



### *The Presidents Occasional Newsletter*

Hi,

We are pleased with the success of our 2021 John Smith Memorial TT Series. So, far entries have been high and I think the club is playing an active part in the return of the sport from lockdown.

To amuse myself, every week I calculate the winning team although there is no award and no specific competition for this achievement. However, it is usually possible to find 3 riders from the same club or team taking part. Only occasionally will I see 3 NBRC riders!

At the first event, Stony Stratford, Gavin Howell was fastest and the best team was MK Road Club with Aaron, Riley and Sean all top ten finishers.

Gavin won again at the next event, Astwood, but was pushed by Jez Honor, only 7 seconds slower. NBRC were best team, Rob, Mark and James all in the top half of the field. Nice one lads! Chronos RT were second team.

The first Brogborough event attracted a 26 rider entry and the same top two result, Jez reducing the gap by one second to 6 seconds! Equipe Velo would have walked the team if Leigh had turned up!! However, Bossard Whs were first with Ant, Trevor and Richard. Well done the Bossard!

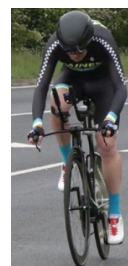
Back to Astwood on the 5th May with a low turnout. Jez triumphed at last in 21.32 and MK Road Club won team for a second time with Aaron, Phil and Steve, Chronos RT again second team.

Entries were back up again for Brogborough on the 12th May (24) and only one DNS. Gavin again top of the podium with 20.05, very close to a 30 mph ride, he won by 40 seconds from Adam Fisher. A tight team result this time saw Bossard Whs (Ant, Richard and Trevor) win with 1.13.29 from Chronos RT (Ian, Kevin and David) with 1.13.45

On the 19th May at Stony Stratford Aaron was first in 26.41, 4 seconds faster than Andy Sharman and another NBRC team win with Rob 4th, Mark 5th and James 6th also Peter Bow as backup 9th.

To date, after 6 events, 3 teams have won twice, MKRC, NBRC and Bossard Whs.

Chronos RT triumph at last on the 26th May at Astwood. Andy Sharman beat our own Rob Saunders by approx 1 minute with James Wooldridge TMK also close in 3rd place. Chronos RT are a team of brothers and Ian, David and Alan placed 5th, 6th and 7th to be fastest team with Kevin and David backing them up.



2nd June saw us at Stoke Hammond for the first time this season and our early seasons winner Gavin Howell back with a 20.35 winning ride by 36 seconds from Dan David LBRCC A who led the winning trio of himself Ben and Ciaron. LBRCC entered 3 teams!

LBRCC B were 2nd team (Richard, Chris and David) but LBRCC C had one DNS so failed to qualify! TMK were 3rd team with Adrian, James and Graeme. Everyone finished better than "evens", above 20 mph. Well done all riders 21 finishers out of 24 entries.

CORRECTION...Bossard Whs were 3rd team Ant, Richard and Trevor were 28 seconds faster than TMK.

All change at Astwood on the 9th June. Gavin Howell again with 21.14, also leading the "on standard" table by 10 points from our own Rob Saunders. In the same way that the Leighton Buzzard clubs favour the southern courses, Chronos RT regard Astwood as their own. They entered 5 riders and duly took fastest team....Ian, Kevin and Alan recording 1.17.36 to TMK's 1.17.54 (James, Adrian and Graeme).

Down south again last week, Brogborough, home of Captain Tom, with a record entry of 32 riders (3 DNS) and a new winning team..... QN Racing...Stuart, James and Helene posted 1.08.10.....5 minutes faster than the other teams TMK, Bossard and Chronos.

No wonder riders like this, our fastest course, Gavin won again at 30 mph 20.02 from Phil Melling and Matt Humpage, in all five 20 minute rides this evening.

Chronos RT were fastest team on the 30<sup>th</sup> June at Astwood, Kevin, Ian and Alan. Gavin was fastest again with 21.05 by 15 sec from Matthew Humpage.

Last week 7<sup>th</sup> July at Stoke Hammond 9 riders got to ride in before the football! Rob NBRC was fastest in 22.57. LBRCC were fastest team, Martin 5<sup>th</sup>, Paul 6<sup>th</sup> and David 7<sup>th</sup>.

We have had to cancel the Brogborough event on the 21<sup>st</sup> July due to road works.

All this talk of team competition is leading us towards possibly promoting an invitation team event with prizes within our series it will be on Saturday 18<sup>th</sup> September two laps of Astwood. Watch out for your invite, all our regular teams as above plus one or two extras. Watch this space. See you on 28<sup>th</sup> July.

**The President**

**Photos** are from Astwood 26<sup>th</sup> May.

Thanks are due to Eira Halliday for permission to use her images.

**Latest news :**

The Stony Stratford race this Wednesday was not well subscribed but Team MK managed 3 riders well done Adrian, Zac and Graeme. Fastest rider was Andy Sharman.

