



## Tri-Adventure Race Report

Cranleigh 12 March 2017

Despite all the dire weather predictions forecasting a rainy day, we managed to hold our first race of the Spring Series in reasonable conditions, with just a bit of a drizzle from time to time. The Bandroom at Cranleigh is a great venue, with lots of room for participants to study their maps, and right next to a huge car park which is free on Sundays. Mind you, we could have done with an outside tap to wash the bikes down, but the alternative of a bucket of water and a brush enabled the worst bits of mud to be removed from the bikes.

Numbers were slightly down on February's, but this did not prevent some really great and competitive racing. It's also good to see the number of entrants for the MTBO steadily increasing each month.

We'd had quite a lot of rain leading up to this event, so there were one or two muddy bits, but, generally, the course was in pretty good condition. That didn't stop racers coming back with muddy faces and bikes that needed a good wash down! We had a lot of positive comments about the course design, with some of you appreciating the fact that it was less hilly than usual. Thanks, Caroline, for posting such a great comment on Facebook. It's reactions like these that make us want to keep coming back and putting on challenging and enjoyable events.

We always welcome having youngsters taking part along with their parents, as they are the next generation of adventure racers, so welcome back William Locke. Joe Harwood brought his two young daughters along – Anntony and Abbirose – and they had a right good go at the **Sprint**, with their mum tracking their progress on her mobile phone.





A word of thanks to one of our regulars, Pat Daas, who, apart from being the fastest through transition yet again – 14 seconds!! – also had the presence of mind to pick up a dibber which she found on the course. This had got detached from its rider, after he'd had a bit of an argument with the brambles! These dibbers aren't cheap, so thanks again, Pat, for doing this.

A special mention also needs to be made about Barry Watts' achievement in the **Men's Trail**; he collected all 15 CPs – well done for that – but there was just one small problem. He went well over his allocated time limit of two hours, which attracted a lot of penalty points, and dropped him well down in the rankings. The challenge next time, Barry, is the get the 15 CPs within the 2 hour limit!



The **Experience** event saw Hannah Cooke hold off the challenge from all the other **Experience** categories, including a determined effort from the boys, finishing within the time limit and with an impressive 22 CPs. Two pairs collected the same number of CPs (21) in the **Experience Pairs**, and both completed the race within the time limit. So, bad luck to Caroline Wharton and Paul Boakes, who finished just 51 seconds behind the winners.



Stephen Dadswell rode a determined race in the **Male MTBO** event, collecting 18 CPs within his time limit. Julian Hemsted pushed him hard, collecting 18 CPS as well, but he was penalised a couple of

points for coming in 45 seconds over the two hours. In the **Ladies'** event, a number of our regular riders had other commitments, and Jane Robinson rode a fine race, collecting 14 CPs.



In the **Sprint** event, the Dutch/Czech pairing of Michelle Baeten and Iva Kalášková, which has won quite a few of the Pairs events, and who, in this race, had their highest points tally to date, had to settle for the runners up slot. Their only consolation was that they were beaten by an all male pairing of Steven Nash and Phil Gubby, who went one better than their second place at Thursley.

Congratulations to Sid Hardy, for winning the **Male Trail** in a very tight race. Leon Stapley and Nigel Davison came in with the same number of CPs, but they took slightly longer than Sid.



At Tri-Adventure, we care greatly that people of all ages and abilities should be able to turn up and have a fun, yet challenging day out. So, at one end of the spectrum, we have the hard core Experience, Sprint, MTBO, and Trail racers, all doing their best to bag the maximum number of CPs. At the other end, we have families taking part, with the youngsters often exhorting their parents to go faster!

I'm really encouraged to see so many first timers trying out our events each month. We hope all you "newbies" enjoyed your experience, and that you'll spread the word to your friends and family. You've got your first Tri Point, and you're on your way to getting a discount.



Please also remember that, every time you recommend someone who comes along and takes part, you also receive a Tri Point.

### Experience (4 hour event)

Male	Points/Time
1 <sup>st</sup> Graham Crabtree	196 04:11:43
Female	Points/Time
1 <sup>st</sup> Hannah Cooke	220 03:55:39
Pairs	Points/Time
1 <sup>st</sup> Ian Ward/John Batten	210 03:54:49

### Sprint (2 hour event)

Male	Points/Time
1 <sup>st</sup> Paul Boosey	90 01:53:33
Female	Points/Time
1 <sup>st</sup> Chris Glew	89 02:00:13
Pairs	Points/Time
1 <sup>st</sup> Phil Gubby/Steve Nash	150 01:59:50

### Trail (2 hour event)

Male	Points/Time
1 <sup>st</sup> Sid Hardy	120 01:57:23
Female	Points/Time
1 <sup>st</sup> Natasha Trasi	90 01:52:59

### MTBO

Male	Points/Time
1 <sup>st</sup> Stephen Dadswell	180 01:50:05
Female	Points/Time
1 <sup>st</sup> Jane Robinson	140 01:57:34

So, the **Spring Series** is now off and running. Congratulations to all our worthy winners!

A special word of thanks to our Volunteers. A lot of work goes on behind the scenes, and the smooth running of this event wouldn't have been possible without the help of Tracey Blandford (who's helping me with marketing Tri-Adventure) and, of course, Chris, Liz, and Leszek, who got a bit of a soaking on Transition this month!

The full race results, with splits and transition times, as well as the Series results, are available on the Tri-Adventure website [here](#).

Photographs can be found and tagged/shared in our Facebook album [here](#).

If you have photos to add from events, please do [email](#) them, tweet them to [@tri\\_adventure](#), or post them on [Facebook](#).

As usual, thanks to those who shared their thoughts and made suggestions on the day. I am always open to suggestions to improve and expand the Tri-Adventure experience for more and more people. If you have had a thought to add since Sunday, please pop it in an [email](#) now!

## NEXT EVENTS

The days are getting longer, and our next event, the second in our **Spring Series**, is at **Bentley Copse** on **Sunday, 9 April**. Online entry is already [open](#), so do take advantage of the Early Bird rates.



Also, if any of you, or your friends, want to brush up your **Navigation Skills**, do let me know. I run one day Navigation Courses throughout the year, or at a time to suit, so keep an eye out for dates on the website, or just get in touch if you have a particular date in mind. Full details of what I cover on the day can be found on our [Navigation Page](#).

The dates and locations through to February next year are now confirmed, and can be found on our website [here](#), so please put them in your diaries. There will be trophies and prizes at the end of each series. The venues through to September are now confirmed, and we will add other venues as soon as we finalise them.

Once again, thanks for coming along to Cranleigh on Sunday, and making it such a great event. It's clearly a very popular spot in the Surrey Hills, and we'll be back there again, with another exciting course sometime in the future. I know I say this in every Report but, quite simply, without you, there would be no Tri-Adventure. Please help us to spread the word about these great weekend events so that we can get the numbers up, and I look forward to seeing you again in April.

Finally, please use Social Media to tell others about Tri-Adventure – Facebook, Twitter, Instagram, etc. We want to keep putting on fantastic events, which challenge people whilst making them feel good (as those of you who take part will confirm), and we need to keep increasing our numbers to make this happen. So, share your comments, your tweets, and your photos, and please keep liking our posts.

Yours in Adventure,

Adam

