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Editors Notes:

Twenty-five years of serious cycling and over that time I have read magazine articles about forthcoming new equipment, reviews of such kit and also including exponentially rising price of Campagnolo's top groupset, set to be even greater with the advent of electrical gear shifting.

In 1984 it was possible to buy a complete road bike, pretty much a Tour de France replica for less than £500.00.

Since then we have seen chainset prices break the £200, the £300 and now the £400 barrier. We have witnessed frame only prices of £4000. In 1995 I paid £100 for a Chris King headset which I am pleased to say is now on its second mountain bike frame and still silky smooth.

So for all of the above manufactures can claim that you are buying the latest technology which always of course comes with its price tag.

So in Evans cycles last week visiting Canary Wharf, crammed with rich boys and their cufflinks I was browsing the clothing racks looking for tri-shorts. In my recent first triathlon (pool based) I notices I was one of the few wearing swimming trunks (for the first part only of course) and the rest had either full tri-suits or tri-shorts.

Tri-suits and shorts can be worn both in the water and on the bike but with a minimal seat pad.

I glanced at the price of a pair of shorts whose brand name I have not heard of and shock horror £61.99. These were lycra like shorts, no pad as such, plain black, the sort of item that was fashionable with pre-pubescent girls five or so years ago.

Is this the most expensive item (like for like) that you have seen or can you do better?

This coming Sunday at the Corby Triathlon its the Speedos for me.

Robert White

Racing Report

Thursday 28th April

Tony Brown made it a clean sweep of wins in the four C.T.T's on the Grafton-Slipton-Sudborough-Brigstock course, with a winning 29.55. It was a blustery night, but the wind was helpful over the final section. Second place went to Eddie Clutton in 30.40, just pipping David Robinson by one second. Fine improvement of 53secs. gave Josh Monger 4th place. Other times:- Darren Botterill, 32.13. Jon Thorne, 33.52. Joel Lewis, 34.27. Tom Bailey, 37.16. Mick Wood, 38.05. Bernard Smith, 41.33. John Tilley, 46.09. The start was manned by Phil England and Michael Ringrose, whilst Stu Jones and John Hardwick marshalled.

Saturday 30th

Three Club members competed in the V.T.T.A. 25ml T.T. on the Carlton- Long Bennington. Tony Brown was tantalisingly close to 25m.p.h. with his ride of 1.00.02. Mark Booth did 1.02.03, and Tom Bailey, 1.14.40.

Thursday 5th May

Good turn-out for the first of the Club 10's on the Lamport course, with the new headquarters well received, with a welcome cup of tea and cake, courtesy of Helen Hinxman. Timing was done by Gavin Hinxman and Ken Vatcher, and marshalling by Jon Thorne. Tony Brown continued his winning ways with a fine 24.43. Mark Booth was second in 25.06, and David Robinson third in 25.36. Others:- Shaun Bailey, 26.16. John Hardwick, 26.20. Josh Monger, 26.55. Eddie Clutton, 26.57. Marcus Buksh, 27.08. Robert White, 28.03. Mike O'Connor, 28.43. Tom Bailey, 30.05. Andrew Jones, 30.07. Mick Wood, 30.25. Natalie Sharpe, 32.15. John Tilley, 37.29.

Saturday 7th May

Paul Ashdown found the E2/25 in benevolent mood for the V.T.T.A. 25 on the Newmarket-Four Went Ways course, as 79 riders beat the hour. Paul got into the act with a fine 59.10 ride. Winner was returning Ian Cammish, Planet X, bask to form with a 50.07. ride.

Sunday 8th May

Better entry for this years Mark Bell Memorial 18.4ml C.T.T. over two laps of the Old circuit. Overnight rain caused many puncture victims from the grit, including organiser Shaun Bailey, puncturing just before the start, and Tom Bailey, coming to grief on the second lap. Newly married Sam Barker, Planet X, was the fastest by just one second in 42.04, from Adam Gascoigne, Team Pedal Power. Six club members made it without incident:- Tony Brown, 46.22. Stu Jones, 47.05. Robin Bellamy, 48.37. Darren Botterill, 49.55. John Hardwick, 50.07. Mick Wood, 58.22.

