

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

Start Fairlands Valley Park 08:15
Please arrive by 08:00 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.

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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 March 2018)

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*Start from the Sailing Centre in Fairlands Valley Park at 08.15 (BST).
Please arrive by 08:00 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 09:10 until 10:05.**

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 10:20 until 12:25.

From Knead Food, RIGHT to retrace to **GREAT BARDFIELD**
In **GREAT BARDFIELD** RIGHT sp **FINCHINGFIELD 2**, **S BUMPSTEAD 7**

Through **FINCHINGFIELD** leaving on B1057 sp **STEEPLE BUMPSTEAD**, Haverhill, **CORNISH HALL END**

LEFT in about 900m sp **CORNISH HALL END**, **S BUMPSTEAD**, Haverhill on B1057
In **STEEPLE BUMPSTEAD** RIGHT at Δ (sp **CLARE**, Sturmer B1054) (76.8 km/47.7 miles).

Third INFORMATION CONROL (77 km /47.9 miles)

Continue to **NEW ENGLAND** where RIGHT at T onto A1017 (sp Braintree, **CLARE**).
At **BAYTHORNE END** LEFT on A1092 (sp **CLARE**, **LONG MELFORD**, Wixoe). FWD through **STOKE BY CLARE** to **CLARE**.

In **CLARE** (road twists and turns – keep to main route) bear RIGHT by Bell ph onto Cavendish Road (still A1092 sp Sudbury, **CAVENDISH**).

Continue through **CAVENDISH** and **GLEMSFORD** (still A1092) to **LONG MELFORD**

Bear RIGHT (sp Sudbury, Acton, Melford Hall) 98.5km/61.2 miles.

Shortly at T, RIGHT onto B1064 (sp Sudbury, Action, Melford Hall).

LEFT by the Bull ph (sp Acton).

At mini-RBT FWD.

RIGHT onto A134 (sp Sudbury) then IMM LEFT (sp Acton, Gt. Waldingfield, Historic **LAVENHAM**).

Soon, passing A & G Garden Care on rhs, LEFT (sp **LAVENHAM**).

LEFT onto B1071 Sudbury Road (sp Bury St Edmunds and Hadleigh) into **LAVENHAM**.

Pass Greyhound hotel on rhs then RIGHT onto Market Lane (brown sp Market Place) to Lavenham Guildhall.

Fourth control at 107 kilometres (66.2 miles)

From Lavenham Guildhall LEFT down Lady Street.
RIGHT at T (Water Street).
LEFT at T (sp Long Melford, Sudbury) and up hill.
Retrace to Howlett's car showroom where RIGHT (sp Long Melford, **ACTON**).
In 1.8 km, LEFT (sp **ACTON**).
At Δ RIGHT (sp **ACTON**, Sudbury).
NOTE Wide potholes on approach to ACTON
At T in **ACTON** RIGHT (no sp) onto High Street.
By the Crown ph LEFT into Sudbury Road (South Suffolk Route A).

In **NEWMANS GREEN** first RIGHT (sp Long Melford, South Suffolk Route A). Soon bear LEFT at Y (South Suffolk Route A).
At A134 (sp Bury St Edmunds) RIGHT and then IMM LEFT (Mills Lane, South Suffolk Route A).
At X FWD (sp Foxearth, Melford, South Suffolk Route A) over bridge into Essex. IMM after bridge LEFT (no sp) through **BORLEY** (117 km/72.7 miles).
At Δ with prominent white signpost, LEFT (sp The Belchamps, Bulmer).
At T RIGHT (sp The Belchamps).
At T RIGHT (sp Belchamp Walter - **not** church & hall).
In **BELCHAMP WALTER** at X FWD and follow signposts to **GESTLINGTHORPE** (127 km/78.6 miles).

At X FWD (sp Hedinghams, Halstead).
At T (by large Δ with red Post Box) RIGHT to **CASTLE HEDINGHAM**.

Fifth INFORMATION CONTROL in **CASTLE HEDINGHAM** opposite red Phone box and post box (132 km/82.2 miles) then continue ahead to **SIBLE HEDINGHAM**.

LEFT onto A1017 (sp Braintree, Halstead).
Shortly RIGHT at Sugar Loaves ph (sp St. Peter's Church, **WETHERSFIELD**).
After St. Peter's Church LEFT (sp **WETHERSFIELD**, **FINCHINGFIELD**) and follow signposts to **WETHERSFIELD**.
In **WETHERSFIELD** bear RIGHT and follow main route to **FINCHINGFIELD** (142 km/88.1 miles).
Down hill, over bridge LEFT (Note - sp is before bridge - **GREAT BARDFIELD**, Dunmow) FWD to **GREAT BARDFIELD**.
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
MURCO Filling Station on left has food

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 (159 km/99 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 Hornead
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.
Fifth control at 186 km (116 miles)
Open from 14:25 until 20:40, if you arrive here after 19:00 then follow the
DIVERSION instructions in PUCKERIDGE to Westwoods Convenience Store in
STANDON which closes at 21:00.

LEFT from control.
At T LEFT then at T IMM RIGHT no sp
At T LEFT sp **PUCKERIDGE** (A10)
LEFT sp **PUCKERIDGE**
Through **PUCKERIDGE** to T with A120

(DIVERSION to Westwoods (open until 9pm). LEFT onto A120 for 1.5 km, RIGHT at
stgd X sp High Street and Shops, Westwoods on rhs on corner. Out of shop RIGHT
and retrace 1.5 km then LEFT sp Hertford on Cycleway.)

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 207 km (129miles)
Open from 15:10 until 22:05.

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