

The West Kent 2009 Hill Climb

The Annual West Kent Hill Climb competition took place on Sunday 15th November at Old Polhill. It was a very blustery day, with torrential rain on the days before and after, but on the day of the event it was dry, warm and sunny. 27 people entered and many more came to support and meet up with old friends, taking advantage of the tea and cakes that were on hand, courtesy of the Family Section. It was lovely to see such a mixture of ages and groups and a good time was had by all.

In the event, Paul McQuillen was winner for the umpteenth year running, but the young Juniors were chasing at his tail with 14-year-old Austen Lomas second and 16-year-old Cory Gerlin third. First veteran and in fourth place was our Secretary Martin Gill. First lady was Margaret Tate and first lady junior was Nathalie Lomas who, at 9, was the youngest entrant.

Main Results	Winner	Paul McQuillen (Family)
	First Veteran (over 50)	Martin Gill (Hardriders)
	First Junior (under 16)	Austen Lomas (Family)
	First Lady	Margaret Tate (Sevenoaks)
	First Lady Junior	Nathalie Lomas (Family)
	Team Prize	Family

Complete Results

Position	Name	Team	Time	HandicapTime*	HandicapPosition	Winners
1	Paul McQuillen	Family	2.02	2.02	1	
2	Austen Lomas	Family	2.11	2.07	2	First Junior
3	Cory Gerlin	Family	2.19	2.19	6	Second Junior
4 =	Martin Gill	Hardriders	2.20	2.08	3	First Veteran
4 =	Simon Hattersley	Hardriders	2.20	2.17	5	Third Veteran
6	Paul Fitzsimmons	Sunday	2.24	2.21	7	
7	Peter Ashlee	Family	2.27	2.27	9	
8	Steve Chivers	Hardriders	2.28	2.28	10 =	
9	Alex Rogers	Sevenoaks	2.29	2.29	12	
10 =	Bob MacDowall	Medway	2.33	2.28	10 =	
10 =	Peter Crofts	Family	2.33	2.12	4	Second Veteran
12	Andrew Ashlee	Family	2.37	2.37	13	
13	Mike Gerlin	Family	2.40	2.40	14	
14	John Ennis	Medway	2.48	2.25	8	
15	Stuart Coffin	Family	2.50	2.50	17 =	
16	Jon Lomas	Family	2.59	2.56	19	
17	Adrian Cowie	Sunday	3.00	2.45	15	
18	Mike Friday	Bexleyheath	3.02	2.50	17 =	
19	Malcolm Pullen	Orpington	3.05	3.04	21	
20	Margaret Tate	Sevenoaks	3.07	2.46	16	First Lady
21	Jack Lafone-Hill	Family	3.08	3.03	20	Third Junior
22	Ben Whitaker	Independent	3.11	3.11	23	
23 =	Rob Padock	CC Bexley	3.13	3.13	24 =	
23 =	Kev Tilney	CC Bexley	3.13	3.13	24 =	
25	Colin Atkins	Sunday	3.20	3.05	22	
26	Nathalie Lomas	Family	3.38	3.31	27	First Lady Junior
27	Rob Seall	Tonbridge	3.39	3.29	26	

* The handicap time is calculated as one second removed for every year the rider is either over 50 or under 16.

Peter Ashlee.(Organiser)