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## December 2011 ISSUE

Welcome to the last edition of the HalfLink for 2011. It includes the minutes of the AGM held in September, the date of the 2012 Harp Hilly Hundred planning meeting in early January and the changes implemented for next years Harp Hilly.

### **HARP HILLY PLANNING MEETING - SUNDAY 8th JANUARY**

Date of the 2012 Harp Hilly planning meeting is Sunday 8th January at the Mop & Brooms, Rowley Lane, Borehamwood, the same venue as this year, time to be advised.

### **2012 HARP HILLY HUNDRED - SUNDAY 22nd JANUARY**

As discussed at the AGM next years Harp Hilly is being run as two separate events so that we don't have to turn riders away, unless we have more than 400 entrants!. The Harp Hilly Hundred is still the premier event with the shorter distance now being called the Harp Hilly 55km reliability trial. Routes remain the same as last year except for a minor diversion through Northchurch to avoid a right turn onto the old A41 and replacing the narrow climb up Darrs Lane with the slightly easier climb up Durrants Lane.

There is now just one time band for the 100km, 3½hrs to 5hrs, and similarly for the 55km, 2hrs to 3hrs. All finishers will be offered a certificate with their time recorded but only riders completing the 100km route will count when deciding the winner of the Harp Hilly Hundred shield.

On the organisational front the registration forms and route maps for the Hilly 55km will be printed on pink paper so they are readily distinguishable from the Harp Hilly Hundred forms.

The Harp Hilly Hundred website has been updated to reflect the changes for next year and the HHH timing system has been altered so that when a rider's card is scanned at the finish the distance entered is indicated alongside the time taken so the correct certificate can be offered.

### **2012 CLUB SUBSCRIPTIONS**

Club subscriptions for 2012 are due and yet again still only £5, if you haven't yet paid. please send the subs to Graham Holdstock.

### **NM&HCA CENTENARY LUNCHEON**

The N. Midds. & Herts CA will be 100 years old next year and is closing it's doors. A celebration lunch is being organised for March 4th 2012, contact organiser David Kendall if you are interested in attending.

NM&HCA Centenary Luncheon  
Sunday 4th March 2012 12 noon for 1 pm  
Homestead Court Hotel  
Homestead Lane  
Welwyn Garden City  
Tickets: Association members £12, others £22  
Organiser David Kendall dwkendall@hotmail.com

## HARP ROAD CLUB 2011 AGM MINUTES

Minutes of Harp Road Club AGM held on Tuesday October 4 at 'The Olde Leather Bottle', Leverstock Green, Hemel Hempstead, Herts.

Present : Phil Corley (President), Jim Williams (Chair), Mike Clark (Secretary), Richard Hutt (HHH organiser), Mick Konopacki, Dave Le Fevre, Alison & Malcolm Putman, Pete Cookson, Wally Warren, Tony Woodford & Dave Pratchett  
Apologies : DBY, Pete Coombs

Meeting started at 2.30 pm

- 1) Minutes of 2010 AGM : Please accept my apologies for advising the meeting that no minutes were taken. These were in fact included in the September 2010 'HalfLink'.
- 2) Review of the Year : Both Richard Hutt & Terry Gambles have been bashing the clock this past season with Richard going under the hour 4 times. 3 club runs were held, 2 from Commonwood and today's. The one held in Brian's memory was very well supported with past members Dave Pratchett, Nigel Thorne, Danny Pollock, Tony Woodford & Tony Taylor attending.
- 3) Financial Report: Agreed
- 4) Affiliations for 2012 : CTT (North London) & WLC have already been paid, nothing received as yet from CTC but will be renewed to cover insurance for HHH.
- 5) Promotions & Organisers for 2012 : Richard Hutt agreed to organise the HHH which will be on 22 January. It was agreed £10 would be charged for both events as previously the £5 fee for the shorter route was initially to attract younger riders but this has been taken up by mainly male & female seniors who weren't sure about tackling the full distance after the tough winter. Many finishers weren't interested in finishing within the time bands only with the actual time and it was agreed any new certificate issued would only state that. Richard will see if he can amend our present certificate otherwise a new one will be designed. All finishing times are published by Richard on our web-site and not everybody wanted to take away a 'souvenir' of their day's experience!



- 6) Appointment of Officers & Committee 2012 : Agreed that standing officers would be re-elected:-  
Jim Williams (Chair), Mike Clark (Secretary), Richard Hutt (Harp Hilly Hundred).
- 7) Appointment of Auditor : Mr. J.W. Keighley has replaced Mr. Woolfe.
- 8) Charity Donation(s) for 2012 : Sustrans & Cry (Cardiac Risk in the Young) will be the charities supported from proceeds of the HHH.
- 9) A.O.B. : Last year's thoughts about reviving club runs didn't happen this year so it was agreed next year's Spring Run in April would be the first mid-week ride and we would alternate between mid-week and Sunday's on a monthly basis. Meeting at a garden centre would mean a more leisurely ride, not having to return to a pub at a certain time for lunch etc. which sometimes means 'pushing-on' when late. Any suggestions of venues would be welcomed. Club Retro Jersey: There seems to be support from members to produce a retro jersey which can be worn, especially on club-runs. Richard Hutt produced a design of yellow with a green band and the Harp RC badge on sleeves. Harp Road Club would also be on the front but not back. There would also be a green band on sleeves and collar. Mike Clark would enquire as to cost etc. About a dozen would be required.

There being no further business, the meeting closed at 3.15pm

My thanks to all those who attended and would welcome old members Dave Pratchett & Tony Woodford who have re-joined.

Mike Clark (Secretary)