Wednesday 11th May

Quite a nice afternoon on the Leighton Buzzard by-pass, for the V.T.T.A. 10, the wind providing a faster outward leg towards the A5 turn. Gavin Hinxman recorded a super 22.00, to be 4th fastest, behind Dave Pollard, In-Gear, at 20.51. Tom Bailey did 28.20, and Bernard Smith, 28.55.

Thursday 12th May

It was a case of “as you were”, in the second Club 10 of the series, with the same first four positions as last week;- Tony Brown, 24.59. Mark Booth, 25.09. David Robinson, 25.56. and Shaun Bailey, 26.04. Josh Monger improved 31secs. from last week to tie with Darren Botterill for 5th place on 26.24. Good 33sec. improvement from Natalie Sharpe to 31.42. Other times:- Andrew Christie, 27.34. Marcus Buksh, 27.36. Joel Lewis, 27.41. Simon Evans-Smith, 28.04. Jon Thorne, 28.22. Robert White, 28.44. Matthew Nuttall, 29.02. Pete Bradshaw, 31.08. Mick Wood, 31.09. Phil Quincey, 34.30. John Tilley, 37.18. Timekeepers were Bernard Smith and Tom Bailey, and George Bridge was the Marshall.

Saturday 14th May

The hefty cross-wind had riders struggling on parts of the course in the N.& D.C.A. 10ml T.T. at Lamport. Confusion over some of the times, due to a faulty watch meant some times were adjusted after the event. Tony Brown was our best placed rider, 16th in 24.26. Mike O'Connor did 29.22. Mick Wood, 31.47. Bernard Smith, 33.07. Pete Etheridge, riding three wheels, 37.49. Tom Bailey got on the prize list, his time of 31.31, earned him 3rd place in the 70+ category. Jamie Scott, Colbert Cycles, won by 2 seconds in 22.47.

Darren Botterill rode to a 24.53, in the Lampard R.C. 10ml T.T. at Leighton Buzzard in windy conditions. Winner was Luke Clarke, Team M.K. in 21.36.

Sunday 15th May

Stu Jones became the first Club member to ride a 50ml T.T. this season, when he competed in the Norlond Combine event on the F1 course at Tempsford. Stu clocked a fine 2.4.45 for the distance. Runaway winner was Ian Cammish, Planet X, in 1.45.23.

Thursday 19th May

Record turn-out of 36 riders for tonight's round of the Club 10mile series at Lamport. Lighter winds saw several improvements and bests. With series leader, Tony Brown on timekeeping duties, Stu Jones scored his first win in 24.44. Mark Booth made a 6sec. improvement from last week, taking second place in 25.00. David Robinson moved up 23secs, with his 3rd placed 25.13. Lady member, Sian Edwards did a P.B. of 28.55, (17secs), and Andrew Jones moved forward 49secs. to 29.18. Phil Quincey reduced his seasons best by a minute to 33.28. John Tilley, trying out a new(er) pair of wheels was 38secs. better in 36.40. Other times: - Shaun Bailey, 26.01, (3secs. imp). Chris Brennan, 26.07. Adrian Tilley, 26.10. Phil Nudds, 26.38. Josh Monger, 26.53, (2secs). Tim Hartley, 27.07. Joel Lewis, 27.21, (20secs. imp.). Andrew Christie, 27.41. Marcus Buksh, 28.10. Jon Thorne, 28.17, (5secs). Mike O'Connor, 28.47. Graham Boniface, 29.29. Tom Bailey, 30.11. Michael Ringrose, 30.30. Mick Wood, 30.58. Bernard Smith, 34.04.

Assistant Timekeeper was Gavin Hinxman, Pusher-off was Ken Vatcher, and Eddie Clutton did the marshalling.

Friday 20th May

Club General Secretary and Magazine Editor started his M.T.B. season with a 35th Veteran placing from a massive field in the 3rd round of the Friday Night M.T.B. Series at Rugby.

