

# Reading CC Open Hill Climb

## Streatley / Goring

2-stage Open Hill Climb to be held on Sunday 23<sup>rd</sup> September 2018

1<sup>st</sup> stage: **Start time 10am.** Goring Hill, Goring-on-Thames (Oxfordshire)

2<sup>nd</sup> stage: **Start time 11.30am.** Streatley Hill, Streatley (Berkshire)

### Event Secretary

**Stewart House**

**23 Swanston Field, Whitchurch-on-Thames, Oxfordshire, RG8 7HP**

### HQ, signing-on and numbers

In The Swan hotel which is between Streatley and Goring (by the river on the Streatley side). The hotel is undergoing renovation so please ride/drive around to the rear of the hotel (follow diversion sign which takes you past the church), and I'll set up the numbers on one of the tables in the bar area.

Please use the paddock for parking and the portaloos in the carpark for changing etc. By coincidence, Greenbox StreetFood traders will be serving food in the garden after the event, so in addition to the sandwiches, cakes and coffee available in the bar, you will be able to purchase vegan burgers and wraps in the garden whilst recovering from your hill climbing efforts (even skinny hill climbers have to eat).

The hotel management have agreed that bikes can be brought onto the lawn at the front of the bar, or onto the island, accessed over the small footbridge (all at the back of the hotel next to the river). Bikes are left unattended at owner's risk (it's a safe area, but best to keep an eye on it, lock it, or put it away in a car just in case).

The venue makes a great change from your usual village hall, so please be respectful and aware of other guests who may not be cyclists.

### Results board and tea/coffee

The results board will be situated in the same place as the signing-on sheet at the back of the Swan Hotel. A free coffee/tea will be provided to each rider upon handing in your number at the bar.

Prizes will be presented shortly after the second stage, by our well-known local bike mechanic, Ricci, of Pankhurst Cycles. Ricci was very recently voted runner-up in the best UK bike mechanic competition (think Bake-Off head to head and you'll be on the right lines). So please do stay.

### Timekeepers

Maggie Smith/Mick Fountain

### Notes

Promoted for and on behalf of Cycling Time Trials under their rules and regulations. Take extreme care on the course as it is an open road.

Please note that a competitor:

- (a) may be held up but shall not receive a push start
- (b) may not cover any part of the course on foot
- (c) must not be accompanied by persons on foot.

## **1<sup>st</sup> stage: Goring Hill**

### **How to reach the first climb**

Turn left out of The Swan hotel, continue along the road for approximately ½ mile, crossing the railway bridge, to reach a T-junction. Turn right and after 100 yards turn left. The start is a short way up on the left-hand side.

### **Course details**

Start in Goring-on-Thames at the corner of Sloan Close and B4526, Reading Road, about 50 yards east of the junction with the B4009. Climb up the hill on B4526 heading towards Crays Pond (care on sharp bends near bottom of climb, max gradient 1 in 10), to finish opposite Flint House after 1.7 miles.

Men's course record	4.54.0	2017 (Richard Gildea)
Ladies' course record	5.37.4	2016 (Maryka Sennema)
Junior course record	5.25.9	2016 (Harvey Weinberger)
Tandem course record	6.31.0	2017 (Stewart House/Paul Gaida)

After the first 'kick' of the hill, the remainder drags all the way to the finish, so an excellent roadman's climb.

## **2<sup>nd</sup> stage: Streatley Hill**

### **How to reach the second climb**

Turn right out of The Swan hotel, continue along the road for approximately ½ mile until you reach the crossroads. Continue straight on, past The Bull public house on your left until you reach The Coombe road about 400m up on the left-hand side.

The race begins at the corner of Coombe Road and continues for approximately 1km to finish outside a house's gravel drive on the left-hand side of the road just over the crest of the hill.

The climb starts off at a 1 in 10 gradient and increases to around 1 in 6. In my opinion it is by far the toughest climb in the area, so gear accordingly else you might not make it to the top!!

Men's course record	2.16.1	2012 (Rob Gough)
Ladies' course record	3.09.5	2016 (Maryka Sennema)
Junior course record	2.42.66	2004 (Peter Bissell)
Tandem course record	2.50.9	2006 (Stewart House/Rob English)

### **My word...**

I have to say I am blown away by the number of entrants this year, which is over double that of last year. I hope you all 'enjoy' your day climbing two of the best hills the local area has to offer.

2017 winner, James Hayward, and runner-up Richard Gildea, are both back to do battle. Last year was very closely fought, with a stage each and only 6 seconds the overall victory margin. Several riders in the field look worthy challengers, so I would not be surprised if course records fall.

Great to see a number of women and under-18 riders entered. Sadly no tandems this year; a nasty crash in June put paid to the season for me and Paul, this being my comeback race and Paul only just off crutches.

Thank you in advance to the timekeepers, helpers from Reading CC, The Swan hotel, and Ricci from Pankhurst Cycles in Pangbourne.

Good luck to all riders. Ride fast, ride safe.

