



## **NEWSLETTER**

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### **FORTHCOMING EVENTS CLUB RUN**

**13<sup>th</sup> DECEMBER, 09.30 from WOOL RAILWAY STATION**

**Leader: DAVID DUROSE who envisages a ride taking in Bovington Camp, Tolpuddle, Puddletown and Tincleton, returning to The Cycle Café, Wool around 11.30 for refreshments (the proprietor assures David that they will be open)**

**Ride to be conducted in groups of 6 riders keeping 2 metres apart**

**(Cycling UK recommendation).**

### **RACING ZWIFT**

**DARREN ORCHARD updates on WESSEX RC A team's progress -**

**WEEK 6 (Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> November) - we (Phil Cole, Michael Walkey, Rich Porter, and myself), started the team time trial very well, way better than the previous week. There were moments of perfection and we were flying past teams one after another, but then I had a mechanical - yes on a turbo trainer. My turbo trainer is a type where you remove your rear wheel and fasten your frame to it, they call it a 'Direct Drive' smart trainer. However the free hub holding the cassette onto the body of the trainer failed, and amazingly both sealed bearing races had been completely destroyed. Unfortunately I could not keep up with the others and my gears were jumping all over the place and the cassette was rubbing on the axle. The others hung around and I slowed them. We lost a good 30 seconds to a minute within the final third of the race but still managed a 6th place out of the 15 teams riding in our league, and the second team in the top 6 that had only 4 riders, all the rest had 5 or 6. We finished just over a minute off the winners in our league. I think we could have easily contended with the top 1 or 2.**

**So while it was not the best result for us it could have been worse. Just a shame we could not have given it our best as a team on the night.**

*(continue for Week 7)*

WEEK 7 - (Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> November) - racing went well this week and we had a full team, unfortunately due to a technical error Jonny Cooper's Zwift played up and he was unable to register a result correctly - however his power performance was impressive and I am sure he will do well next week. So instead of six riders we only really had five, however it's great that as time has gone on we have progressed to a strong full team. I may had to suggest a team line up soon if it continues In this way!!

The Race was impressive for us though with Phil Cole and Michael Walkey firmly placing themselves in the top 10 on the day (3rd & 6th respectively!) These two will continue to impress for the final road race in two weeks time. Other Wessex Zwifters in finishing order were myself (36th), Olly Edwards (47th), Mark Kenway - Non Wessex but making up the team (52nd).

Our team had a great race all in all, and earned lots of points. We have two team Time trial (one this Tuesday). I have included a picture of the league for you to see how we are doing. I think we have a great chance of coming 4th at least this season.

*(Yes, Darren did show a league table but to date I've failed to copy that in sufficiently legible form. The table is headed ZWIFT RACING LEAGUE and confirms it as being the MENS EMEA EAST 2 DIVISION A4. Fifteen teams form the league, the top three being La French Tech (106 points) West London Choppers (96) and Bischmaster Pro #ausruhen (93) - and yes, Wessex RC A are in 7<sup>th</sup> place with 78 points. Ed)*

**ERRATUM with apologies: In the 16th November edition references to the E M Brown Salver should have read E B Brown Salver**