



Hase celebrate

Double congratulations to Hase Bikes! In May they celebrated 20 years as a company: two decades which have seen them grow into one of Europe's major special bike suppliers. On top of that, the Pino Porter which we reviewed last issue is the latest of their products to win a prestigious 'red dot' design award.



Their bikes have certainly changed lives, sometimes in unexpected ways and places. An Ironman triathlon is not natural territory for a Hase Pino, you might think, but one is competing in South Africa. 'Team Garwood' consists of father Kevin and son Nicholas, who has cerebral palsy. They'd seen a video of an American father and his son with CP (Team Hoyt) competing in an Ironman, and were determined to do the same. With Nicholas towed in a mini-kayak for the swim, pushed in a jogger for the run and with the extra weight of the Pino also a challenge over a hilly course, the immediate objective is not to come in first, but to finish within the cut-off times and so become 'Ironmen'. In their most recent contest they finished well inside the cut-off for the swim, but just missed the bike deadline on a hilly route. They report that the triathlon community in South Africa has been hugely welcoming and encouraging, and that the team effort has been a wonderful bonding experience.

Hase Bikes: www.hasebikes.com

Foldavan

Yes, it's a bicycle caravan! This fine-looking example isn't produced for sale, but you can buy the plans for £30 as a 100-page PDF file at Wooden Widget, a site which otherwise seems to specialise in designs for boats. Apparently only basic tools are needed and, depending on your skills, building one takes around 50 hours of work. Weight is said to be around 30 kg.



In windy weather the side-panels can be unzipped for less sensitivity to side-winds, and as the name suggests, it folds up to just 21 cm wide for easy transport on a car roof-rack. In 'road mode' it's about 60 cm wide, but it can also unfold in moments to give a metre-wide sleeping area in 'camp mode'. www.woodenwidget.com

Moulton on track

The lightest ever Moulton was recently produced, weighing just 6.8kg. It's a one-off, intended for use on the velodrome and built to commemorate 50 years since the successes of racing Moultons in the 1960s. www.moultonbicycles.co.uk

