

Team Milton Keynes – AGM Time Trial Report – 2020

When it was apparent that the first lockdown was coming to an end we decided that we should be able to put on some club 10 time trials for at least part of the summer. It was evident that a time trial event was perfectly suited to keeping to the post lockdown guidelines. Nevertheless, it took a lot of hurried planning to put on the events for a series on Monday evenings starting in July with one on Saturday in August and then two further events in September and October making seven in all.

We had to make some organisation changes involving on-line payments, putting signs out, issuing numbers and marshalling start line distancing to minimise the risks and adhere to the guidelines. These were submitted to the club Covid-19 review group who advised on any additional requirements. The Cycling Time Trials national body and the local district London North also gave very helpful guidelines and support to enable us to put the events on plus of course the work of all the club members that put in a lot of effort to make it happen.

Improving systems again helped us cope with the new world with the on-line entry form that Adam Pearson created for last year being well used and Jon Hunt operating a live results app – so well done to them. Many thanks to all the team that helped put this on - Clive Faine with pushing CTT to enable events to happen, Mick Atkinson for having done all the risk assessments in the off season, Lucie Gallen and John Muncaster for timekeeping and Adam Pearson and Julie-Ann Hammond for publishing the results on the website. Finally particular thanks to Barry Robertson, a new member, who was always available for every event to help – an organiser's boon! There were of course others so many thanks to all.

We had over 70 competitors including members and non-members taking part in the 7 events with a great field of 48 completing the Brogborough event on the 10th August. The full results for the series are available to see on the teammk.com website.

Some highlights to note:

- Rachael Edwards topped the women's overall and the Milton Keynes club table which we compiled from points issued for positions in each event.
- Lewis Muncaster topped the overall leader board and the Milton Keynes men's table
- Adrian Cox was the top vet
- Lotty Dawson was the top female youth and Jack Rose the top male youth

It was fantastic to be able to put on some competitive events and great to be able to meet up with lots of club members – within all the guidelines of course!

Despite the shortened season starting at the end of July there were at least 17 members who managed to take part in open time trial events at various distances. Graeme Church was prominent again in the national Para-cyclist events as well as our club 10s when they didn't clash with nationals. It would be great to be able to publicise and share this activity more widely – who could possibly do that?

For 2021 we are of course hopeful that we can put on and take part in a better season of events. We hope to be able to start the club 10 time trials in April as usual plus we have already booked to put on an open event for 9 May 2021 with two laps of the Astwood course.

There will be some planning activity required in the off season to make this happen and we will rely on the usual inputs that club members can give but this is another call for a Time-Trial Secretary to lead this activity. It would be great to have someone who could fully apply themselves to the role rather than have people trying to do the job as an add-on. Whoever takes on the role will have a lot of support.