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Welcome to the first edition of the HalfLink for 2012. In anticipation of the arrival of the retro Harp RC jerseys I have changed the colour schemes of the Halflink and the website, and replaced the Harp RC logo of a rider with the red & white jersey with the old club badge.

2012 HARP HILLY HUNDRED - SUNDAY 22nd JANUARY

Yet another record breaking year, no doubt helped by the weather during January leading up to the day, with 280 riders split between the two events, 200 for the Harp Hilly Hundred and 80 for the Harp Hilly 55km. Because of our limit of 200 riders for each event we had to disappoint some hoping to ride the HHH otherwise we probably would have exceeded 300 riders. We will be looking into other insurance options for next year to ensure we don't have to turn riders away in future.

Although there was quite a strong head wind from Dunstable to Aston Clinton, times seemed to be generally faster than the last couple of years, a good indication of an increased level of fitness this year. Hemel Hempstead CC made the most of it and won the Harp Hilly Hundred shield with 15 riders finishing the HHH closely challenged by Team Milton Keynes with 14 riders.

With the increased number of riders and charging £10 for both events we were able to donate £750 to both of our chosen charities, Sustrans and CRY, and add over £1300 to club funds.

As welcome as the income from the record number of riders was it did cause a headache for the refreshments with, at times, a long queue of riders trying to get their tea & cake. We will need to address this problem for next year probably by

making more use of the downstairs area for checking riders in as they finish.

Minor changes to the route are also being considered for next year to avoid the traffic lights in the centre of Berkhamstead and the traffic in Bovington on the way back but the general feedback from the riders was that it was a well organised event and that they enjoyed their day out in the Chilterns.

As usual the event wouldn't have happened without everyone who helped. My thanks to Wally, Dora, Mick C, Mick K, Jim, Dave Le Fevre, Dave Pratchett, Terry and Pete.

Richard.

WEST LONDON COMBINE EVENTS 2012

If you want to ride any of the events please let Jim know at least 2 weeks beforehand.

<u>Date</u>	<u>Start</u>	<u>Course</u>	<u>Distance</u>
4 March	08:00	H10/2	10 Miles
18 March	08:00	H25/4	25 Miles
15 April	07:30	H25/4	25 Miles
27 May	07:30	H25/4	25 Miles
24 June	07:30	H50/4	50 Miles
2 Sept.	07:30	H25/4	25 Miles (2up & Solo)
16 Sept.	08:00	CC180	10 Miles
14 Oct.	09:30	Windsor Hill	Hill Climb

RETRO CLUB JERSEY

This is progressing well and it is looking like we will be using Owayo, a German company, to supply the



jersey. We are also looking at getting a wind gilet produced in the same retro design.



The jersey will be similar to the above sketch, a yellow jersey with a wide green band around the chest. The club name on the front, green bands on the sleeves and collar, and the club badge on the shoulders.

Below is the Owayo design for the jersey.



Mick Clark has further details and will be contacting everybody to take orders.