trips are always good socially and provide good riding terrain. Recommended.

The 10 mile time trials start next month with 2 Sunday morning events on the 17th & 24th. Just turn up at Grain (Power Station Rd) before 10.45, pay the £5 get a number and ride.



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