

May Day Bank Holiday Weekend – Andover Triathlon Club race results
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The May day Bank holiday weekend was a busy one for several members of the Andover Triathlon Club for whom the race season is now well underway.

The New Forest triathlon was the first race of the weekend held on the Sunday in the beautiful surroundings of Ellingham Lake in the New Forest. The race comprised of a 1100m open water lake swim, 36km cycle and a 10km run. Unfortunately the nice weather of late was replaced by cold, wet, windy conditions, which would make the going tough for many of the 339 competitors. Andover was represented by seasoned triathlete Shaun Green and members Paul North and Martin Hudson. Shaun produced an excellent swim to exit the water in 18 mins 05 secs, which after an equally strong bike section saw him placed 6th overall, where on the run where he dropped a few positions to complete the race in a total time of 1:56:16 placing 11th overall and 2nd in his age category. Paul North finished in 2:57:44 placing 321st overall and Martin Hudson put in a great effort in this his first ever triathlon to finish shortly afterwards completing the course in 2:58:57.

Elsewhere on the bank holiday Monday, Chris Oliver and club chairman Howell Reed took part in the Hart Triathlon near Fleet. The sprint distance event was made up of a 400m pool swim, 20k cycle and 5k run. Sadly the weather was also typical for a bank holiday and rain, wind and cold temperatures made the going tough for the 420 competitors. With a good swim and bike time, Reed then put in a very fast run, averaging 6.18 minute mile pace to finish in 37th position overall in a time of 1:08:06. For Chris Oliver this was to be his first competitive race for almost a year and after a good swim, competitive bike and excellent run he finished little over 8 minutes behind Reed to complete in 1:16:22 and 123rd overall.

Entries are now open for the annual Andover Triathlon. For details please visit the Andover Triathlon Club website.

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