***Stewart***

## Rider list

No.	Start time	First name	Surname	Club	Gender	Category
1	10.01/11.31	Stewart	House	Arctic Tacx RT	M	V50
2	10.02/11.32	Freddie	Mitchell	VC de Londres	M	Juv15
3	10.03/11.33	Alex	Ferri	VC de Londres	M	Jun16
4	10.04/11.34	Oscar	Clark	Palmer Park Velo	M	Juv15
5	10.05/11.35	Luca	D'arcy Willett	Zappi Racing Team	M	Juv15
6	10.06/11.36	Theo	Tadros	trainSharp	M	Jun16
7	10.07/11.37	Hannah	Wylie	Islington CC	F	W
8	10.08/11.38	Cliodhna	Kennedy	Reading CC	F	W
9	10.09/11.39	Christina	Gustafson	Reading CC	F	WV40
10	10.10/11.40	Gemma	Hobson	Sussex Nomads CC	F	W
11	10.11/11.41	Anabell	Orenz	North Cotswold RC	F	W
12	10.12/11.42	Jacintha	Hamilton-Love	Dulwich Paragon CC	F	W
13	10.13/11.43	Tim	Maundrell	Didcot Phoenix CC	M	S
14	10.14/11.44	Roger	Crouch	Dulwich Paragon CC	M	V60
15	10.15/11.45	Calum	Baugh	Reading CC	M	S
16	10.16/11.46	Luke	Woolfson	G.S. Henley	M	S
17	10.17/11.47	Thomas	Perren	Rapha Cycling Club	M	S
18	10.18/11.48	Christopher	Sayer	Didcot Phoenix CC	M	S
19	10.19/11.49	Steven	Burton	Aylesbury CC	M	S
20	10.20/11.50	Matt	Meek	West Suffolk Wheelers	M	S
21	10.21/11.51	Alex	Byrne-Smith	LFGSS CC	M	S
22	10.22/11.52	Ben	Wilson	Andover Wheelers	M	V40
23	10.23/11.53	Blake	Gravenor	Islington Cycling Club	M	S
24	10.24/11.54	James	Schofield	Cowley Road Condors CC	M	S
25	10.25/11.55	Matt	Harris	...a3crg	M	S
26	10.26/11.56	John	Blight	Rapha Cycling Club	M	S
27	10.27/11.57	Giles	Prentice	G.S. Henley	M	S
28	10.28/11.58	Michael	Hicks	Banbury Star Cyclists' Club	M	V40
29	10.29/11.59	Thomas	Mead-Herbert	Watford Velo Sport	M	S
30	10.30/12.00	Rory	Wells	VC 10	M	S
31	10.31/12.01	Jonathan	Groves	Rapha Cycling Club	M	V50
32	10.32/12.02	Danny	Lake	Cotswold Veldrijden	M	V40
33	10.33/12.03	Peter	Cowan	Didcot Phoenix CC	M	S
34	10.34/12.04	Ian	Middleton	Espresso Library	M	S
35	10.35/12.05	Jonathan	Sutcliffe	Islington Cycling Club	M	S
36	10.36/12.06	Jack	Luke	BikeRadar	M	S
37	10.37/12.07	Peter	Fry	Cowley Road Condors CC	M	S
38	10.38/12.08	James	Scrivener	Reading CC	M	S
39	10.39/12.09	Richard	Mcshee	Islington Cycling Club	M	V40
40	10.40/12.10	Reuben	Bakker-Dyos	BikeRadar	M	S
41	10.41/12.11	Tom	Fricker	Farnham RC	M	S
42	10.42/12.12	Mark	Aldred	Kingston Wheelers CC	M	S

43	10.43/12.13	David	Fellows	Solihull CC	M	S
44	10.44/12.14	Joshua	Aiken	Pedal Power Cycles Ipswich	M	S
45	10.45/12.15	Calvin	Cheung	Hub Velo	M	S
46	10.46/12.16	Andrew	Feather	BCR Racing	M	S
47	10.47/12.17	Oliver	Bridgewood	Spokes BPC Racing	M	S
48	10.48/12.18	Matt	Melville	Cycle Club Basingstoke	M	S
49	10.49/12.19	Scott	Nielsen	Cleveland Wheelers CC	M	S
50	10.50/12.20	Ewan	Tuohy	Dartford RC	M	S
51	10.51/12.21	Jon	Saunders	Charlottville CC	M	S
52	10.52/12.22	Oliver	Myston	Verulam CC	M	S
53	10.53/12.23	Thomas	Willan	East London Velo	M	S
54	10.54/12.24	Mark	Shepherd	Hinckley CRC	M	V40
55	10.55/12.25	Ryan	Kenworthy	LeisureLakesBikes.com	M	S
56	10.56/12.26	Jon	Hughes	VC Godalming & Haslemere	M	V40
57	10.57/12.27	Jonathan	Shubert	Arctic Tacx RT	M	S
58	10.58/12.28	Peter	Tadros	trainSharp	M	V40
59	10.59/12.29	David	Ross	LFGSS CC	M	S
60	11.00/12.30	Joe	Norledge	Bristol South CC	M	S
61	11.01/12.31	Adam	Kenway	Vitus Pro Cycling	M	S
62	11.02/12.32	Richard	Gildea	Didcot Phoenix CC	M	S
63	11.03/12.33	James	Hayward	Woolwich CC	M	S

### **Prizes**

1 <sup>st</sup> male	£40	2 <sup>nd</sup>	£25
1 <sup>st</sup> female	£40	2 <sup>nd</sup>	£25
1 <sup>st</sup> under 18	£40	2 <sup>nd</sup>	£25
1 <sup>st</sup> veteran 40	£10		
1 <sup>st</sup> veteran 50	£10		
1 <sup>st</sup> veteran 60	£10		
1 <sup>st</sup> on Goring climb	£20		
1 <sup>st</sup> on Streatley climb	£20		
1 <sup>st</sup> team of 3	£60 (£20 each)		
*Lottery prize	£10		

\*The start numbers for all riders who finish will be placed into a draw for £10 cash. The draw will be held at the prize presentation in The Swan shortly after the times have been put on the results board, so please stay. Lottery prize money will only be given if the rider drawn is at the board to collect!