

Chippenham Wheelers 2012 Time Trial Report

2012 was a frustrating year for the club time trialling community as the usual UC861 evening 10 mile course was out of bounds due to Wessex Water pipe works most of the season. However, a variant of the "Q" course, known affectionately as the "P" course was put into use. The pipe works also affected the 25 mile and 50 mile courses leading to some interesting new variations. Four laps of the "P" course made up a 25 mile course and with much advice a new 50 mile route was devised. A number of events were cancelled for reasons now forgotten and some because the road conditions were declared dangerous as the roads were just too wet. However, the Jack Nunn series was completed successfully and all major competitions were run.

The season saw a lot of new time trialists take to the start line, which presented the handicapping system with a few problems as they didn't have handicaps from last year and times on the "P" course were faster than the times on the "Q" course making direct comparisons difficult.

Over the season there were 350 finishers across all events and 51 riders took part in a Jack Nunn Series event. Although only 6 men, one woman and one Junior completed the 6 qualifying rides needed to compete in the Jack Nunn series. Even these time averages had to be adjusted as riders had completed both UC861 and "P" course rides.

Best 6 times for 2012. If rode
short course/UC861 have
calculated time on best 5
rides.

Simon Cox	23:50
Owen Burgess	23:58
Phil Akerman	24:36
Paul Freegard	24:41
Paul Winchcombe	24:55
Andrew Summers	26:45
Lewis Revill	28:08
Sarah Revill	31:32

Jack Nunn handicapping and points calculation mean a changing position throughout the season as riders develop their handicap if they didn't have one before and this year 28 new riders entered the lists (of whom 15 only rode one event so will not have a handicap next year). However, the clear winner this year was Simon Cox who consistently out performed his 2011 handicap. Despite this he was not the most improved rider, this honour went to Paul Coles but Paul only entered 3 Jack Nunn events so would always have been hard put to win!

Jack Nunn Points Results Table

Simon Cox	67
Owen Burgess	48
Phil Akerman	48
Paul Freegard	46

Paul Winchcombe	46
Martin Priestley	34
Paul Coles	31
Steve Jones	28
Simon Wise	24
Dylan Spencer	21
Rob Richardson	19
Matthew Clarke	19
Andrew Summers	19
John Allen	15
Simon Williams	13
James Cook	12
Kieran Hill	11
Andy Cook	10

Open Time Trial Events

Chippenham Wheeler's crossed the finish line in 188 CTT Open Time Trial events throughout the year and won team prizes a number of times including at the WTTA 50 mile event, the Rudy Project in September and a number of individual prizes (I know because I got a first Vet on U17/25 in September when the rest of the world was on holiday).

Indeed we got the season off to a very cold start on 4 March with U83 Hardriders Hilly organised by Andy Gough. The brave (bonkers) turned up at Sutton Benger village hall HQ for the opening event in the WTTA hard-riders series. Heavy rain turning to sleet mid morning must have put off a number of riders and the field of 80 was down by a quarter before the start.

Start line officials described riders shivering uncontrollably as they waited for the push-off. Some rode straight back to HQ and the warmth.

For the serious (bonkers) riders, a run from Kington Langley through the villages to Dauntsey then up Lynham Banks followed by a run to Royal Wootten Bassett. Sharp left turn into a head-wind and a down hill stretch to the bottom of Callow Hill. Up Callow to Brinkworth, Malmesbury then back to a finish at Upper Seagry.

Favourite Jeff Jones punctured on the way into Wootten and got as far as Callow Hill before taking shelter in a marshalls car for the return to HQ.

Back at HQ there was a lot of shivering. Hot tea and warm clothes were essential as riders and marshalls came back cold. First placed Wheeler was Mark Woolford with 01:03:17.

On 4 July Simon Snowden ran an Open 10 on U47 at Cricklade. An interesting event as the first riders had no headwind for the first 5 miles and then got the benefit of a hoofing tail wind, while everyone else struggled into what had become a strong headwind. This put some riders nearly a minute adrift of their anticipated times. The event report starts:

"Sun sun sun sun sun sun sun sun sun sun sun sun sun sun sun sun sun.

Yes, an absolutely beautiful day. I did scrape the ice off the car window at 5:30am, but I'll ignore that bit.

Saturday 12 May 2012 saw the slick and professional running of the Club Open 10 Time Trial on the U47 course by Simon Snowden and his amazing team. U47 means start near Cricklade, north up the dual carriageway for 5 miles and then back down the same road. Although hopefully on the correct side if you see what I mean.

Now I can hear you Audaxers & Leisure riders thinking why would you want to ride your bike up and down a dual carriageway for 10 miles. That is a very good question. But in the search for speed this is the flattest and fastest lump of (mostly) concrete in the vicinity.

