

ROAD RACE NEWS



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ROADIES' EARLY SEASON RIDES

First of a series of three early season circuit races for 2/3/4 cats (55km) at the Bowl. Three riders escaped early on and remained clear. In the sprint, I finished 8th (11th overall) and Rupe 11th.

8 March, Milton Keynes Bowl #2

Rupe rode the second MK Bowl race and finished a credible 7th in the finale. I opted to ride the Spring Chicken race near Chardon. Turned out to be a fast early season race; I finished safely in the bunch.

15 March, Milton Keynes Bowl #2

We both rode the third race at the Bowl. Again, Rupe sprinted to a well deserved 7th placing.

16 March, South circuit league, Thrupton circuit

The following day I rode the circuit race at Thrupton motor racing circuit. The usual 'attack and chase' tactics of the third cats. The race stayed together. I took 4th in the sprint.

24 March, Castle Coombe circuit, Chippenham

An uneventful race on Good Friday. I finished in the bunch.

SICK (Bronchitis) – off the bike for four weeks (Rupe for six weeks)

27 April, Reading road race, Goring-Woodcote circuit (80km)

First race back for me after the sickness. A bit of a shock to the system but I managed to hang on and only tired in the final 500m. I finished in a small second group (just 10 seconds behind the winner).

1 May, MK Bowl Evening series#3

I rode the 3 / 4 race, the third in the series. We caught the elites after three laps and the race stayed together for the duration. I stayed near the front all race and took 8th in the sprint.

3-4 May, Plan B 2-day

This stage race for 2/3/4 cats held on a circuit/roads on the edge of the Peak District was quite eventful. Both Rupe and I recorded identical times for the 2km prologue, which left us 24 seconds off the leader (as most folk had TT bikes the times were not so bad I suppose). There then followed a 65km race round the Darley Moor motor racing circuit. With both of us still feeling the effects of bronchitis (Rupe more than me, and him still being on antibiotics) we rode round steadily near the back of the bunch; somehow (and I still can't understand how - they didn't even attack strongly) 15 riders eased clear and kept a 45 second lead. Unfortunately I punctured with 4 laps to go; I got a wheel from neutral service but couldn't get back-on. Rupe finished in the bunch. It was raining hard for the 65 mile road stage on Sunday - a small group went clear early on but also riders were dropping off the back with the pace and the cold. . It was all going OK for 1.5 hrs until Rupe said he was getting cold and asked for the car keys. I got them out of my rear pocket and promptly dropped them in the road – well, I had to stop and go back for them and so, with the rain and cold not abating, quit the race. In sympathy, Rupe stopped at the top of the next hill.

7 May, Eelmore MOD driver training circuit evening series (51km)

The mid-week race series at the MOD circuit near Aldershot started on 7 May. The stage race must have given me some form because four others and myself were in a break for the entire race! (and no, we weren't the only five riders in the race). Nevertheless, I managed to cock-up the finale (only taking 5th).

8 May, MK Bowl Evening series#3

A surprisingly high turn out for this race, with over 40 starters in the 3/4s – must have been glorious sunshine! The race stayed together for the first 30 minutes on the inside circuit, but after the perimeter gates were opened, the speed picked up and the weaker riders got shelled out the back. Then with 20 minutes to go, at one of the tight right handers, a few riders decided to launch themselves through the hedges and along the tarmac. Five riders at the front were not held-up and got a small lead whilst the rest of us chased like fury for the next few laps. I got back to a main chase group of 20 or so riders and won the final sprint. We might have even caught the front five, so either a 1st or 2nd placing.



DIDCOT PHOENIX C C NEWSLETTER

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MARK COX TAKES THE 25 MILE CHAMPIONSHIP BY 29 SECONDS

Seventeen Didcot Phoenix riders took part in the Championship 25 on the Thatcham course on the A4 and Mark Cox was fastest with an excellent 55.51, followed by Nick Druce 56.28 then Phil Brown in 56.33.

Conditions were very good for the event and some really good times were done.

There were three riders from Maidenhead & District C C who had their event cancelled because of new chippings being laid, so they rode 10.002 miles which was as near to 10 miles as we could get for them.

The full 25 and 10 mile results are below, including turn times for the 25.

