

Sunday 18 September 2016

RESULT OF THE BIDLAKE 37-MILE MEMORIAL TIME TRIAL

Under CTT Regulations Course H36/18

1st Fastest: Chris Bartley, AS Test Team, 1:20:07, Course Record

2nd Fastest: Richard Gildea, Didcot Phoenix, 1:23:04

3rd Fastest: Dean Robson, Northover VT, 1:23:18

1st Lady: Harriet English, Oxonian CC, 2:1:18

Best team of three: Banbury Star - Hicks, Hewett, Wotton

Fastest Vet 40-49: Dave Dent Fastest Vet 50-59: Dave Dent

Fastest Vet 60-69: Geoff Hewett Fastest Vet 70 +: Mike Murkin

Fixed wheel record of 1:38:27 established by Pete Oliver

Event Sec: Peter Whitfield, Call: 01608 810837

Timekeeper: Jerry Tillson, Oxonian CC, 01993 774612

THANKS TO EVERYONE FOR COMING – RIDERS AND HELPERS.

This was possibly the most memorable of all the races held on this course over the last ten years. With a small field and a 15-mph south-west wind blowing, no one was expecting very much, but how wrong we were. The course record was beaten three times, with the final honours going to Chris Bartley, with his blistering ride of 1:20:07, which took a full four minutes off his own record, set in April of this year. When we first started using this course ten years ago, we offered a special prize if the time of 1:30 was beaten, but it wasn't. Now it looks as though we'll have to start offering a prize for the first rider inside 1:20. Richard Gildea and Dean Robson were both comfortably inside the old record too. Hardly less amazing was Pete Oliver's performance. The first rider to dare to tackle this tough course on a fixed wheel, Powerful Pierre gambled on a monstrous gear of 110" and set a fixed time that might stand for ever. Most other riders went a bit faster than they had expected, so that this was a race in which I don't feel too ashamed to have finished last. Now we need a tandem record. Strictly speaking perhaps I should have given the Vets 40-49 prize to Mike Hicks, but instinctively it seemed to belong to super-vet Dave Dent – very sorry Mike ! Pity about the DNS's, but two of them punctured while riding over to the race, and two others were ill that morning. Do keep your eyes on the calendar for the Oxonian CC event on this course next April, and hopefully for the September version too.

RESULT SHEET

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