

## Dear New Forest Cyclist

Thanks for taking part in one of this year's May events.

Apologies for the delay in returning your brevet card – because this 300km ride was a BRM event those brevet card validations have to come Audax Club Parisien and after 3 months waiting they have just come back Paris.

Despite the weather forecast, the 300km rider managed to eat their porridge and set off at 3am in the dry. From then on the day was a mixture of showers, which most of you managed to avoid for most of the time. The blustery winds kept up, however, making exposed spots like Stony Cross plain quite hard work.

As last year there was a mix of entrants, with nearly all the 300km, 200km and 150km riders being AUK and/or CTC members. I can commend the AUK web site [www.audax.uk.net](http://www.audax.uk.net) to non-members and recommend you to consider joining AUK for more good value rides, a glossy magazine, event insurance and lots more.

145 riders set off and with only 2 non-finishers we had our best ever level of riders successfully completing their chosen event.

The first 300km cyclist (Paul Whitehead) returned at 1.40pm, completing 300km in 10hrs:40mins. The last cyclist to return to the finish control arrived at 10.45pm, but everyone was within time and was fed at the finish.

300km	19 started and all finished
200km	22 started and 20 finished
150km	15 started and all finished
100km	61 started and all finished
50km	28 started and all finished

If you have not done so already, why not sign up now for one of our September New Forest cycle events:

### **Sunday 4th September 2011**

7:45 200km New Forest On and Off Shore  
7:45 150km New Forest Island 150  
(new route this year going to the Isle of Wight with 200km cyclists)  
10:00 100km New Forest and Coast  
10:30 50km New Forest Autumn Challenge 50

Our website is: [www.cyclingnewforest.weebly.com](http://www.cyclingnewforest.weebly.com)

Have a look for more information on all events and the option of entering on-line directly.

*Thanks to our helpers:  
Bryan at the (not very well kept) Secret Control  
Su and Keith at the Minstead Control*

Good luck to all of you about to head off for France for PBP  
We look forward to seeing you again in September

**John and Sheila**

Think of bicycles as rideable art that can just about save the world