

STEVENAGE START OF SUMMERTIME SPECIALS



**Sun 30th March 2008
Fairlands Valley Park
10:30**

**115km Populaire
ROUTE SHEET**

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Brevet Populaire Sunday 30 March 2008
115 Kilometre Route

Start from the Sailing Centre (next to Costello's Café) in Fairlands Valley Park at 10:30 (BST). Please arrive by 10:15 so that brevet cards can be distributed and any checks made. This is not a race. You must complete the ride at an average speed between 12.5 and 25 kph. Your brevet card must be timed and signed at every control. Ride safely and enjoy yourself.

From park LEFT onto Six Hills Way. FWD at RBT (sp Chells). 2nd RBT FWD (sp Chells Manor). 3rd RBT LEFT (sp Chells Manor). 4th RBT RIGHT (sp Walkern) on B1037.

In WALKERN bear LEFT (still B1037 sp Cottered) to CROMER. At right hand bend LEFT (sp Baldock).

At T LEFT (straight on) onto A507 but then FWD (sp unsuitable for wide vehicles, Rushden, Redhill) and FWD (sps Sandon, Wallington) straight through RUSHDEN (Mill End).

Shortly after Rushden RIGHT (sp Sandon, Kelshall). At T (Roe Green) RIGHT (sp Sandon, Kelshall, Buckland). In SANDON at T (by Δ) (opposite duck pond) LEFT (sp Kelshall, Therfield, Royston). Shortly passing church on rhs, RIGHT (sp Kelshall, Therfield, Royston) and continue through KELSHALL (19km).

At T RIGHT (sp Therfield, Royston). Pass 30 mph signs by 1st. houses in THERFIELD then RIGHT into Pedlars Lane (sp Therfield, Reed, Buckland). At T RIGHT then fork LEFT (sp Reed, Buckland) Follow signs through REED END to REED

At T with A10, RIGHT then IMM RIGHT again into the "Silver Ball" Café, REED.

First control at 24 kilometres (15 miles) open from 11:27 until 12:25.

From café, RIGHT onto A10 and IMM LEFT (sp Reed). Follow main route bearing LEFT through REED. At T RIGHT (no sp). Continue to BARKWAY. In Barkway RIGHT at T (sp Hare Street, Braughing) onto B1368.

Opposite petrol station LEFT (sp Nuthampstead, Anstey, Barkway Park). RIGHT before Nuthampstead village sign (sp Anstey). In ANSTEY at T LEFT (sp Meesden, Brent Pelham) and bear RIGHT through MEESDEN then LEFT by red Post Box (sp Meesden Bury, Langley). After app. 0.6km , after Weak Bridge sign, RIGHT into lane (suitable for light traffic only). At T RIGHT (sp Clavering, Newport) and follow signs to CLAVERING. At B1038 LEFT (sp Newport) to WICKEN BONHUNT and NEWPORT (46km).

In NEWPORT at T RIGHT on B1383 (sp Bishops Stortford, London). Shortly LEFT by garage (sp Debden, Carver Barracks). FWD for app. 4km. to X where RIGHT by white-walled thatched cottage (sp Debden). Through DEBDEN, DEBDEN GREEN, CUTLER'S GREEN to THAXTED. At T opposite Swan ph RIGHT on B184. Shortly, by Guildhall RIGHT into Fishmarket Street towards windmill. Control is in Poppy's Tea Room on lhs.

Second control at 57 kilometres (36 miles) open from 12:47 until 15:03.

From Poppy's RIGHT down main road (B184). Shortly RIGHT onto B1051 (sp Stanstead Mountfitchet, Broxton, Tourist Route). After 4km, RIGHT (into Suckstead Green) (sp Chaureth Green, Sibleys, Hamperden End). *Note: Easy to miss – signs half-hidden in trees.* At T ignore right turn (sp Cherry Green) and continue straight ahead. At T LEFT (sp Henham) through HENHAM (66 km).

Bear RIGHT to follow major route (sp Quendon). At T RIGHT (sp Ugley Chequers, Quendon, Newport). Follow road under railway bridge and then LEFT at T (by Δ) (sp Ugley, Quendon, Bishops Stortford) under motorway bridge to UGLEY (Chequers not Green) (70 km).

At T RIGHT onto B1383 (sp Newport, S. Walden). Shortly LEFT (sp Rickling Green, Cricketers Arms). At RICKLING GREEN LEFT (sp Manuden, light traffic only). In MANUDEN (75 km) RIGHT at T (sp Berden, Clavering). Through Manuden village. Partway up rise LEFT (sp Furneux Pelham). FWD to stgd. X, where RIGHT and then LEFT (sp Furneux Pelham, Great Hormead). At X by Brewery Tap ph FWD (sp Hormead, Buntingford) through FURNEAUX PELHAM and LITTLE HORMEAD. At T RIGHT (sp Gt Hormead) to GREAT HORMEAD. At T LEFT (sp Hare Street, Buntingford) to village hall (green building) on rhs.

Third control at 88 kilometres (55 miles) open from 14:01 until 17:32.

RIGHT from village hall. FWD at stgd X (sp Buntingford) on B1038. At T in BUNTINGFORD LEFT (sp Hertford, Cambridge). Shortly RIGHT (sp Aspenden, Westmill). Pass under A10. In ASPENDEN LEFT (sp Westmill, Cherry Green, Nasty) through WESTMILL and follow signposts (sps Nasty, The Mundens) to NASTY. (*Note: village sign missing*). Now follow signposts to GREAT MUNDEN and DANE END.

In Dane End RIGHT (sp Whempstead, Benington) to WHEMPSTEAD (102km). At X RIGHT (sp Benington, Walkern) to BENINGTON. Pass Bell ph then LEFT (sp Aston) passing church on rhs. At X FWD to ASTON (110km).

Through Aston pass church and RIGHT into Dene Lane (no through road). FWD between bollards, over bridge, swing sharp RIGHT and at T with cycleway LEFT (i.e. north) onto cycleway. FWD through 2 underpasses. At T on cycleway IMM after 2nd underpass, LEFT and hairpin RIGHT to continue on cycleway (going north) alongside main road (Gresley Way).

At Y on cycleway bear LEFT and follow cycleway through alley to cross Cromwell Road and Marlborough Road. FWD to underpass, then RIGHT through underpass and LEFT on cycleway (on rhs of main road (Six Hills Way)). Continue towards Stevenage Town Centre on cycleway crossing Brittain Way. RIGHT into Fairlands Valley Park to café at Sailing Centre and FINISH / ARRIVÉE.

Finish at 115 kilometres (72 miles) open from 15:06 until 19:42.

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115km NOTES

The entrance to Fairlands Valley is off Six Hills Way. Café grid ref. is OS 166 TL 254243. If you come by car please leave it in the large car park near the entrance, not the smaller cafe car park which will be needed by others during the day. Costello's Café is on 01438 748458

If you are not going to finish please tell a control or contact the organiser/leave a message on 07764 294173

ABBREVIATIONS:

FWD Forward

IMM Immediately

ph public house

RBT roundabout

rhs right hand side

lhs left hand side

sp signpost

stgd X staggered crossroads

T T junction

Y Y junction

△ Grass triangle in middle of T or Y junction

X crossroads



You should go through the towns and villages that are underlined e.g. WALKERN.

Your brevet card will be returned to you in your second sae after it has been checked by Audax U.K. This will take some weeks.

(Checked 01/03/2008 Paul & Erik Boielle)