### Reading CC Open Hill Climb

### Goring /Streatley

2-stage Open Hill Climb to be held on Sunday 22nd September 2019

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

2nd stage: **Start time 11am**. Streatley Hill, Streatley (Berkshire)

Event Secretary

**Stewart House**

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

HQ, signing-on and numbers – please note different location from last year

At The Bull public house in Streatley, on the crossroads leading to Streatley Hill.

Numbers and signing-on will be at the event HQ. Please remember to sign-out and return numbers afterwards as per CTT regulations.

Free tea or coffee after the event at the bar.

Timekeepers

Maggie Smith/Bob Lyle/Mick Fountain/A N Other

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

1. may not cover any part of the course on foot
2. must not be accompanied by persons on foot.

**1st stage: Goring Hill**

How to reach the first climb

Turn right out of The Bull car park, continue through the traffic lights (when green), over the river into Goring, and after less than 1 mile you will cross the railway and come to a T-junction. Turn right and after 100 yards turn left. The start is a short way up on the left-hand side (about 1 mile from HQ to start).

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.

**2nd stage: Streatley Hill**

How to reach the second climb

Turn left out of The Bull car park. The race begins at the 1st road turning on the left-hand side called The Coombe and continues for approximately ½ mile 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, but it seems steeper than that in my opinion!

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)



**My word...**

I’m trying a slightly different format this year, with exactly an hour between events. Hopefully this will make life slightly easier for the timekeepers and helpers, asking each to assist at one event rather than rush between the two. It also of course has the added benefit of making it a little tougher for the riders, with slightly less recovery time 😊.

I have ridden hundreds of races over the years and cannot ever remember a hill climb where riders are still setting off on the first climb later than the early seeds are finishing in the second event! It’ll keep the riders on their toes and ensure they have little chance of getting cold. It also means we finish at the opening time for the pub.

Fantastic to see so many female riders entered this year, not quite 50%, but into double figures, which is an event record for us.

Not that I am at all biased, but a special mention to my daughter Isabella, who rides her first ever time trial, having turned 12 last month. I am going to shadow her up the Goring climb (getting used to sitting on her wheel for when I am even older than I am now and struggling to keep up with her). She is aiming for a sub-16 minute ride on her mountain bike, which almost weighs more than I do, and in trainers (well, I do need to keep the best kit for myself, of course).

On a final note, if you are not already aware, Reading CC were successful in applying to hold the 2020 National Hill Climb on Streatley. This means that whoever wins on Streatley this year, is sure to get some excellent coverage prior to the national, being the last open winners on this course!

So ……good luck to all…. I hope you have a safe and fast ride and ‘enjoy’ your day climbing two of the best hills the local area has to offer.

*Stewart*

P.S. \*The start numbers for all riders who finish will be placed into a draw for £20 cash. The draw will be held at the prize presentation in The Bull 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!

***Rider list***





***Prizes***

1st male £40 2nd male £20

1st female £40 2nd female £20

1st junior male £20

1st juvenile male £20

1st juvenile female £20

1st veteran 40 male £20

1st veteran 50 male £20

1st veteran 60 male £20

1st veteran 40 female £20

1st veteran 50 female £20

1st on Goring climb £20

1st on Streatley climb £20

1st team of 3 £60 (£20 each)

\*Lottery prize £20