

**Reading Cycling Club**

**The Colin Roberts Memorial 10mile time trial on the H10/1**

**Woolhampton – Thatcham course at 2pm on Saturday 5th August 2017**

*Promoted for and on behalf of Cycling Time Trials under their Rules and Regulations*

*In the interests of your own safety; Cycling Time Trials strongly advises you to wear a hard shell helmet that meets an internationally accepted safety standard (a “safe” helmet)*

**Organiser:** Rob Thompson 5 Greenfields Road, Reading. RG2 8SF. 07885719750.

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**Timekeepers:** Marion Fountain – Didcot Phoenix CC & Brian Perry – Reading CC

**Event HQ:** Aldermaston Parish Hall (note, not the school as recent years)

The Street, Aldermaston. RG7 4LW

**Event Team:** Matt Simmons, Peter Corfe, Ruth Barnes, Tom Webb, Pat Brown, Doug Aspinall, Tom Fricker, Liz Johns, Peter Stoker, Jacinto Pereira, Mick Fountain & Mike Manning

**Report:** On arrival at the HQ, the event team and early starters were greeted by bright sunshine, but forecasts of heavy showers. A westerly breeze was present, but likely quite variable due to the likely showers.

 The event began in the dry, but within a few minutes of the first starters, a heavy shower with some thunder struck the course. The nature of the weather passing the course means timings of the rain at different points was variable, the far marshals reporting rain stopped at 2:15, but still rain at the HQ at 2:30. Later starters certainly had the best of conditions as once the shower passed the sun came out and temperature picked back up, and very wet early starters began to arrive at HQ. There was one unfortunate (Adam Watts, of Weybridge Wheelers) none finisher due to a puncture.

 Despite the best efforts of the weather, the time keepers, Marion Fountain (finish) and Brian Perry (start) kept things running smoothly and we were ably helped by a number of volunteer helpers listed above, many thanks to them all. The competitors and event team fuelled and warmed with teas and coffees and did a good job of eating most of the cake etc provided – well done!

The tandem event had 2 entries, won by Paul Holdsworth and Gilly Blundell in a time of 22:29 beating Russell Sparkes and Tracy Compton in second place with 26:38.

The solo event had 3 finishers inside 22 minutes, all very close on time. The winner was Mike Knight (Team Bottrill / HSS hire) in 21:23, just 2 seconds ahead of second placed Nicolas Stagg (Hounslow & District Wheelers) in 21:25 and Nathan Gosling (Guernsey Velo Club) 3rd in 21:32.

In the women’s event the winner was Anastasia Bowler (AS Test Team) with 24:46, Laura Vipond (Islington Cycling Club) came in second in 27:28 and third was Pippa O'Brien (RT PODA) in 29:33.

In the veterans, the winner was Nicolas Stagg (Hounslow & District Wheelers) with +5:02, 2nd place Alan Allcock (Didcott Phoenix CC) with +4:39, who just edged out Philip Watts (North Hampshire RC) with +4:37.

Prizes will be sent out by post. Thank you to all the riders who turned up, I hope you enjoyed the event despite the best efforts of nature. My special thanks go to the timekeepers, helpers and marshalls that contributed their effort to making the event run, and remaining cheerful despite getting a soaking. I hope to see you all again next year.

**Results table:**

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| Position overall | RIDER | CLUB | TIME | VET +- | No. |  |
| 1 | Mike Knight | Team Bottrill / HSS Hire | 21:23 |  | 41 |  |
| 2 | Nicolas Stagg | Hounslow & District Whs | 21:25 | 5:02+ | 40 |  |
| 3 | Nathan Gosling | Guernsey Velo Club | 21:32 |  | 52 |  |
| 4 | James Cadman | Hounslow & District Whs | 22:01 |  | 65 |  |
| 5 | Anthony Atkin | Didcot Phoenix CC | 22:12 |  | 43 |  |
| 6 | Paul Holdsworth and Gilly Blundell | Maidenhead& Dist | 22:29 |  | 1 | Tandem |
| 7 | Simon McGowan | Didcot Phoenix CC | 22:39 | 4:15+ | 56 |  |
| 8 | Philip Watts | North Hampshire RC | 22:43 | 4:37+ | 20 |  |
| 9 | Sam Clarke | Team Bottrill | 22:45 |  | 16 |  |
| 10 | Jacob Storey | Islington Cycling Club | 22:51 |  | 63 |  |
| 11 | Thomas Carding | NLTCBMBC | 22:54 |  | 57 |  |
| 12 | Alan Allcock | Didcot Phoenix CC | 23:12 | 4:39+ | 51 |  |
| 13 | Barry Eeles | North Hampshire RC | 23:13 | 3:32+ | 21 |  |
| 14 | Dan Charleston | High Wycombe CC | 23:19 | 2:59+ | 38 |  |
| 15 | Ray Sullivan | Metropolitan Police CC | 23:21 | 3:24+ | 61 |  |
| 16 | Neil Blundell | Hounslow & District Whs | 23:25 | 3:39+ | 13 |  |
| 17 | Adam Evans | Banjo Cycles | 23:32 | 2:51+ | 32 |  |
| 18 | Andrew Payne | Maidenhead & District CC | 23:38 | 3:36+ | 5 |  |
| 19 | Hans Nilsson | London Phoenix CC | 24:08 | 3:36+ | 47 |  |
| 20 | Adam Wilkinson | Velo Club Venta | 24:11 |  | 53 |  |
| 21 | Michael Cope | Kettering CC | 24:15 | 3:05+ | 66 |  |
| 22 | John Bourton | Bicester Millennium CC | 24:42 | 3:24+ | 26 |  |
| 23 | Anastasia Bowler (W) | AS Test Team | 24:46 |  | 48 |  |
| 24 | Michael Harrison | North Hampshire RC | 24:58 | 1:11+ | 67 |  |
| 25 | Cliff Voller | Newbury RC | 25:01 | 3:22+ | 6 |  |
| 26 | Jordan Sanders | Reading University Road CC | 25:07 |  | 8 |  |
| 27 | Russell Sparkes and Tracy Compton | Redmon CC | 26:38 |  | 3 | Tandem |
| 28 | Leslie Howson | Hounslow & District Whs | 26:48 |  | 29 |  |
| 29 | Philip Burgin | Newbury RC | 27:27 | 0:47+ | 59 |  |
| 30 | Laura Vipond (W) | Islington Cycling Club | 27:28 |  | 49 |  |
| 31 | Robert Jolliffe | New Forest CC | 28:14 | 0:00+ | 24 |  |
| 32 | Pippa O'Brien (W) | RT PODA | 29:33 | 0:07- | 9 |  |
| 33 | Brian Moon | Willesden CC | 29:49 | 0:35- | 39 |  |