#### STEVENAGE START OF SUMMERTIME SPECIALS Sunday 29th March 2020 66 Kilometre Route

## Start Fairlands Valley Park 10:30

Please arrive by 10:00 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.

If you are not going to finish, please tell a control or contact the organisers on 07779 779035 or 07850 428856.

## ABBREVIATIONS:

FWD Forward

IMM Immediately

ph public house

RBT roundabout

rhs right hand side

Ihs left hand side

sp signpost

stgd X staggered crossroads

T. T junction

YY junction

 $\Delta$  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. <u>WALKERN</u>. Intermediate distances are **APPROXIMATE**.

(Route checked by Paul Boielle 25/02/19)

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Start from Costello's in Fairlands Valley Park at 10:30 (BST).

Please arrive by 10:00 to collect your brevet card. This is not a race. You must complete the ride at an average speed between 12.5 and 25kph. Your brevet card must be timed and signed at every control. Ride safely and enjoy yourself.

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From the start LEFT to pass behind the sailing centre Through the gates IMM LEFT follow the shared path/cycleway uphill to 1st RIGHT Continue fwd to T on cycleway LEFT to pass under Fairlands Way subway and exit RIGHT Continue to pass through two underpasses LEFT just before 3rd underpass onto Verity Way cycle way (1.9km/1.2miles) RIGHT to pass under RBT exit LEFT to Pilgrims way (2.57km/1.6miles) LEFT onto Canterbury Way Right at RBT onto Great Ashby Way At RBT continue straight LEFT into Orwell Ave Shortly Right into Calder Way(5.15km/3.2 miles) At T RIGHT continue to <u>WESTON</u>

RIGHT at X sp <u>HALLS GRN</u>, Cromer, Walkern (8.7km/5.4 miles) LEFT signposted CROMER (13.5km/8.4 miles) At T LEFT sp <u>LUFFENHALL</u> At  $\Delta$  RIGHT sp <u>RUSHDEN</u> 2.5 Baldock 5 Ashwell 8 At T LEFT continue to meet A507 At T LEFT onto A507 continue straight as signposted LOCAL TRAFFIC (16.9km/10.5 miles) After Rushden and Moon and Stars ph on Ihs first RIGHT sp Sandon, Kelshall, Buckland (19km/11.8 miles)

At T (Roe Green) RIGHT sp Sandon, Kelshall, Buckland.

In <u>SANDON</u> at  $\Delta$  (by duck pond) LEFT sp Kelshall, Therfield, Royston, (22.5km/14.0 miles). RIGHT after church on rhs sp Kelshall, Therfield, Royston and continue through <u>KELSHALL</u> (25.4km/15.8 miles) At T RIGHT sp <u>THERFIELD</u>, Royston. Continue past houses on lhs and RIGHT into Pedlars Lane sp Reed, Buckland. At T RIGHT then fork LEFT sp Reed, Buckland. Follow signpost through <u>REED END</u> to <u>REED</u>

First control (outside the Silver Ball cafe)(29.8km/18.5 miles) open from 11:42 until 12:53

From cafe RIGHT onto A10 and IMM LEFT sp Reed. Follow main route bearing LEFT through <u>REED.</u> At T RIGHT (no sp) continue to <u>BARKWAY</u>.

## This is where the 100km and 160km riders stop following this route.

In Barkway at T by war memorial RIGHT sp <u>HARE St</u>, <u>BRAUGHING</u> B1368,(33.3km/20.7 miles).

Continue fwd through **DASSELS** and **HAY STREET**.

In Braughing pass The Golden Fleece ph on lhs and fork LEFT by the Grocer Store and red pillar box. Cross the ford and at the  $\Delta$  LEFT and IMM LEFT to arrive at Church Hall on rhs..

# Second control at 44.7 km/ 27.8 miles. Open from 12:17 until 14:05

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

\*TAKE PARTICULAR CARE AT THIS POINT, DISMOUNT AND WALK THROUGH IF NECESSARY 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  $\underline{\text{DANE END}}$ ,  $\underline{\text{LEVENS GREEN}}$ , Old Hall Green At T LEFT sp  $\underline{\text{DANE END}}$ 

Continue through <u>DANE END</u> then RIGHT into Whempstead Lane (sp <u>WHEMPSTEAD</u>, <u>BENINGTON</u>) to <u>WHEMPSTEAD</u>.

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

Pass Bell ph then LEFT at  $\Delta$  (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  $\Delta$  LEFT.

At junction by Equestrian Centre SO into "no through road" (Tatlers Lane) (101 km/62.8 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  $\ensuremath{\mathsf{FINISH}}$ 

Finish at 65.8 kilometres (40.9 miles). Open from 13:08 until 15:46

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