25 TIMES

Name	Time	Turn
Mark Cox	55:51	21:24
Nick Druce	56:28	22:32
Phil Brown	56:33	22:40
Paul Lloyd	58:16	23:00
Mark Scanlan	58:28	23:08
Steve Luck	59:45	23:33
Steve Wright	1:01:49	23:30
Steve Mead	1:01:52	24:43
Adrian Sell	1:04:15	25:42
Pete Edwards	1:04:27	25:06
Graham Bellis	1:04:34	25:17
Neil Morris	1:06:14	26:22
Mick Fountain	1:08:29	27:00
Tony Smith DPCC	1:10:24	27:32
Matt Chambers	1:10:46	28:00
Ginny Henderson	1:12:18	28:16
Ed Vowles	1:13:36	28:50
Eddie Pitman	1:13:39	29:16

10 TIMES

Christophe Heape	22:04
Danuta Tinn	23:26
Andrew Payne	24:57

BIG CONTINGENT OF DIDCOT PHOENIX RIDERS IN OPENS

Quite a few of the Phoenix riders have been riding in open events this season, here are some of them to my best knowledge.

Banbury Star hilly 23.2, Phil Brown 1.00.23. **Middlelex R C 10**, Mick Fountain 26.10. **High Wycombe C C 10**, Nick Druce 23.41, Steve Wright 24.24, Mark Scanlan 24.39, Stan Maciak 27.00, Mick Fountain 28.01. **Oxonian C C hilly 29**, Phil Brown 1.28.30, Stan Maciak 1.37.21. **Oxonian C C 25**, Phil Brown 57.15, Steve Wright 1.0.43, Mark Scanlan 1.1.44, Mick Fountain 1.6.46. **Oxford City R C 10**, Phil Brown 21.32, Steve Wright 22.15, Mick Fountain 24.40 Mick also won the best Vet on Plus with this ride with +6.50. **Hillingdon C C 25**, Steve Wright 57.16, Mark Scanlan 57.17, Steve Luck 57.53, Mick Fountain 1.1.46. **West London C A 10**, Paul Lloyd 21.50, Mark Cox 21.57, Pete Richardson 24.37, Mick Fountain 25.00, Derek Collett 27.34, Ginny Henderson 27.39. **Didcot Phoenix C C 25**, Mark Scanlan 59.04, Steve Wright 59.14, Pete Richardson 1.4.44, Mick Fountain 1.5.24, Greg Mook 1.6.41, Mark Rickinson 1.7.51, Pete Edwards 1.10.16, M Webber 1.12.11, Ginny Henderson 1.14.30. **High Wycombe C C 25**, Steve Wright 59.05.

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DIDCOT PHOENIX C C WIN BEN OWEN MEMORIAL 10

DIDCOT PHOENIX CC "B"

Name	Turn	Time	Team
Phil Brown	11:50	21:49	
Mark Cox	11:38	21:57	
Nick Druce	11:48	22:03	
Alan Allcock	11:33	22:06	1:27:55
Angus Whitfield	11:52	23:30	

OXFORD UNIVERSITY C C "B"

Jesse Elzinga	11:17	20:32	
Anton Blackie	11:54	21:53	
James Schofield	11:17	23:00	
Jonathan Marchini	11:46	23:04	1:28:29
Henry Martin	12:15	23:04	

OXFORD CITY R C "B"

Mark Jones	11:41	21:22	
Asa Adey	11:29	22:24	
Corin Simmonds (W)	12:08	22:38	
Howard Waller	12:25	23:00	1:29:24
Clive Thomas	11:45	23:07	

NEWBURY R C

Ian Greenstreet	11:49	21:32	
Ian Reece	11:49	21:58	
Donal Linehan	12:01	23:07	
Ian Lakey	12:23	23:13	1:29:50
Cliff Voller	12:14	23:49	

READING C C

Nick English	11:49	21:49	
Peter Graham	11:43	22:05	
Stephen Bale	11:58	22:39	
Greg Woodford	12:16	23:19	1:29:52
Barry Quick	13:23	26:15	

OXONIAN C C "B"

Peter Oliver	12:13	22:28	
Chris Edginton	12:03	22:30	
Neil Johnson	12:20	23:15	
Tom Festa	12:15	24:27	1:32:40

OXFORD CITY R C "A"

Ben Simmons	12:23	23:00	
Mark Kent	12:01	23:42	
Adrian Sell	12:57	24:13	
Paul Allday	12:54	24:14	1:35:09
Michael Johnston	13:27	24:55	

