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Regular Club events:

Club rides:

Saturday:

Meet at the Lime Kiln in Colston Bassett at 10am, meeting from 9.45. Have a look at the forum to see who is riding.

Sunday:

Irregular rides from the Lime Kiln. Meeting at 10am, check the forum first!

Wednesday:

Summer (April to September) Junior Go Ride sessions. Meeting at the National Water sports centre at Holme Pierrepont, Lady Bay, Nottingham. Meet at **6.30pm** at the clubroom



Weekly club training sessions starts at 7pm. Meeting at the new clubroom, National Water sports centre at Holme Pierrepont, Lady Bay, Nottingham.

Social Meeting 8.30 at the new clubroom, / bar National Water sports centre at Holme Pierrepont, Lady Bay, Nottingham.

Committee and Club Nights to be announced at new Clubroom or Lime Kiln

Club News

Welcome to the April edition of the Nottingham Clarion newsletter. As always the newsletter needs your news and input so please send your contributions for the next one!

Clubmark Presentation



The Club were presented with their Clubmark award by British Cycling at our new clubroom at Holme Pierrepont. Thank you to everyone who attended!



NEW Clubnights underway!

A new chapter for the Club has now begun as we now have a weekly clubnight at Holme Pierrepont every Wednesday from 6.30pm to 8.30pm in a studio room. Format for the night is loosely Go-Ride from 6.30pm to 8.00pm, weekly training ride as usual from 7pm and social meeting in the bar from 8.00pm although it is up to you! We have access to the Wattbikes and we are also planning some Girls only training session in the Summer. If the weather is poor you now have the option to bring along your turbo / rollers instead and do some indoor training. Make Wednesday nights part of your training regime!

Mick Kidd

This month we heard the very sad news that Mick Kidd, long standing Timekeeper and life long member of the club, passed away on 19th March. He had finally managed to get home from his extended stay in hospital then a rehabilitation unit to be among his family. Mick's dry sense of humour has been missed at the Evening 10s over the last couple of years and our thoughts are with his family.

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To join Nottingham Clarion simply download the membership form from the website

<http://www.nottinghamclarion.co.uk/about/join.html>

Club Clothing

We have club clothing in stock, at the clubhouse. Please ask Paul Harwood if you would like anything. Any member under 18 will be able to purchase the club kit with a discount of 25%.

BC Road and MTB schools of racing

Young Clarion riders appeared in numbers at these recent Schools of Racing organised by British Cycling and our jerseys were in evidence on the BC website!

Racing News

You can find out more about our 2011 programme of events on the website here:

<http://nottinghamclarioncc.sports.officelive.com/clubevents.aspx>

2011 Racing gets underway!

This month saw many of our members begin their racing season in greater numbers than seen before and with some very promising results for the season ahead in a variety of racing disciplines. Well done everyone!

Evening 10s are here again.....

Unbelievably its that time of year already. Starting on Thursday April 7th at 7pm, the 2011 Evening 10 Championship begins. Your 5 fastest times go towards the Championship and there will be regular updates of the Championship Table on the website so you can track your progress. This year promises to be more competitive even than last year with a number of riders showing intent in early season events.....



Evening 10 Mile Time Trials

Every Thursday Evening
starting April 7th

Course starts at the
Lime Kiln
Kinoulton Road
Cropwell Bishop
NG12 3BH

For more details click [here](#)

Just how fast can you do 10miles on a bike.....

With Paul Harwood and Pete Morris understandably unsure whether they will be able to help during part or all of the series, we are expecting this series to be very popular and if anyone would like to help with timekeeping, pushing off etc. please let us know.

In addition, we would like to remind riders that they need to be a member of a CTT registered Club (such as us!) to compete in the series and to reduce the strain on the organizers on the night, please could you get your membership in place before you intend to ride!

Darley Moor Road Races

Mike, Craig and Greg entered the first East Midlands region road race of 2011 on the motor racing circuit at Darley Moor near Ashbourne with Mike taking a terrific 3rd place after getting into a breakaway with 7 laps remaining!

Matlock CC Open Hilly time trial:

Six of our riders took part in the cold, wet and dirty hilly TT and performed admirably all finishing in the top half of the field. Fastest time was Charles Taylor from South Pennine RC with an awesome 1:02:52 and 40 riders braved the conditions. Thanks to Gordon Baker and Gill Henshaw for cheering us along.

5th Simon Dale 1:06:54

9th Stewart Gregory 1:09:09

11th Oliver Nuthall 1:10:09

15th John Odell 1:14:28 (22 second late start!)

