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## November 2009 ISSUE

Welcome to the November 2009 edition of the Half Link. The date for the 2010 Harp Hilly Hundred has now been confirmed and we have the minutes of the 2009 AGM..

Notices:-

### 2010 HARP HILLY HUNDRED DATE

**Sunday 24th January 2010**

### NEW HARP HILLY HUNDRED WEBSITE

[www.HarpHillyHundred.org.uk](http://www.HarpHillyHundred.org.uk)

### LUNCH BREAK

Phil Corley, Mick Clark, DBY, Dave le Fevre, Jim Williams, Terry Gambles, Pete Cookson, Alison & Malcolm Putman, Wally Warren, Bryan Hutt, Tony Woodford (Willesden CC), Pete Coombs, Brian Waxman (Edgware RC), Trevor Smith (Edgware RC), Denny Fletcher (Edgware RC) and Brian Tadman (Ealing Manor).

Eventually, staggered (in) over an hour so, all those named above sat down to partake of the food starting well over an hour later than the booked one o'clock. A mixture of inclement weather, wrong or no maps, punctures, questionable leaders and break-up into small

pitiful ones and twos and thus wetted and bedraggled they made it back to base (except for Alison and Bryan who were too late for the ride). An unexpected benefit was that the AGM had to start (late) with some still with their mouths full. They couldn't speak (being brought-up proper) and the up and down movement of their heads as they chewed was accepted as agreement to whatever was being put to the vote. Thanks go to the White Horse staff who are obviously used to dealing with cyclists.

### HARP HILLY HUNDRED ONLINE ENTRIES

As agreed at the AGM online entries will be trialed at the 2010 Harp Hilly Hundred. The new website is taking shape, you can see it at

[www.HarpHillyHundred.org.uk](http://www.HarpHillyHundred.org.uk),

and should be fully functional around the end of November. If you think there is any information missing or have any other comments on the new website email them to Richard: [organiser@HarpHillyHundred.org.uk](mailto:organiser@HarpHillyHundred.org.uk).

### HARP ROAD CLUB ACCOUNTS FOR 2009

The accounts for 2009 will be (e)mailed to all members

### 2009 CLUB SUBSCRIPTIONS

Club subscriptions for 2009 are due and still only £5, if you haven't yet paid. please send the subs to Graham Holdstock

## HARP ROAD CLUB

### AGM

Tuesday 15th. September 2009

"The White Horse", High Cross

### MINUTES

Present: Mick Clark (Chairman), Pete Cookson, Dave Balfour Yates, Alison Putman, Malcolm Putman, Phil Corley, Dave le Fevre, Jim Williams, John Warren, Terry Gambles, Tony Woodford, Bryan Hutt.

Apologies: Mick Konopacki, Bob Sturnham, Alyn Ross, Andrew Hutt, Richard Hutt.

#### 1. Minutes of 2008 AGM

(distributed in November 2008 Half Link)

Approved.

#### 2. Review of past year

\* Harp Hilly Hundred (report in April 2009 Half Link)

Although with only 55 entries due to the poor weather, a worthwhile charity donation was raised due to increasing the entry fee to £10. Richard's introduction of the bar-code reader for logging start/finish times proved itself by significantly reducing effort required starting riders and logging finishers.

\* Autumn and Spring rides.

Well supported and enjoyed as usual. It was particularly good to have 1960's Harp members Trevor Knight and Geoff Byne (and their wives) with us for the first time, on the May ride.

\* Membership - 13 (12 paid-up plus 1 life-member (Phil - Harp RC President))

#### 3. Financial report

Not available but bank balance at this date stands at £612. (Audited Accounts will be (e)mailed to members.)



#### 4. Affiliations for 2010

The following re-affiliations were agreed:

CTC (£50) particularly for the 3rd. party cover it provides for the HHH.

CTT (covered by specific donation)

WLC (covered by specific donation)

#### 5. Promotions (and Organisers) for 2010

Harp Hilly Hundred - Richard Hutt (see 9.3 below).

#### 6. Appointment of Officers and Committee for 2010

Chairman - Mick Clark      Secretary - Bryan Hutt  
Treasurer - Graham Holdstock Editor - Richard Hutt

Committee - Left vacant as no need was felt.

#### 7. Appointment of Auditor

Mr.G.M.Wolfe with thanks for his work for the Club.

#### 8. Harp Charity Donation for 2010

The 'multiple' donations proposal (see page 4) was agreed.

The following charities were proposed and agreed:

St. Alban's Mencap (Phil Corley) in memory of Mick Hall who was much involved with the charity.

Note: At Phil's request this replaced Willen Hospice from the previous AGM.

Vic's Fund (Mick Konopacki)

Shelter (Jim Williams)

## 9. Harp Hilly Hundred

**9.1** Phil said that he was proposing a Phil Corley Cycles sportive around April next year. It would start and finish at the shop with distances of 100, 50 and 20 miles in mind. It would have all the features of a modern sportive including transponders for timing. He would organise. He felt the HHH should be up-dated to what riders expected today and would welcome the Harp on board in some manner. This could include some involvement on the day and the Harp's name appearing as a sub-title. He was prepared to route the sportive over roads to suit the Chiltern Classics area.