DIDCOT PHOENIX C C "A"

John Thornhill	12:43	23:45	
Steve Mead	12:54	24:13	
Graham Bellis	12:42	24:24	
Dan White	12:55	25:01	1:37:23
Stan Maciak	12:34	25:08	

OXONIAN C C "A"

Malcolm Rose	12:38	24:10	
Geoff Booker	12:48	24:23	
Vince Walker	12:50	25:06	
Dave Brooks	13:20	25:14	1:38:53
James Hunt	13:44	25:18	

OXFORD UNIVERSITY C C "A"

Vicki Fleming (W)	13:37	27:10	
Zoe Barber (W)	14:32	27:36	
Tara Andrews (W)	14:36	27:57	
Lorna Stevenson (W)	15:09	29:14	1:51:57

We held our annual Ben Owen memorial 10 mile time trial on the fast A420 course and some really good times were recorded with the winner being Oxford University rider Jesse Elzinga with an excellent 20.32 ride.

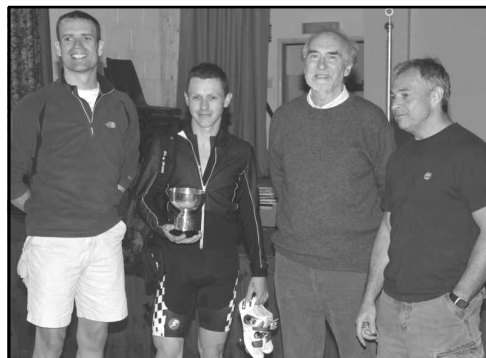
Oxford City's Mark Jones was second with 21.22 and Newbury's Ian Greenstreet third in 21.32. The winning team of four riders was Didcot Phoenix C C "B" with a team total of 1 hour 27 minutes 55 seconds.

Ten teams took part including an all ladies team from Oxford University C C.

The full team result is shown to the left of this article, including the spare rider's time.

Ben Owen's Dad Chris Owen was at the headquarters to present the trophy to the winning team.

I would like to say a big thank you to all club members who assisted and helped organise and run the event and provide tea and cakes in the headquarters after the event.



Three of the winning Didcot team Phil Brown, Mark Cox and Alan Allcock pictured with Chris Owen.

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PHIL BROWN ROMPS HOME FIRST IN CHAMPIONSHIP 10

In the Didcot Phoenix Championship 10 the fastest Didcot rider and thus the 2008 10 mile champion was Phil Brown with an excellent 21.31 ride.

In second spot was Mark Cox at just one second longer with 21.32 and third, just another 12 seconds back was Nick Druce in 21.44.

The event was run on the H10/17R course on the A420 and quite a few personal bests were recorded

Weather conditions were quite good as can be seen by the times produced, full results are below. Twenty-three Didcot riders took part in the championship which is quite a good turn out for us.

FULL RESULTS

John Wager	20:29
Phil Brown	21:31
Mark Cox	21:32
Nick Druce	21:44
Alan Allcock	22:10
Steve Wright	22:49
Steve Luck	22:51
Angus Whitehead	23:04
John Thornhill	23:33
Greg Mook	23:40
Steve Mead	23:44
Marion Rickman	23:58
Stan Maciak	24:18
Mick Fountain	24:32
Graham Bellis	24:37
Cliff Grant	24:45
Dan White	25:16
Neil Morris	25:20
Steve Molloy	25:21
Pete Edwards	25:45
Gordon Wright	25:48
Ron Smith	25:57
Tony Smith	26:52
Ginny Henderson	27:07
John Miller	27:11
Ed Vowles	27:51
Margaret Wright	28:40
Alan Price	28:55
Chris Hart	29:59

MORE TIME TRIAL RESULTS 2008

CC241 FAIRMILE 10 June 12th

T Davenne	21:57
Nick Druce	23:29
Mark Scanlan	23:43
Mytton & J Lhonne (2-up)	24:00
Angus Whitfield	24:06
John Thornhill	24:31
Greg Mook	25:07
Dan White	25:30
Stan Maciak	25:34
Graham Bellis	25:34
J Moody D Addison (tandem)	25:44
Neil Morris	26:05
Mick Fountain	26:22
Tony Knight	26:50
Matt Chambers	27:58
Tony Smith	28:43
Derek Collett	29:13
Chris Hart	30:05
Amanda Druce	31:26
Pete Annells	33:09

