

The 2021 Virtual Bedford Rowing Club

February Head



Many thanks to all those who took up the challenge of the Bedford Virtual Head, although it was a bit chilly would have been a perfect day for a head! We were joined by some friends for Kingston Rowing Club and together we had 4 eights completing the longer course and 2 eights undertaking the shorter 2k event. Several members entered on multiple times.

There were some very inventive submissions but the most creative is awarded to Vince Hayes from the recreational squad who timed his cycled ride to Stevenage for his Covid 19 vaccination. His impressive collection of Kms meant he was awarded 4 seats in our virtual race.

Karen Fulford not only covered 28.75km on her ergo she then went on to walk the longer course.

The team 'Rebels Without a Pause' win the most creative name challenge and Lynda Higgins sent a great photo

Bicycles were unsurprisingly the fastest mode of transport over 28.75K and the fastest 8 cyclists were a composite team of Kingston and Bedford Rowers who covered the whole 230k length of the Great Ouse in an impressive 7 hours 17mins.

Sam Jackson from Kingston was the fastest cyclist over the 28.75k challenge and Chris Rodney was the fastest cyclist from Bedford RC

Tim Allingham gave in a very impressive time for the 2k challenge, beating Vince on his bicycle.

Although some of our Recreational Squad have raced at our previous events a majority of them support by marshalling, timing and directing traffic. This year a record number of them competed, entering several times.

However this event was not strictly about who was fastest, more about a person challenge and to mark the loss of our February Head so we mixed up the entries as we do in our Boxing Day scratch 8s event and the results were surprisingly close.

Great Ouse 230K Challenge							
Bombardier		MRP		Chase Me		King Offer	
Vince Hayes	Bike	Sacha Lynch	Bike	Karen Fulford	Walk (adjusted)	Tina Fulford	Ergo
Chris Rodney	Bike	Claire and Lissie	Ergo	Ali Cox	Ego	Martin Banham Hall	Bike
Tim Hele	Bike	Lynda Higgins	Ergo	Kevin Brownie and Jayne	Rebels without a cause	Jo Moss	Ergo
Ollie & Charles Codrington	ergo	Sara Reay	Ergo	Vince Hayes	Bike	Shane Roberts	Bike
Nathan White	Ergo	Jasper Schwerig	Bike	Vince Hayes	Bike	Karen Fulford	Ergo

Anna Graham	ergo	Dawn Phillips	Bike	Arthur Berkley	Bike	Holly Smith	Bike
Sam Johnson	Bike	Carl Brammer	Bike	Rachel Knight	Bike	Peter Moller	Bike
Luke Morgan	Bike	Birte Gibbs	Bike	Mike Seaton	Bike	Helen Penfold	Bike
12hours 31mins		12 hours 73mins		14hours 01mins		13hours 5mins	

The Recreational Squad arranged a socially distant walk around our head course which ended with a well-deserved coffee and lots of entries to the 2k challenge

MRP		Chase Me	
John Hele	Walk	Nicky Hele	Walk
Jennie Evans	Walk	Lissie Simpson	Ergo
Shirley Hall	Walk	Tim Allingham	Ergo
Lissie Simspson	Ergo	John Hele	Walk
Aimee Charnley	Ergo	Lissie Simpson	Ergo
Vince Hayes	Bike	Michele Fisher	Walk
Lissie Simpson	Ergo	Andrew Vousden	Walk
Nicky Hele	Walk	Ray Evans	Walk
Averaged 16mins 38 secs		Averaged 17mins 24secs	

For those of us who cannot help being competitive congratulations to the following, combined they were the fastest cyclists to cover the 230k of the Great Ouse Challenge in 7 hours 17 minutes

Sacha Lynch BRC	Jasper Schwerig KRC
Tim Hele BRC	Dawn Phillips KRC
Chris Rodney BRC	Luke Morgan KRC
Sam Johnson KRC	Peter Moller KRC

And if we had a head-to-head of BRC cyclists against KRC cyclists, over the 230K, this year KRC would be victorious.

We hope everyone had fun and let's hope next year we can welcome KRC in person at our February Head