

STEVENAGE START OF SUMMERTIME SPECIALS
Sunday 25th March 2018
160 Kilometre Route

Start Fairlands Valley Park 09:00
Please arrive by 08:30 to collect your brevet card

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.

If you are not going to finish, please tell a control or contact the organisers on 07974 576663 or 07816 625901.

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

Continue on major route unless directed otherwise.
You should go through the towns and villages that are underlined e.g. WALKERN.
Intermediate distances are **APPROXIMATE**.

(Route checked by Jim Borchers 11/03/18)

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Start from the Sailing Centre in Fairlands Valley Park at 09:00 (BST).
Please arrive by 08:30 to collect your brevet card. This is not a race. You must complete the ride at an average speed between 15 and 30 kph. Your brevet card must be timed and signed at every control. Ride safely and enjoy yourself.

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From park LEFT onto Six Hills Way
FWD at RBT sp Chells
FWD at 2nd RBT keeping on Six Hills Way
LEFT on 3rd RBT sp Chells Manor
Follow Gresley Way then
RIGHT at RBT(sp WALKERN) on B1037 (3.4 km/2.4miles)
In WALKERN bear LEFT (sp Cottered B1037)
RIGHT at stgd X sp ARDELEY, WOOD END.
Continue through ARDELEY and WOOD END

Take GREAT CARE at bottom of hill after Wood End, 2 DEEP potholes on lhs of road.

Continue straight to GREAT MUNDEN

LEFT at X with △ no sign post through NASTY
Bear RIGHT (sp BUNTINGFORD and WESTMILL) to WESTMILL (18.2km/11.3 miles)

At ASPENDEN at △ sharp RIGHT (sp BUNTINGFORD) and under A10(T).
At T LEFT into BUNTINGFORD (no sp).
RIGHT at mini-RBT onto B1038 sp Brent Pelham.
At stgd X RIGHT (sp Braughing B1368) to OLD SWAN TEA SHOP on rhs.
Go just past the front entrance.

First control (through rear gate to left of tea room) at 27 km/16.8 miles
Open from 09:55 until 10:50.

LEFT out of control to retrace to stgd X where RIGHT on B1038 to **GREAT HORMEAD**, **BRENT PELHAM** and **NEWPORT** (27.4 km/17 miles). continue to **BRENT PELHAM**. (Keep on the main route in **GREAT HORMEAD**, the sign in the middle of the village has been turned)

At T with Δ RIGHT sp **NEWPORT**
Through **CLAVERING** and **WICKEN BONHUNT** to **NEWPORT** (42.6km/26.5 miles).

In **NEWPORT** at T RIGHT on B1383 (sp Bps. Stortford, London).
Shortly LEFT by garage (sp **DEBDEN**, Carver Barracks).

Continue to X where RIGHT by white-walled thatched cottage (sp **DEBDEN**).
(46.6km/29 miles)
Through **DEBDEN**, **DEBDEN GREEN**, **CUTLER'S GREEN** to **THAXTED**.

At T opposite Swan ph RIGHT (no sp.) down hill past Church. (54.3 km/33.7)

LEFT before **THAXTED** village sign (sp **THE BARDFIELDS**) through **LITTLE BARDFIELD** to **GREAT BARDFIELD**

LEFT at T sp Finchingfield 2, Steeple Bumpstead 7
Shortly RIGHT at Δ with War Memorial Cross sp Braintree 9, Waltham X 1

Continue to the second control about 750m outside village at **KNEAD FOOD**, **THE BLUE EGG** on lhs.

Second control at 63.2 km/39.3 miles

Open from 11:05 until 13:10

From Knead Food, RIGHT to retrace to **GREAT BARDFIELD**
In **GREAT BARDFIELD** RIGHT sp **FINCHINGFIELD 2**, S Bumpstead 7
Through **FINCHINGFIELD** leaving on B1053 (sp Wethersfield, Braintree)

In 1.4 km after Blind Summit sign on rhs, LEFT at stgd X no sp
Through **GAINSFORD END**
FWD over weak bridge to **TOPPESFIELD**

INFORMATION CONTROL in **TOPPESFIELD** at village pump in centre. (76.2 km/47.4 miles)

Bear LEFT at village pump (sp Stambourne and Ridgewell)
At T LEFT (sp Stambourne) through **STAMBOURNE**
At T RIGHT sp **S BUMPSTEAD**, Haverhill

Continue to **STEEPLE BUMPSTEAD**

LEFT on 6'6" Restricted Width Church Street sp Pottery, Red Lion Public House past War Memorial on left.

