

WELCOME to the new format Newsletter for Go-Ride Bexley (GRB), the junior section of Woolwich CC.

2011 has seen the re-launch of Go-Ride Bexley, originally formed and run by Gemini BC and Woolwich CC, now solely run by the Woolwich CC.

We hope you find the newsletter an informative and interesting read, your feedback and ideas for future articles would be welcomed.

With the worst of the winter weather behind us (hopefully), we can look forward to an exciting summer of cycling.

With the re-launch of GRB, we are working to renew our Clubmark status, this involves links with the community, schools and confirming club personnel and the functioning of the club.

The club aims to assist members with their personal development in club management through the young assistants scheme, racing in the summer leagues at Crystal Palace and Herne Hill, riding Time Trials or just enjoying their cycling.

To help us achieve this we are fortunate to have excellent club support with:

Gareth Cozens

Alan Mair

Paul Wilkinson & Dave Brimson

Carol Cozens

Terry Blake

Mark Palmer, Mick McLaughlin & Martin Messer*

Sophie Price*

Chairman

Club Contact

Club Welfare Officers

Treasurer

Lead Coach

Coaches

Coach (returning soon)

*A big welcome to Martin, a long standing Woolwich CC member and Sophie who is in the process of re-joining and hopefully will be with us in the Spring.

GRB Steering Group meet on a monthly basis and are all volunteers doing their best for the club. If you have any ideas or comments to help move the Club forward, please let us know. Remember this is your club and everyone needs to chip in with ideas and support to make things happen.

Go-Ride Racing

Our contribution to this initiative will be to organise a closed road Hill Climb.

Dartford Council have been very supportive and given us permission to use Darenth Park.

A date of 8th May has been pencilled in and this will be confirmed once details have been finalised.

We are planning off site rides to other venues and would hope to see the Club represented in the Gravesend Rotary Clubs ride in April and The Great Kent Ride in June.

Details will appear on the GRB. Details will be posted in time to enter - start getting fit now!

Recent Results and Events

- ◆ The club fielded a team of eight riders in October 2010 at the Sutton CC/Toyota race day and came away with two firsts and a second, but the real pleasure was seeing the team just having fun together, Well done Racers.
- ◆ In February 2011 we hired the Calshot Velodrome where our track coaches, ran a mixed session of GRB riders, Woolwich CC riders and parents new to the track. Riders either improved on their Flying Lap times or established times to beat later in the year.
- ◆ Also returning was Woolwich CC's National Junior Sprint champion, John Taylor, who we are hoping will be coming back to show us how it's done.
- ◆ We were fortunate to have John Scripps the Southern Area BC, Talent Development Manager with us for the day both riding, advising, and introducing us to Madison slings.
- ◆ If you would like to join us at Calshot please let Terry Blake know who will arrange another session. Terry has recently qualified to coach at Newport Velodrome and would be happy to arrange a session there if you like the idea of riding an Olympic size track (250m).

Young Assistants

Some of the older riders will be attending a British Cycling Young Assistants Course in March which will help in their personal development and be a great help to the Club when we start recruiting new members in the Spring.

Venue News

A2 Cyclopark, near Gravesend

Now under construction with the backing of KCC. We have a representative who attends the monthly progress meetings. The progress can be seen from the cycle path running the length of the park, finishing at Nell's Café.

When opened in March 2012, this will be an excellent venue for safe off road riding and as the circuit is lit, it will also be suitable for use in the evening.

Subject to traffic, it takes about 15mins to get from the Black Prince to the A2 Cyclopark.

See A2 Cyclopark link on GRB website.

Herne Hill

Club representatives were at the Grand Reception in City Hall attended by Lord Coe and others involved in the scheme to rebuild the Velodrome.

Hopefully a 15 year lease will now be granted to BC, this will enable resurfacing of the track hopefully commencing this March.

The Olympic architects presented plans for a new pavilion, when this is completed in 2013 this will make Herne Hill a twin Olympic legacy site to the Olympic Park. Fingers crossed this goes ahead. See 'Save the Velodrome' link on GRB website.

Club Bikes and Kit

A bike has been purchased from a member; this has helped us increase our stock of loan/trial bikes and contributed some money towards his new bike. If you have outgrown your bike or have any kit you do not want, could we ask you to consider selling to the club or donating as team kit for either GRB or Woolwich CC.