CC 241 FAIRMILE 10 June 26th

Danny Axford	21:27
Phil Brown	22:32
Mark Cox	22:44
Nick Druce	23:04
Mark Scanlan	23:43
Angus Whitfield	23:45
Steve Mead	24:45
Marion Rickman	25:11
Stan Maciak	25:22
Mark Rickinson	25:39
Steve Molloy	26:07
Dan White	26:27
Mick Fountain	27:17
Tony Smith	27:18
Neil Morris	27:39
Peter Mcpherson	28:01
Ginny Henderson	28:13
Matt Chambers	28:26
Ed Vowles	28:52
Darren Addison	29:22
Derek Collett	29:39
Myron Maslanj	32:21
Pete Annells	33:19



CLUB TIME TRIAL RESULTS 2008



CC243 BRIGHTWELL 10 March 30th

Mark Cox	23:34
Paul Lloyd	23:44
Nick Druce	23:55
Steve Wright	24:36
Stan Maciak	26:12
Matt Hammersley	27:07
Philip Blyth	27:26
Steve Molloy	27:43
Dave Roberts	28:11
Mick Fountain	29:09
Lucia Singer	30:22

H10/15 SIRES HILL April 3rd

Paul Lloyd	22:39
Mark Cox	22:40
Steve Wright	23:45
Mark Harvey	24:26
Stan Maciak	25:32
Andy Male	25:52
Peter Richardson	25:54
Steve Molloy	26:36
Neil Morris	27:50
Mick Fountain	28:34
Ginny Henderson	29:12
Derek Collett	29:25
Tony Smith	30:06
John Miller	30:09

CC243 BRIGHTWELL 10 April 10th

Paul Lloyd	23:18
Mark Cox	23:35
Mark Scanlan	25:00
Steve Luck	25:23
Andy Male	25:29
Stan Maciak	26:29
Peter Richardson	26:03
Jon Seddon	27:28
Neil Morris	28:04
Philip Blyth	28:22
Adam Gardner	29:17
Mick Fountain	29:54
Graham Bellis	30:37
Amanda Druce	34:51
Nick Druce	D.N.F

H10/15 SIRES HILL April 17th

NAME	TIME	CASTLE +/-	Tot Pts	Pts
Paul Lloyd	22:49	-0:10	8	8
Mark Cox	23:05	-0:25	7	7
Phil Brown	23:47			
Steve Wright	24:28	-0:43	5	5
Mark Scanlan	24:35			

Steve Luck	24:44			
Andy Male	24:58	+0:31	10	10
Peter Richardson	26:09			
Wayne Loubser	26:44			
Matt Hammersley	26:53			
Steve Molloy	27:28	-0:52	4	4
Graham Bellis	27:57			
Neil Morris	28:16	-0:26	6	6
Frazer Clarke	28:30			
Mick Fountain	28:36	-0:02	9	9
Trevor Patey	28:55			
Matt Chambers	29:27			
Tony Smith	30:53			
Ginny Henderson	31:01			
Derek Collett	31:33			
Steve Wickins	32:11			

CC118 STADHAMPTON April 24th

NAME	TIME	CASTLE +/-	Tot Pts	Pts
Paul Lloyd	23:00	-0:21	6	6
Mark Cox	23:05	-0:25	5	12
Llewellyn Kinch	24:00			
Oliver Mytton	24:38			
Mark Scanlan	24:43	-0:06	7	7
Steve Luck	25:30	-0:46	2	2
Andy Male	25:32	+0:34	4	14
Matt Hammersley	26:21	+0:32	9	9
Mick Fountain	27:25	+1:09	10	19
Mike Cooper	27:35			
Neil Morris	27:40	+0:10	8	14
John Miller	28:00			
Adam Gardner	28:41			
Nigel Smith	29:05			
Derek Collett	30:15	-0:50	1	1
Tony Smith	30:51	-0:45	3	3
Ginny Henderson	34:33	-5:21	0	0

CC241 FAIRMILE 10 May1st

NAME	TIME	CASTLE +/-	Tot Pts	Pts
Phil Brown	22:21			
Mark Cox	22:38	+0:02	0	12
Nick Druce	22:49			
Oliver Mytton	24:04			
Mark Scanlan	24:14	+0:21	1	8
Andy Male	24:22	+0:36	7	14
Steve Luck	24:29	+0:15	0	2
Chris Smith	25:03			
Stan Maciak	25:08			
Matt Hammersley	25:48	+0:33	6	15
Greg Mook	5:56			
Graham Bellis	26:22	+1:35	10	10
Mick Fountain	26:54	+0:31	4	23