Whilst there was support for the sportive itself and Harp involvement would obviate the need for finding an HHH organiser, there were reservations with the HHH losing its long-established format. Thus, Phil's offer was (with some reluctance) declined.

**9.2** Although very few riders entered for the 50km it was agreed to retain it at least for 2010.

**9.3** Richard Hutt had indicated he was prepared to organise the 2010 HHH but only if he was not involved with the refreshments. After discussion of various options for refreshments John Warren offered to manage the refreshments and, post-AGM, Richard agreed be HHH organiser.

**9.4** As for last year's HHH, Malcolm Putman agreed to obtain route arrows (possible sources were suggested) and their setting-up and recovery (with help).

**9.5** Richard's proposal for on-line entry (see page 4) was agreed with the following responses:

- 1 After considering arguments for higher entry fees for on-the-day entries, for reasons of simplicity and on-line entries could be considered a trial this first time, it was agreed that both on-line and on-the-day entries to be £10.
- 2 Entries to be accepted from when the date is confirmed (Richard will need liaison with Roger Manley, Hemel Hempstead CC particularly in respect of avoiding a clash with any motor-cycle event using the HQ site).

3 Entries should be accepted upto 1 week before the event.

4 It was left for Richard to determine the need for a HHH website.

5 PayPal was accepted. It was not obvious if tying this into the club's bank account would be useful but in any case would need to be discussed with Graham Holdstock.

6 Pre-entered riders should sign for their HHH cards when collecting them.

7 Online entry details should be shown on the Chiltern Classics poster (Roger Manley) and advertised on London Cycle Sport and Cycle Weekly.

8 Suggested that upto 150 on-line entries be accepted. Any number less than that entering would be available for entries on the day.

9 Email queries (of which there were a large number last year) should be directed to the website with full HHH details.

**9.6** Dave BY announced he would make a £100 donation to the HHH in the name of Waverley Shipping. He was thanked by the meeting for this generous support.

## 10. Any other business

With no further business the meeting closed at 3.42pm.



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## **ONLINE ENTRIES FOR THE HHH [Richard Hutt]**

To help reduce the rush at the start of the Harp Hilly Hundred (HHH) next year, 2010, it is proposed that we look into accepting entries in advance through an online entry form on the Harp RC website.

We are restricted to a maximum of 200 riders to comply with the CTC insurance. It is suggested that we accept upto 100 entries online which would still allow plenty of spaces for riders to enter on the day. Riders who enter in advance would have to supply all their details, i.e. name, address, club etc, and be allocated a start number so on the day would just need to collect their HHH card which should reduce the numbers queuing to pay their money and fill in the forms.

It will also reduce the amount of riders details that need to be entered into the certificate printing program on the day of the HHH as pre-entered rider's details can be entered as they are accepted.

We would lose a small proportion of the £10 entry fee to credit card fees, probably 50p - 60p but if a rider doesn't turn up we would still have the money. Also we would not refund any entries if the Harp Hilly Hundred was cancelled for any reason, in this case we would donate all the entry fees less the credit card fees to the selected charity.

There is an initial amount of work involved in setting up the online entry form on the website and then ongoing work in pre-entering riders details into the certificate printing program but this should be well worth the reduction in work on the day.

Some other details that need to be worked out -

How far in advance do we accept online entries? (from beginning December?)

What is the latest we accept online entries? (probably 1 week before)

Would we want a new website  
HarpHillyHundred.org.uk

The simplest way to accept money online is to use PayPal, ideally this should be tied



into the Harp RC bank account but this is probably not practicable.

Should pre-entered riders sign for their HHH cards when collecting them?

How best do we advertise the online entry website?

## **HHH CHARITY DONATIONS [Bryan Hutt]**

Any charity donation should aim to be at least £200.

We will have at least 2 further charities in addition to that carried over from last year's AGM to decide on which should benefit from the 2010 HHH.

Normally we have given to a single, nominated charity and this was reasonable when the HHH entry fee was no more than £5 with at least half going to the charity. Thus, 100 entries would result in, say, a £300 donation with £200 being retained for covering expenses (at around £100) and the remainder to be held to support the next HHH which suffers a poor entry.

With the entry fee now £10 (raised at the 2008 AGM) and say £200 retained as explained above, then 100 entries would enable £800 to be used for 1, 2 or possibly 3 donations.

If the idea of 'multiple' donations is acceptable then all that would be required at an AGM is to agree on any of those charities which are proposed for HHH support and, as necessary, put in order of 'priority' those adopted.

After the following HHH, donations would then be decided based on the event funds available and the order of the current adopted charities. Any charities not served to be carried over (at the top of the order list) to the following year.