

45 Road Club Hill Climb Result
Haselbech Hill
Sunday 18th September 2011

	Rider	Time	Club
1.	Liam Stones	1.44	45 Road Club
2.	George Fox	1.50	
3.	Stuart Burke	2.00	
4.	Phil Garlick	2.10	
5.	James Berry	2.11	
6.	Ben Elderton	2.14	
7.	Ian Pateman	2.31	
8.	Peter Greenhalgh	2.40	
9.	Michael Berry	3.00	
10.	Dave Kightley	3.15	
	Guest		
	Paul Rothe	2.21	Welland Valley

The penultimate club race of the year and a fine but cool morning saw a number of riders from the club-run coerced into competing the lung bursting event; this was after a clash with the day out at Newport track reduced the numbers slightly.

Phil was the first rider up the hill and was trying the small gear spinning approach and set the standard to beat; his time was looking close to being beaten by James Berry, who was the next rider up, and he produced a sterling debut effort but missed by just 1 second.

The next rider was George Fox and he used the big ring to good effect overtaking his minute man to take the top spot; however he was immediately trumped by Liam Stones who sprinted up to the line and posted a very impressive time, although he was disappointed to miss the course record by just 1 second.

The next few riders were competing for the club run honours with Michael Berry, who could not quite hold the speed in the middle section, Paul Rothe posting a good time, followed by Dave Kightley and another first timer Ian Pateman, who all tried but could not quite topple the leaders. Pete Greenhalgh was the next man up, starting his training for the National hill climb, Ben Elderton was next posting another good time for his first race on the hill. All eyes were now on the last rider who stood a good chance of posting a good time, but try as he might Stuart Burke could not quite beat Liam and George, however he managed to take the third place.

Many thanks to Sarah and Ron Brown for helping with the timekeeping and John Crisp for marking out the start and finish lines with a handy bit of chalk.

The next club event is the prize giving on the evening of the 21st October at the Wellingborough Rugby Club near Doddington. Tickets are available from John Crisp.

The Club AGM is on 23 November at 7.30pm at the Doddington Working Men's Club.

The next club race is the Boxing Day 10-mile time trial on the 26th December on the Old circuit with the headquarters at Walgrave Village Hall.

Do not forget the club runs, a good way to keep your fitness topped up over the winter.