

## OXONIAN OPEN 10

Another early start in Oxfordshire on the A420 South West of the city. The H10/17r includes dual carriageway and single carriageway sections and attracts riders due to its friendly gradient and fast times. A modest entry and recent traffic count enabled a bed friendly 8am start. We were relieved that the scheduled rain was only a misting, with a wind that was from the right direction (WSW) but disappointingly a bit brisker than is ideal on this popular course.

We were based at the village hall in the pretty village of Longworth for a change owing to the unavailability of the normal HQ and even with the limited parking it proved very useable and handy for the start. A concern was raised from a helper over the use of turbo-trainer in the street and I await feedback from the hall committee on comments from locals as it is a useful facility to have access to. The entries were lower than in previous years that may be due to limited promotion; notably the number of local riders was fairly low and the field was dominated by a field of veterans (31 out of 38) and from a 50mile radius.

Results-wise, most riders were struck by the painful return leg but hopefully felt energised for the rest of their day.

Of the women:

Jordan Matthews FTP RC 1<sup>st</sup> (22:22)

Susan Oldham of Bicester Millenium CC 2<sup>nd</sup> (26:17)

Arja Scarsbrook of Team Echelon 3<sup>rd</sup> (26:19) also 2<sup>nd</sup> on Standard (+06:45)

James Ashcroft of Stolen Goat Racing in 1<sup>st</sup> (19:46) [Winner of the Tom Pearce Trophy]

Anthony Turner of Mickey Cranks in 2<sup>nd</sup> (19:52) also 1<sup>st</sup> on Standard (+07:09)

Nick Richards of GS Mossa in 3<sup>rd</sup> (20:11)

Robert West of Aerocoach in 20:19, 3<sup>rd</sup> on Standard (+06:09)

Many thanks to the timekeepers (Jerry Tillson and Geoff Booker), to Paul Warren for his excellent <http://results.bike> tool and to the marshals. Next year we plan to run a more substantial event with the additional support of the Oxford City Road Club who are celebrating their 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary who are keen to start planning already!

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