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Welcome to the first HalfLink for 2011. We have a report on the Harp Hilly Hundred and details of the spring club run.

### SPRING CLUB RUN & LUNCH

It's nearly time for the spring club run and lunch. The chosen date is Wednesday 20th April March 2011 with the Cart & Horses at Commonwood near Kings Langley / Sarrett being the likely venue. Let Mick C know if you can make it so we have an idea of numbers for the pub lunch.

### 2011 HARP HILLY HUNDRED

Yet another successful Harp Hilly Hundred It always helps that the Harp Hilly is probably the most popular reliability trial in the area but when we get a weekend of good weather after a month of adverse conditions the riders just keep coming. We even had to turn a few riders away this year as we reached the maximum of 200 allowed by the CTC insurance.

We had a larger number of riders opting for the shorter route this year which did have a effect on the income as we only charged £5 instead of the £10 for the 100km ride. Even so, after expenses we were still able to donate £1200 to charity and up the club's coffers by just over £500.

The donation to Linkage Community Trust who manage the home where David Hutt resides, made in memory of Bryan, was presented by Richard & David Hutt. A copy of the thank you letter is attached.



### Presentation to Linkage Community Trust

Yet again the Verulam CC won the HHH Shield for the most qualifiers, but this may change next year if we award the shield to the club with the most finishers, see suggestions below.

Following on from the discussion at the 2010 AGM we gave everyone a voucher for a free drink and roll when they handed in their HHH card. At the same time we also offered those that finished within their time category a pre-printed certificate.

Also as a result of the discussion at the 2010 AGM we gave everyone who parked in the HQ car park a HHH car sticker and all riders were handed a slip of paper with emergency contact numbers with their HHH card. The emergency contact was used in anger and Mick C drove out



to pickup a couple of riders after one of them had overestimated her fitness and could go no further.

Prior to the event Mick C purchased a set of reusable plastic direction arrows for the HHH. The signs have been virtually paid for by another generous gift from DBY to the club of £100. Although it takes a few hours to put out the signs before the event and take them down after the event, it is effort well spent as we received a lot of comments from the riders saying how well the route was signed.

A large number of the riders thanked us for an enjoyable event, we even received this text before we'd finished clearing up.

*Dear Mike and Richard, many thanks to you and your team for running the HHH event today. I enjoyed the ride and thought that the organisation was excellent. I look forward to supporting your event next year. Benjamin Heydecker*

Thanks to everybody, Mick C, Jim, Dave, Mick K, Alison, Malcolm, and Terry, for their help in running yet another successful HHH.

Richard.

Suggestions that have been put forward to be considered for next year are:

1. We run the shorter route as a separate event, the Harp Hilly Half Hundred, which would allow up to 200 riders for each event.
2. The entry fee for the short route is made the same as the 100km route, £10, as we provide the same facilities for both distances.
3. We drop the fast, medium and slow categories and have a single pre-printed certificate on which we write the riders actual time when they hand over their HHH card. There would probably still have to be a fastest and slowest time, 3hrs and 5hrs, to be recognised as a reliability trial for the CTC insurance and the HHH Shield would be presented to the club with the most finishers.
4. We should have a HHH sticker / badge for club members so that riders know who to talk to on the day if they have any problems.