CLUB TIME TRIAL RESULTS 2008



Neil Morris	26:54	+0:46	8	22
Adam Gardner	28:09	+0:32	5	5
Matt Chambers	28:34			
Derek Collett	28:54	+0:31	4	5
Tony Smith	29:00	+1:06	9	12
Ginny Henderson	29:23	-0:11	0	0
Amanda Druce	31:32			
Steve Wright	DNF			

CC118 STADHAMPTON 10 May 8th

NAME	TIME	CASTLE +/-	Tot Pts	Pts
Mark Cox	22:57	-0:19	3	15
Mark Scanlan	23:52	+0:22	8	16
Steve Luck	24:34	-0:05	6	8
Peter Richardson	25:28	+0:35	10	10
Stan Maciak	25:38	-0:30	2	2
Matt Hammersley	25:59	-0:11	4	19
Sophie Whitworth	26:43			
Mick Fountain	26:43	+0:11	7	30
Neil Morris	27:00	-0:06	5	27
John Miller	27:35	+0:25	9	9
Dan White	27:43			
Steve Avery (T)	27:46			
Pete Edwards	27:58			
Tony Smith	29:56	-0:56	1	13

CC243 BRIGHTWELL 10 May 15th

NAME	TIME	CASTLE +/-	Tot Pts	Pts
Paul Lloyd	22:58	-0:19	7	13
Mark Cox	23:02	-0:24	6	18
Mark Scanlan	24:28	-0:36	5	13
Steve Luck	24:36	-0:07	9	11
John Woodburn	25:28			
Mark Rickinson	25:56			
Steve Molloy	26:38	-0:02	10	14
Mick Fountain	27:30	-0:47	4	34
Neil Morris	27:09	-0:15	8	35
Dan White	27:30			
Graham Bellis	27:50	-1:28	2	12
Julian Bradwell	29:14			
Tony Smith	29:56	-0:56	3	16
Phil Morris	36:00			
Pete Annells			36:47	

CC241 FAIRMILE 10 May 22nd

NAME	TIME	CASTLE +/-	Tot Pts	Pts
Paul Lloyd	22:06	+0:33	1	14
Phill Brown	22:29	-0:08	0	0
Mark Cox	22:30	+0:08	0	18
Nick Druce	22:43	+0:06	0	0
Steve Wright	23:03	+0:42	4	9

Mark Scanlan	23:13	+0:39	2	15
Steve Luck	23:46	+0:43	6	17
Angus Whitfield	23:53			
Steve Mead	24:28			
Jon Seddon	25:12			
Steve Molloy	25:33	+1:03	10	24
Graham Bellis	25:39	+0:43	6	18
Mick Fountain	25:59	+0:44	7	41
Pete Edwards	26:20			
Neil Morris	26:05	+0:49	9	44
Steve Lavender	26:48			
Alasdair MacVarish	27:56			
Derek Collett	28:13	+0:41	3	8
Tony Smith	28:14	+0:46	9	25
Darren Addison	28:38			
Matt Chambers	28:41	-0:07	0	0
D Brogdon	28:48			
Ed Vowles	29:16			
Amanda Seddon	29:31			
Chris Hart	29:55			
Margaret Wright	30:00			
Gordon Wright	32:07			
Phil Morris	31:07			
M Masamts	31:44			
Pete Annells	33:49			

CC118STADHAMPTON 10 May 29th

Mark Cox	23:03
Mark Scanlan/	
Alan Allcock (tan)	23:06
Phil Brown	23:36
Paul Lloyd	23:49
Angus Whitfield	24:14
Steve Mead	24:23
Stan Maciak	25:23
Steve Molloy	26:47
Mick Fountain	26:59
Graham Bellis	27:07
Neil Morris	27:19
Pete Edwards	27:47
Dan White	27:51
Steve Avery (T)	28:10
Nick Lambert	28:33
Alisdair MacVarish	28:50
Steve Wickins	28:53
Ginny Henderson	29:09
Ed Vowles	29:28
Tony Smith	29:44
Julian Bradwell	30:01
Sarah Mead	31:24
Pete Annells	34:38
Lisa Mulford	39:23