

EDWARDSTOWN Track Racing Newsletter 12 Oct 2012

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On behalf of the South Coast Cycling Club, welcome to another season of track racing at Edwardstown.

We aim to provide a friendly environment where anyone from first timers, juniors, elites and masters can race their track bikes in a safe and competitive manner. It is up to the individual as to what goals they set themselves over the season as to how hard and how often they race here at Edwardstown.

SCC are here to assist cyclists to improve and experience the buzz of racing fast around a track with others at close quarters.

SCC will be here on most Friday evenings between October and March whilst daylight saving is in operation. SCC also has a twitter account, so if you use this social media, please sign up and keep up to date with any changes, etc that may happen at the last minute.

If you enjoy your cycling and want to give a little back to the sport, have a think about volunteering one night over the season to ease the load on our club officials and other volunteers who provide the sport experience for you. This would be much appreciated.

Enjoy the new season, and I will see you out on the track!

South Coast Cycling 2011-2012 Track Season

OCTOBER EVENTS

12 Oct
UpFront Bikes Series
19 & 26 Oct
UpFront Bikes Series
2 Nov
UpFront Bikes Series +
Presentation

Sign on 5.30 - 6pm

Racing starts @ 6.15pm

Seniors \$10 Juniors \$5



Herne Hill Velodrome

Herne Hill Velodrome is an iconic outdoor 450 metre cycle track and only remaining venue still in use from the 1948 Olympic Games. It is located in in south London. It is one of the oldest cycling tracks in the world, having been built in 1891. The cycle track was of rolled ballast with a cinder running track inside and rugby pitch in the centre. Within 5 years the track had been upgraded to a shallow banked track with partially wood boarded straights. It hosted the track cycling events in the 1948 Summer Olympics and was briefly the home of Crystal Palace Football Club.

The Herne Hill Velodrome traditional Good Friday meet has run since 1903. Throughout the 20s and 30s when track cycle racing was probably at the peak of its popularity in this country, the Velodrome frequently attracted massive crowds. Capacity crowds often exceeding 10000 people were being thrilled and entertained by the top British amateur riders of the day and leading Continental professional sprinters.

Although track racing declined in popularity from the 1960's to the 80's, a resurgence of interest and the advent of sponsorship for individual events during the latter part of the century saw World class riders like Michael Hubner, Florian Rousseau, Graeme Obree, Bradley Wiggins to Herne Hill to ensure the continuity of this great international meeting.

In August 2011 Herne Hill was resurfaced in a near-all weather, gripper, faster tarmac. Today Herne Hill is an exciting race venue and plays host to more open meetings than any other track in the UK. It provide a vital grass-roots facility to the local community and cycling clubs. They welcome all cyclists, whatever their age or ability, and cater for beginners through to elites.



ABOVE -a model R Triumph pace bike at Herne Hill in the Twenties RIGHT - Crowd at Herne Hill track On Good Fridav

