

# Newsletter

Gravesend CC

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Hours of leisure, miles of pleasure



Picture above taken from the HSBC National Cyclo-Cross Championships held at Cyclopark, Gravesend on the weekend of the 12<sup>th</sup>/13<sup>th</sup> January 2019. I wonder if anyone at the club can descend like this...

Local rider Ben Tullet (World Champion) won his class. we should hopefully see some more events like this at Cyclopark in the future.

Bob Wilson suffered an accident this month and I am happy to report that he is making a good recovery and hopes to be released back into the wild from hospital soon. I am sure that it goes without saying that we all wish Bob a speedy recovery from what must have been a very nasty shock. When I suggested in the last newsletter that someone else should try to take the trophy off Bob for the Fixed wheel challenge this is not what I had in mind.

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](mailto:David@Barnes-woodfield.co.uk)



## Bike Jumble



Prices are :

£10 Single Table Inside

£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**)

Refreshments available

Off road parking in field if weather has been dry

For bookings, directions & anything else contact Roger Stevens 01474 745884 or [steverog8@live.co.uk](mailto:steverog8@live.co.uk)

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



January 2019

## GCC 2019 Race Programme

The new racing schedule is now available for this season the list is below. If you can help in marshalling at any of the events, then please contact Kate Savage at [kate@kmsavage.co.uk](mailto:kate@kmsavage.co.uk)

### GCC 2019 Racing Programme

#### Time Trials

March	17 GCC 10 (road bikes only)	Sun 11:00 Q10/24
	24 GCC 10 (road bikes only)	Sun 11:00 Q10/24
April	2 GCC 10	Tues 18:30 Q10/24
	9 GCC 10	Tues 18:30 Q10/24
	<b>14 KCA 25</b>	<b>Sun 07:00 Q25/8</b>
	16 GCC 10	Tues 18:45 Q10/24
	23 GCC 10	Tues 18:45 Q10/24
	30 GCC 10	Tues 19:00 Q10/24
May	<b>5 Wigmores 25 / GCC Eldridge</b>	<b>Sun 06:15 Q25/8</b>
	7 GCC 10	Tues 19:00 Q10/24
	14 GCC 10	Tues 19:15 Q10/24
	<b>19 De Laune 25</b>	<b>Sun 07:00 Q25/20</b>
	21 GCC 10	Tues 19:15 Q10/24
	28 GCC 10	Tues 19:15 Q10/24
June	<b>2 KCA 50</b>	<b>Sun 06:00 Q50/11</b>
	4 GCC 10	Tues 19:15 Q10/24
	11 GCC 10	Tues 19:15 Q10/24
	<b>16 VTTA 25</b>	<b>Sun 06:30 Q25/8</b>
	18 GCC 10	Tues 19:15 Q10/24
	25 GCC 10	Tues 19:15 Q10/24
July	2 GCC 10	Tues 19:15 Q10/24
	9 GCC 10	Tues 19:15 Q10/24
	<b>14 VTTA 50</b>	<b>Sun 06:30 Q50/11</b>
	16 GCC 10	Tues 19:15 Q10/24
	23 GCC 10	Tues 19:15 Q10/24
	30 GCC 10	Tues 19:15 Q10/24
August	6 GCC 10	Tues 19:00 Q10/24
	<b>11 Medway Velo 50</b>	<b>Sun 06:30 Q50/11</b>
	13 GCC 10	Tues 19:00 Q10/24
	20 GCC 10	Tues 18:45 Q10/24
	<b>25 Catford CC 25</b>	<b>Sun 07:00 Q25/12</b>
	27 GCC 10	Tues 18:45 Q10/24
September 1	Hill Climb (Exedown)	Sun 11:00 QHC/1

Events in **bold** are qualifying events for the Club Championship

#### Track

*Bearsby Challenge Shield* – Fastest timed lap of Cyclopark

## Events News

This weekend coming the 27<sup>th</sup> is the **GCC Reliability Ride**, meeting at Shorne Country Park from 9am for a choice of 3 distances and routes. This is always a well-attended ride and we look forward to seeing as many GCC riders in GCC kit to show off their riding prowess. I should be participating so there will be some drafting opportunities available before I die on the first sign of a climb.

In the coming months we have a couple of events that could be of interest:

Hell of the Ashdown 17<sup>th</sup> February  
107k Start Biggin Hill

Wye Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> February  
208k Start Cyclopark

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

If anybody needs details on these or a larger events schedule, please email [breadcrumbs@live.co.uk](mailto:breadcrumbs@live.co.uk)



(Bowels of Leisure, Piles of Pleasure)

### *New Feature for this Newsletter*

I will try to feature a member or a GCC Event every month. So. for this month a little background on me!

Over the years I have occupied the last man to the top of the climbs, but it didn't use to be that way. I started cycle racing on the Velodrome in 1986, regularly competing at Herne Hill.



Moving to Sheffield University and racing at Manchester Velodrome in the early 90's with Nicole Cooke. The pinnacle of my career was coming third in the British Universities Sports Association National Student Championships in 1993 for the Sprint.

I converted to MTB Downhill Racing for the JE James/GT team in the National Champs however this career was ended by a serious leg injury following a high-speed crash at Kaprun, Austria in 1994. I have raced at Mammoth in the USA on the legendary Kamikaze course and managed to qualify for the European Championships in Mettabief, France 1994 – only to be unable to take part due to injury. I still have my British Cycling Federation Race jersey and hopefully it may fit again one day...

Till the next offering ride safe everybody.