At T LEFT sp **HEMPSTEAD 4**

In **HEMPSTEAD** LEFT (sp Great Sampford B1055 (B1053))
INFORMATION CONTROL (91.1 km/56.6 miles)

LEFT at small Δ (sp The Sampfords, Finchingfield B1053)
In **GREAT SAMPFORD** LEFT sp Finchingfield 3, **GT BARDFIELD 5**, **LT SAMPFORD 1**

At stg X with Δ RIGHT sp Thaxted
LEFT at Δ sp **GT BARDFIELD**, Braintree

LEFT at Δ no sp into road with sp for Ford (99.2 km 61.6 miles)
At T with Δ RIGHT sp **GT BARDFIELD**
INFORMATION CONTROL (100 km/62.3 miles)

At T RIGHT no sp

In **GREAT BARDFIELD** RIGHT by large Δ sp **THAXTED** 4, Dunmow 7
RIGHT opposite The Bell ph sp **LITTLE BARDFIELD** 1½, **THAXTED** 4
Through **LITTLE BARDFIELD** to **THAXTED**

In **THAXTED** at T, RIGHT sp Saffron Waldon B184

LEFT opposite The Swan ph sp **CUTLERS GREEN** 1, Debden 4

LEFT at stgd X with Δ and red telephone box in **DEBDEN GREEN**, sp **HENHAM**,
Bishops Stortford (113 km/70.2 miles)

Bear RIGHT through **HENHAM** to follow major route (sp Quendon).

At Δ T RIGHT (sp Ugley Chequers, Quendon, Newport).

Follow road under railway bridge and then LEFT at Δ (sp **UGLEY**, Quendon, Bishops
Stortford) under motorway bridge to **UGLEY** (84.2 km/52.3 miles).

At T RIGHT onto B1383 (sp Newport, S. Walden).

Shortly LEFT (sp **RICKLING GN**).

Through **RICKLING GREEN** and **RICKLING**

At X FWD sp **BERDEN** and **PELHAMS**

At T RIGHT sp **BERDEN** and **THE PELHAMS**

Through **BERDEN** to **STOCKING PELHAM**

At stgd X RIGHT sp **FURNEAUX PELHAM**, Great Hormead

At X by Brewery TAP ph LEFT sp Albury, Little Hadham

At T RIGHT, sp Furneaux Pelham, **BRAUGHING** to **BRAUGHING**

In **BRAUGHING**, RIGHT no sp just after Axe and Compasses **VERY PINK** ph on lhs
go to lhs of Post Box and Telephone Box

At X by church, LEFT to third control at Braughing Church Hall on lhs.

Third control at 140 km/86.955 miles

Open from 13:40 until 18:20.

LEFT from control.

At T LEFT then at T IMM RIGHT no sp

At T LEFT sp **PUCKERIDGE** (A10)

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Through **PUCKERIDGE** to T with A120

Cross A120 to go SO onto shared pedestrian and cycle path through gate and
continue under A10. Take care of barriers near the end of the path.

At road continue SO sp **DANE END**, **LEVENS GREEN**, Old Hall Green

At T LEFT sp **DANE END**

Continue through **DANE END** then RIGHT into Whempstead Lane (sp
WHEMPSTEAD, **BENINGTON**) to **WHEMPSTEAD**.

At stgd X RIGHT (sp **BENINGTON**, Walkern) through **BENINGTON**.

Pass Bell ph then LEFT at Δ (no sp) passing St. Peter's church on rhs.

At X RIGHT sp Walkern 2

LEFT (sp **ASTON END**) down steep hill past ford sign

At T RIGHT (no sp).

At T RIGHT (no sp) then LEFT (sp Equestrian Centre) into Short Lane.

At T with Δ LEFT.

At junction by Equestrian Centre SO into "no through road" (Tatlers Lane) (62.4
km/38.8 miles).

Go between concrete posts under Gresley Way and bear LEFT onto cycleway.

At T RIGHT.

Follow cycleway to cross Cromwell Road and Marlborough Road

FWD to underpass, 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.

Continue FWD along road to Costello's and **FINISH**

Finish at 161 kilometres (100 miles)

Open from 14:20 until 19:45.

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