Sunday 22nd May

Another blustery day on the A43 for the Club 10ml T.T. on the Broughton course. Eighteen riders faced timekeeper Phil Nudds and Pusher-off Ken Vatcher. Whilst Peter Baranyovits marshalled the Sywell roundabout. Club record holder Gavin Hinxman, 23.16. took the honours ahead of Tony Brown, 23.48. With Shaun Bailey third in 25.49. Other Club times:- Martin Smith, 27.34. Marcus Buksh, 27.48. Phil England, 28.52. Norbert Radvanski, 29.05. Andrew Jones, 30.15. Tom Bailey, 30.18. Mick Wood, 30.46. Bernard Smith, 31.23

Thursday 26th May

The annual Lamport Festival meant a shorter course for this evening's Club 10. Very strong winds ruled out any fast times. New member Mark West put in a good debut ride of 32.31, and Phil Nudds showed his form is returning with 25.28. Gavin Hinxman timed the riders over the course about quarter of a mile short, as Ken Vatcher pushed off, and Mick Woods marshalled. Times:- Tony Brown, 24.29. Mark Booth, 24.43. David Robinson, 25.24. Josh Monger, 26.24. Joel Lewis, 27.18. Jon Thorne, 27.38. Simon Evans-Smith, 27.53. Robert White, 28.40. Andrew Jones, 28.59. Graham Boniface, 29.23. Tom Bailey, 29.47. Sian Edwards, 30.33. Bernard Smith, 34.31. John Tilley, 37.11.

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What's On

June 2011

Thur	2 nd	N.C.R.A. H'cap R.R. (1) 30ml	Cold Ashby	19.00
"	"	K.C.C. Club Championship 10ml	Lamport	19.00
Fri	3 rd	Friday Night M.T.B. Series.	Mowsley	19.00
Sat	4 th	N.& D.C.A. 20.8ml T.T. NC15B	Old	14.00
Sun	5 th	K.C.C. Club 25ml T.T. N7/10x3	Earls Barton	07.30
Thur	9 th	K.C.C. 10ml T.T. N3/10	Lamport	19.00
"	"	N.C.R.A. H'cap R.R. (2)	Middleton	19.00
Sat	11 th	Fenland Clarion C.C. 10ml T.T.	Sawtry	14.00
Tues	14 th	N.C.R.A. H'cap R.R. (3) 30ml	Sawtry	19.00
Thur	16 th	K.C.C. 10ml T.T. N3/10	Lamport	19.00
Fri	17 th	Friday Night M.T.B. Series	Rugby St.Andrews	19.00
Sat	18 th	N.& D.C.A. 15ml T.T. N1/15	Stilton	14.00
Tues	21 st	N.C.R.A. H'cap R.R. (4)	Southwick	19.00
Thur	23 rd	K.C.C. 10ml T.T. N3/10	Lamport	19.00
Fri	24 th	Friday Night M.T.B. Series.	Kilworth Springs	19.00

Sat	25 th	Hinckley C.R.C. 10ml T.T. K41/10	Wolvey	14.00
Tues	28 th	N.C.R.A. H'cap R.R. (5)	Southwick	19.00
Thur	30 th	K.C.C. 10ml T.T. N3/10	Lamport	19.00

July 2011

Fri	1 st	Friday Night M.T.B. Series	West Lodge	19.00
Sat	2 nd	N.& D.C.A. 19.5ml T.T. NC19	Litchborough	14.00
Sun	3 rd	K.C.C. Club 10ml T.T. N18/10	Broughton	08.00
Tues	5 th	N.C.R.A. H'cap R.R. (6)	Middleton	19.00
Thur	7 th	K.C.C. 18.8ml C.T.T. N15x2	Old	19.00
Fri	8 th	Friday Night M.T.B. Series	Bulwick	19.00
Sat	9 th	N.& D.C.A. 10ml T.T. NC17	Nassington	14.00
Sun	10 th	K.C.C. Club 25ml T.T. N7/10x3	Earls Barton	07.30