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This first edition of the HalfLink for 2013 includes reports on the Harp Hilly Hundred and the March club run.

### 2013 HARP HILLY HUNDRED - SUNDAY 3rd MARCH

In yet another year of early season weekend events being cancelled because of snow and ice we were not as fortunate as previous years and also had to cancel the Harp Hilly on the original date of 20th January with it rescheduled it for 3rd March.

To try and ensure we had a reasonable number of riders for the rescheduled event we opted to use BC online entry. This was very successful, as we ended up with 88 riders pre-entering, and will use the same system for next years Harp Hilly.



**The start melee**

After discussions at the pre-HHH meeting we had decided to impose a maximum of 200 riders as providing refreshments last year for 300 riders at the finish was nigh on impossible.

With our limit of 200 riders, the start, helped by the online entries, was not as hectic as last year and by having the finish scanning downstairs this year we had more room for the returning riders to get at the refreshments without too much of a crush.

Purchasing ready made sandwiches and pastries from Costco also made it a lot easier catering for the returning hordes and was well worth the extra cost.

A cold but dry day saw virtually all the riders finish with no reports of mass punctures and only a couple of riders going off course. The largest number of riders from a single club was unsurprisingly the Verulam CC who met their objective of taking the HHH Shield back from last years winners, the Hemel Hempstead CC.



**Ascending Ivinghoe Beacon**

Other new innovations for this year were giving every rider their time written on the back of a HHH business card instead of handing out certificates and enabling riders to request an emailed certificate via the HHH website after the event. Of the 200 riders thirty requested a certificate so this process seemed to work well.

Income from entries was lower than it could have been due to reducing the online entry fee by the BC management fee so that the total charge for a rider entering online was £10, the same as entering on the day, but we still donated £1000 to ReachOut Plus and after expenses were left with just over £400 for club funds.



Again we had lots of positive feedback from the riders, everyone seemed to appreciate the free food and drink after they'd finished and we have had several emails thanking us for running the HHH.

My thanks to the team for making it such a successful day again, Mick C, Mick K, Jim, Dave Pratchett, Terry and Rob Degavino.

Richard.

### MARCH CLUB RUN - REACHOUT PLUS

Thursday 20th March was the first club run of 2013. Starting and finishing at the Hemel Hempstead club room the date was arranged so that we could present the ReachOut Plus charity with our cheque for £1000 from the proceeds of the Harp Hilly Hundred.

Fortunately although very cold it was a dry and bright day with Richard, Mick C, Dave LeFevre and Wally making it for the publicity photographs and Tony Woodford upping the numbers to 5 for the start of the club run.



**Cheque presentation**

We are hoping to arrange the next club run for later in April when hopefully the weather will be a lot warmer.

### WEST LONDON COMBINE EVENTS 2013

These are the remaining WLC events for 2013. If you want to ride any of them please let Jim know at least 2 weeks beforehand.

<u>Date</u>	<u>Start</u>	<u>Course</u>	<u>Distance</u>
26 May	07:30	H25/4	25 Miles
23 June	07:30	H50/4	50 Miles
1 Sept.	07:30	H25/4	25 Miles (2up & Solo)
22 Sept.	08:00	CC180	10 Miles
13 Oct.	09:30	Windsor Hill	Hill Climb