2021 Time Trial Results

So we got to ride a hilly time trial with the climb up Lyneham Banks on UC863S but with the challenge of a headwind on the way out to the climb. Our recent run of close times at the top continued with 12 seconds separating the top 4. Paul Winchcombe had a storming return coming 4th overall on the Strava segment from Dauntsey to Sutton Benger.

21-Apr-21 Lyneham Banks UC863S

Rank	Competitor(s)	Club	Time
1	James Eccleston	Chippenham Wheelers	00:26:35
2	David English	Chippenham Wheelers	00:26:36
3	Paul Winchcombe	Chippenham Wheelers	00:26:41
4	Simon Cox	Chippenham Wheelers	00:26:47
5	Mike Gibbons	Chippenham Wheelers	00:27:54
6	Neil Lewis	Chippenham Wheelers	00:28:20
7	Robbie Richardson	Chippenham Wheelers	00:28:54
8	Lauren Booth	Chippenham Wheelers	00:30:33

On a cool but dry evening we ran the second Jack Nunn on UC861. There was a definite head wind making it feel cold on the out leg to Dauntsey. Some of the group had raced the night before on Zwift which showed to some extent although all produced comparable times to last week's race and James who was 9 minutes off the pace on Zwift was accused (very unfairly by the Racing Secretary of saving himself). Lauren turned out with support crew, despite it still being a cold evening and Tony Weare made his first appearance taking the honours for the night. Peter Iffland raced for the first time as a club member and will in future be first claim, so welcome Peter.

14-Apr-21

Rank	Competitor(s)	Club	Time
1	Tony Weare	Chippenham Wheelers	00:23:54
2	James Eccleston	Chippenham Wheelers	00:24:54
3	Paul Winchcombe	Chippenham Wheelers	00:25:03
4	Simon Cox	Chippenham Wheelers	00:25:11
5	Mike Gibbons	Chippenham Wheelers	00:26:01
6	Peter Iffland	Chippenham Wheelers	00:26:14
7	Robbie Richardson	Chippenham Wheelers	00:27:52
8	Lauren Booth	Chippenham Wheelers	00:30:31

Although the second event of the year was meant to be UC865S, the sporting 10.6 mile course to Somerford and round to Startley the roadworks on the course meant the race was held on UC861. It a group of very hardy souls, given the cold front that had swept in reducing the air temperature (before wind chill) to 3C! The cold

changed performances from the previous week and it may be that those riders who had raced a Zwift TTT the night before also had emptier legs. Congratulations to Steve Davis for his first time trial and a Personal Best, the first of many we hope.

07-Apr-21

Rank	Competitor(s)	Club	Time
1	Simon Cox	Chippenham Wheelers	00:24:51
2	Paul Winchcombe	Chippenham Wheelers	00:25:00
3	David English	Chippenham Wheelers	00:25:09
4	Will Howse	Non Member	00:25:22
5	James Eccleston	Chippenham Wheelers	00:26:03
6	Mark Evans	Chippenham Wheelers	00:26:51
7	Peter Iffland	Chippenham Wheelers	00:26:57
8	Mike Gibbons	Chippenham Wheelers	00:27:13
9	Steve Davis	Chippenham Wheelers	00:32:15

Following the first time trial of the season Cycling Weekly spoke to the Racing Secretary.



A tentative return to club racing has begun

Testers turn out for time trialling return

Relaxation of restrictions sees the return of club racing, reports *Vern Pitt*

Time triallists up and down the country turned out in their droves for the return of club events at the beginning of last week as Covid-19 restrictions were eased.

Organisers *Cycling Weekly* spoke to reported a buoyant mood at headquarters and a clamour for spaces.

David Hanson, chair of Oxonian CC, said: "We were restricted to 35 riders due to daylight hours. Because we're observing the Covid rules, we have a process to save the queuing up so it's all done online in advance and by Sunday evening we had 52 entrants to the first event of the year.

"There was only one no-show because she'd snapped a brake cable on the way to the event."

Mark Fairhead who organised an evening five-mile time trial for CC Breckland added: "It was a good turnout but it wasn't breathtaking. We had 16 riders turn out, which for a five-mile club TT is quite good. The regular time triallists don't like the five miles as they're quite short."

He added: "The age range was 17 to 63. We had a couple of first timers too."

Speaking to organisers it's clear that many testers have been keeping themselves sharp over winter despite a lack of certainty over if or when racing would once again be allowed.

Paul Winchcombe, organiser for Chippenham and District Wheelers, said: "The amazing thing was the performances; three people bettered their times against the handicapped standards that they had set last year."

Fairhead told us: "Going by the times it's been on a par to what we've had pre-Covid, people have kept themselves fit."

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However, some did miss the usual chat and comparing of times with their fellow competitors. "The social aspect is definitely not as good as it was, although we did all smile at last year's CTT guidance that said no hugging – I'm obviously going to the wrong events," said Winchcombe.

There was a clear eagerness among organisers to now start their competition calendars much as they would expect at this time of year. That will kick off the steady build towards the season's national competitions, the first of which is scheduled to be the National Circuit Championships on 6 June.

National Championship date

6 JUNE
Circuit champs, Naseby, Northamptonshire

20 JUNE
Team TT, Irvine, North Ayrshire

4 JULY
100 miles, Abergavenny, Wales

17 JULY
24 hour, Liverpool

1 AUGUST
12 hour, Breckland, Norfolk

8 AUGUST
25 mile, Keswick, Lake District

29 AUGUST
50 mile, Middlewich, Cheshire

11-12 SEPTEMBER
10 mile, Bournemouth, Dorset

10 OCTOBER
Closed circuit, Thruxton, Hampshire

31 OCTOBER
Hill climb, Winnats Pass, Derbyshire

The first evening time trial of 2021 was a welcome relief as it coincided with the start of racing across the country. The evening was dry, relatively windless and amazingly warm at 18C. 3 riders produced rides better than their new 2021 handicap standards (based off their 2020 rides). The top 3 showed that all their winter work racing on Zwift had paid some dividends and that virtual world racing is not quite the same as the real world.

31-Mar-21 UC861

Rank	Competitor(s)	Club	Time
1	Paul Winchcombe	Chippenham Wheelers	00:24:34
2	Simon Cox	Chippenham Wheelers	00:24:36
3	David English	Chippenham Wheelers	00:24:38
4	Mark Evans	Chippenham Wheelers	00:25:59
5	Peter Iffland	Non Member	00:26:10
6	Mike Gibbons	Chippenham Wheelers	00:26:42
7	Lauren Booth	Chippenham Wheelers	00:26:56

Kilo 1 January Postponed

Due to imposition of Tier 3 decision has been made to postpone The Kilo at Castle Combe. Although some reading of rules might say we can still run it, just because we can does not mean we should. Will be re-arranged once Tiers permit. At least you will get a lie in and it was going to be very cold.