Years ago, probably about 15 to 20 years, I remember when this bypass was built. The locals (including me) were incredulous that it had a concrete instead of tarmac surface. This is because it is so noisy to both drive on and to live near by.

Selfishly, I have totally changed my opinion since I first rode down it. Cos it's fast fast fast! And when our marvellous Assistant Racing Secretary and Event Organiser sends me off first before the wind started to pick up then it's even better.

As it was about a 5 mile ride from the HQ at the Bradstone Pavilion to the start then it meant for once I almost did a proper warm up. About 3 weeks ago I had ridden the Bath CC 10 on the same course, but then it had rained from when we arrived throughout, so to be riding in the sunshine was a welcome surprise.

The northerly outbound leg was slightly windy for the early riders and then picked up in speed as the sun rose. Coming back was either fast or very fast depending on how you caught the wind.

I was very happy with a PB (23:17) and what according to the Club Handbook is a new Club record for my age group for a 10. However the following day Len Ingram was confident he has ridden faster when he was older - so who knows! Where's the evidence Len?! Either way my stringent following of the Jeff Jones beetroot diet is paying dividends so far this season."

(Sadly Paul's record wasn't as it transpired Mike Cox hadn't claimed his 22:27 from last year)

25 mile _ Paul No Report

Sunday 14 October saw the traditional season closing event for many Time Trial riders - the Wheelers Open 3-up. After a sharp frost, the sun came out and the U59 course provided a stunning backdrop for the riders, helpers and spectators. The HQ was at Bishops Cannings and the course looped through Alton Barnes, Lockeridge and Cherhill before the final climb up Blacklands. It was superbly run as usual by our esteemed chairman who has now been organising this event for at least 65 years.

Sadly Chippenham Wheelers only had one team entered and one member wasn't sure about the motivational skills of his teammate(s) as the verbal encouragement to climb Blacklands faster has apparently made him call into question their parentage and has suggested he is about to return to the Leisure races, sorry rides. He has offered not to ride next year and thinks ideal candidates should either enjoy cycling on their own or be profoundly deaf. (This is not true, his partners waited for him to encourage him up Blacklands and allow the team to finish together and his article failed to mention a "descending seat post" issue!

The event organisers of all Open Events would like to thank all the marshalls, tea ladies/men, cake makers, pushers off, result board producers and last but not least timekeepers. Once again, without your help this event would not take place. If any readers are not sure what all these jobs entail, please volunteer for the next Club event and we should be delighted to show you!

Records Set in 2012-10-28

Vets 50 - 54	25 Miles	Phil Akerman	12-Aug-12	54:11:00
Vets 50 - 54	10 Miles	Paul Winchcombe	25-Aug-12	22:19:00

Club Open Points Time Trial Competition

The Club Open Points Time Trial Competition was run throughout the season and the results are below. Unfortunately the final event, U46/50, was cancelled due to road works and there were no more eligible 50 mile events for those riders who hadn't completed a race at each distance. This effectively took Mark Woolford out of the competition and almost certainly denied him second place. However, the competition was won by Andy Cook who picked his events carefully and was first Wheeler over the line each time (actually I think he could have ridden any of the qualifying events and it would have made no difference).

Club Open Points Competition Results Table
Events 2012

	10-Mar	07-Apr	15-Apr	28-Apr	26-May	27-May	02-Jun	24-Jun	15-Jul	29-Jul	05-Aug	09-Sep			
Course	U303	U17	U59	U47b	U375	U21/50	U303	U21/50	U30/25	U47b	U17	U46/50b	Running Total	Qualifying Total	Position
	Hilly	25	Hilly	10	10	50	Hilly	50	25	10	25	50			
Name															
Mark Woolford	1	X	X	2	2	X	X	X	X	X	2	C	5		
Paul Lambert	2	X	1	3	X	X	2	X	X	X	X	A	6	X	
Paul Winchcombe	3	3	X	4	4	4	X	2	2	X	3	N	11	11	4
Phil Gwynne	4	5	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	C	9	X	
Paul Freegard	5	4	3	5	X	3	X	X	1	2	X	E	9	9	2=
Mark Hanby	6	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	L	6	X	
Martyn Matthews	7	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	L	7	X	
Andy Cook	X	1	X	X	1	1	1	X	X	X	X	E	4	4	1
Luke Davies	X	2	X	1	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	D	3	X	
Rob Richardson	X	X	2	X	X	X	X	1	X	X	X		3	X	
Jake Coward	X	X	X	6	X	X	X	X	X	X	X		6	X	
Simon Cox	X	X	X	X	3	2	3	X	X	X	1		9	9	2=
Paul Coles	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	1	X		1	X	