16th Andy Woolf 1:14:32

20th Richard Birkin 1:16:14

We have some pics of Oli, Andy and Richard:



Medium Gear TT Championship Round 2:

1 Neil Mansfield 27-15
2 Simon Cooper 27-24
3 Richard Hill 28-18
4 Gabriel Bird 28-20
5 Rob Sewell 28-45
6 Karl Bird 29-17
7 Dennis May 29-21
8 Mark Harrison 30-51
9 Seb Raikkonen 32-43
10 Andy Baker 33-04
11 Gary Peckover 33-35
Gareth Cooper DNF
Richard Birkin DNF

Round 3 Result:

1 Richard Birkin 25-51
2 Simon Cooper 26-35
2 Richard Hill 26-35
4 Rob Sewell 27-53
5 Gabriel Bird 28-03
6 Dennis May 28-50
7 Mike Campbell 29-04
8 Francis Grafton 29-47
9 Andy Brown 30-39
10 Seb Raikkonen 31-06
11 Andy Baker 32-02

Round 4 Result:

1 Richard Birkin 25-28
2 Richard Hill 26-00
3 Neil Mansfield 26-10
4 John Odell 26-11
5 Gabriel Bird 26-48
6 Rob Sewell 27-13
7 Mike Campbell 28-24
8 Dennis May 28-51
9 Andy Brown 30-00
10 Seb Raikkonen 31-02
11 Gary Peckover 31-24
12 Andy Baker 31-27

Medium Gear TT Championship Final standings:

Neil Mansfield became the Club Medium Gear Champion for 2011 with the fastest 3 rides in a closely fought Championship which saw an great increase in competitors:

1. **Neil Mansfield** 1:20:45 - **Club Medium Gear Champion 2011**
2. Richard Hill 1:20:53
3. Simon Cooper 1:21:22

Thanks to all who helped out to make the events possible.

BDCA Open 25m TT Stafford RC 13 March

Stu Pryce continues to show his excellent early season form amongst an excellent turnout by the Club.

1 Scott Westwood Walsall CC 0:56:34

2 Stuart Pryce Nottm Clarion 0:59:21

3 A Semple Stafford RC 1:03:36

4 Oliver Nuthall Nottm Clarion 1:03:50

5 A IIsley Baines Racing 1:07:21

6 Craig Wood Nottm Clarion 1:09:47

7 P Jones Banbury Star 1:10:01

8 Susan Semple Stafford RC 1:11:51

9 B Jones Halesowen A&CC 1;14:13

10 Dennis May Nottm Clarion 1:17:22

11 Sue Smith Stafford RC 1:19:12

12 S Bates Walsall CC 1:21:59

Melton Hilly TT and other racing results

In the Melton Olympic Hilly Time Trial, Simon Dale was 4th with 51:21 closely followed by Stewart Gregory with 52:28 for 5th and John Odell in 56:48 (not on his usual TT bike)

In the Spalding hilly TT, Richard Birkin was 11th with 1:07:12 and Dennis May and Gareth Cooper took part in the Coalville Wheelers Open 10.

Meanwhile in road racing, four of our members rode the Bill Jinks Memorial Road Race with Oli, Will and Craig taking part in the 3/4 category race.

SRAM NDCXL 2011-12 Clarion Event

We are in the throes of setting up Round 9 on November 19th 2011 as our own 'home' cyclo cross event at Holme Pierrepont. Many thanks to Kyle for taking on the organiser role and he will need help from us all when the time comes!

In our regular interview, the spotlight falls on an unsuspecting club member and we pull back the curtain with trepidation to discover a little more about them. This month it's the turn of **Neil Mansfield**:

NCN: When did you start cycling?

In my pre-teen years my family would go out cycling every Sunday. At about 13 some friends and I would respray old frames 'acquired' from a local scrap metal yard, build them up, and then sell them to students, or make ridiculous hybrids that we would take to the local BMX track. It never ever occurred to us that rescuing bikes (at night, by climbing over the fence of the scrap dealer's) was ethically questionable. Although I have always preferred to ride than drive, I only returned to more serious cycling about four years ago.

NCN: What cycling or sporting achievement are you most proud of?

Ever since I learned about the Three Peaks Cyclocross I have been intrigued by it and I was proud to finish it last year in a respectable time. I was also pleased to come 38th out of about 3800 in the Etape Caledonia king of the mountains competition.

NCN: What are your cycling ambitions for the winter, or for next season?

This year my main focus is again the Three Peaks in September. This summer I am hoping to travel to the Alps and to ride the route of the Marmotte as well as several other climbs. At the moment I am looking forward to starting the summer MTB race series.

NCN: What was your grumpiest or embarrassing moment on a bike?

BMX injuries - being impaled on a fence by my thigh when climbing over it to get to a BMX track (I still have the scar, some 30 years later), and a dreadful crash getting massive air off a tabletop and completely missing the landing ramp.

NCN: What would be your dream bike, or even who's bike would you like to own?

Ridley Noah



Neil in action at a recent SRAM NDCXL event

NCN: Who are your past or present sporting heroes?

Graeme Obree, Fabian Cancellara, Chris Hoy, Steve Redgrave; I also have great respect for Ed Oxley and Dave Haygarth.

NCN: Given the opportunity, what would be your favorite ride?

I love riding on Dartmoor. Stanage Edge is also very special.

NCN: The oldest cycling chestnut, Shimano or Campagnolo?

I've always used Shimano. I can't help but think that Campag going to 11 is rather Spinal Tap.

NCN: What is your weakness, steel aluminium or carbon?

I would choose carbon, but I have to admit that the bikes I have an emotional attachment to are all aluminium.

NCN: Ok you've been out riding and you make a café stop, what would be your favourite order?

Date cake and a pint of tea.

NCN: Tell us something about you that we don't know!

I used to front a band, and we had a fan club.



Neil in a blur at Sherwood Pines
(Picture courtesy of Chris Etchells Cycling
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