

Keswick night (half & half) 26.03.14

There was a disappointing turn out for this event, although the weather was good and the sunset, if you were in the right place at the time, was sensational. I guess the entrants didn't turn up for the sunset but it is always an added bonus.

The map offered plenty of variation from a stiff climb up Latrigg to the relative levels of the old railway line and over into St. Johns in the Vale. We had one generation team and well done to Edward Norton, and John, for his efforts scoring a very impressive 140, this included some tough and long climbs, at least it was rewarded with a gentle ride back along the railway line, maybe not so gentle if my memories serve me right as when I was riding with my son the last half hour was spent with gentle encouragement to persuade those little tired legs just to go that little bit faster, it had to be a balancing act in case he had a strop and stopped all together!! -☺

The overall winner went to the local Lad who I discovered over a pint regularly runs over most of the area covered by the map so the saying "knowing the area like the back of my hand" is a bit of an understatement. Well done to Neil Hamblin who amassed a score of 450 less 7 penalties netting at 443, this was just enough to beat Julian Cooper (must try harder) into 2<sup>nd</sup>. Both had a similar plan by zigzagging the top half of the map and then seeing how much they could manage on the southern half. 3<sup>rd</sup> went to Andy Williamson who had 420 but lost 20 points in penalties (must carry a watch next time).

That is the last of the West coast winter series for this year, thanks to all who entered and organised events. There was talk in the pub last night about next winter's series which is always encouraging so watch this space. The first event will be in October/November.

The summer series "Allerdale Bike Challenge " starts again on May 21<sup>st</sup>. [www.bmbo.org.uk](http://www.bmbo.org.uk)

I was handed a flyer last night for an Enduro event to be held at Whinlatter on 31<sup>st</sup> May. Checkout the Cyclewise website.

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