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**Christine McLean - Ladies BAR Champion (again)**

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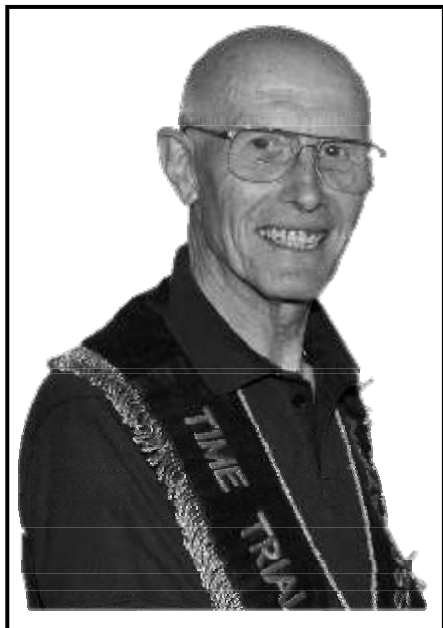
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# Officials' Reports

## President



For the vast majority of us the season has finished, the clocks have changed and we've had the extra hour in bed, the diet now includes the odd one or two cream cakes and the odd one or seven pints is consumed ! A time to relax and reflect perhaps on the past season. For some of us, at this time of the year, the reflection can go back a few more years to World War Two and the sacrifices made by men and women during four years of world conflict and further back to the senseless slaughter of the first World War. I'm writing these few lines on the eve of Remembrance Sunday where the focus of attention will be the Cenotaph and many smaller memorials throughout the country as the whole nation remembers the sacrifice made by so many service personnel.

My own experience of conflict was in the Canal Zone in '52/53 and was very low key when I realised, to my intense surprise, that the appearance of a row of small holes in the side of my emergency ambulance was the result of machine gun fire by terrorists.

That was about 60 years ago and still remains clear in my memory but another event that occurred 68 years ago made no mark in my diary. And why would it ? The formation of the Veteran Time Trials Association held no interest for a 21 year old but the main aim of the Association, to encourage riders over 40 to continue racing, has been extremely successful. You have only to look at any time trial start sheet to note riders who are in their 60s, 70s and 80s who are still competing using the Standard Tables introduced by Ernest Strevens.

Due to better competition, more scientific training, lightweight multi-gear cycles and improved road surfaces the balance in recent years seems to have swung in favour of the older riders and following a proposal at the last AGM a Working Party was formed to address the situation. They have worked very hard and following a presentation to the National Executive, a Special General Meeting was arranged to present these findings to a wider section of the Association before a firm proposal is put before the National AGM in January.

Contemplating a change to a system which has been working for nearly 70 years is a serious business and I would urge everyone to take advantage of learning about the Review before mandating your delegates to the National AGM.

Whatever the outcome I sincerely hope that all members have the opportunity to listen and discuss the points at issue before voting takes place at the end of January.

*Alan Colburn*

## SECRETARY



My last report ended with the topic of the Special General Meeting due to take place on 26 November and urging as many members as possible to attend. In fact, a total of 39 assembled at Kings Court. Andrew Simpkins and Steve Lockwood gave an excellent presentation, supported, where necessary, by other members of the Standards Review Party: Geoff Perry, Bill Lloyd and Frank Kerry (The sixth member, Mick Fountain, was unfortunately unable to attend). The presentation was divided into four parts, with questions after each part, and ended with a summary and discussion.

All members of the Standards Review Party deserve our admiration and thanks for the enormous amounts of time and effort they have expended on this exercise. They started immediately after the AGM last January and have not stopped since then. Steve actually started many months before, compiling over 26,000 results taken from the CTT website, and these have provided the basis for the Party's recommendations.

On the day, credit was due to the skills of the presenters who managed to capture their

audience and the result was a very orderly, yet exciting, meeting. Whatever their views, I think members left with the feeling that their journey (some from as far away as Scotland) had been well worthwhile.

You will perhaps be reading this at the start of the festive season, so I wish all members a happy Christmas and, to those of you who will be racing, a successful season in 2012.

*Ann Butterworth*

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## RECORDS SECRETARY



The trickle of Record Claim forms turned into a flood as October turned into November. Even a few arrived by e-mail. As it was my first season as Records Secretary I found it quite touching that riders would write, telephone or e-mail to check the safe arrival of their claim. I apologise if I did not reply to every enquiry but I was focusing on the task in hand. It is worth remembering that an e-mail address makes responding far easier, cheaper to the VTTA and, consequently, it is more likely to happen. This efficiency also applies to Group Recorders/ Age Record Secretaries.

I had some interesting conversations with claimants, made more relevant due to my being a member of the Standards Working Party.

I sent out a chasing e-mail to all the Groups to try and mop any loose ends and had to work on a few riders to get all the appropriate paperwork. Some were contacted via the Time Trialling Forum website. In many cases I had ridden the same event so had the results sheet to hand or could foresee that a claim would be forthcoming, in particular the E2/30 on 1st October, when competition record was broken. It is clear that a few organisers are still tardy in supplying results sheets within a reasonable time scale, which causes extra work for claimants and those responsible for accumulating the statistics.

As part of the ratification process, I cross-checked against the National VTTA Database which enabled me to check any ineligible writing and complete any empty boxes in the database – the revised information will be feed back to the Membership Secretary. This was a very beneficial task and cross-check.

My initial understanding when I took up the role was that a number of certificates were outstanding from 2010, due to Les Lowe's illness. A few reminders during the year suggested that they could all be outstanding so, when I went on to the mass printing of the record certificates, deciding to print all the 2010 certificates as well as the 2011 certificates.

In all fewer than 200 record certificates will have been printed to cover both years. The various combinations of solo/tricycle/tandem, club and Group names create great complexity in the final process.

Due to the close proximity of Group AGMs/ Awards ceremonies and the delays of the 2010 certificates, I decided to send out the certificates to each Group promptly by registered post, without getting them signed by the VTTA President, as this could be remedied later.

*.Geoff Perry*

## WEBMASTER



December saw the launch of an updated version of the VTTA's website. If you're a regular visitor to our website, you'll notice it looks a little different. Over the last few months, the site has been undergoing some behind-the-scenes changes in readiness for the 2012 season. The website builds on the sterling work of Tim Carpenter and is now managed by Jim Gibb.

If you've never looked at the website, why not make it your New Year Resolution to take a peek. You'll be able to keep up with news and results as well as group information and upcoming events.

Whether you're a first time user or a seasoned surfer, I'd be interested to find out what features you'd like to see incorporated into the website. In the meantime, I hope you like the new look and would be pleased to receive your feedback.

Visit the VTTA website at [www.vtta.org.uk](http://www.vtta.org.uk) and send your feedback to [webmaster@vtta.org.uk](mailto:webmaster@vtta.org.uk)

*Jim Gibb*

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### **SORRY WE'RE LATE!**

The wealth of information arising from the NEC meeting on the 4th of December meant a delay in getting this edition to the printer in time for pre-Christmas delivery.

Season's Greetings nevertheless!

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## ACTING NATIONAL RECORDER



There were 62 qualifying BAR entries and 142 Three Distance entries. Congratulations to Ken Platts for his second successive BAR victory, achieved this year with an improved performance on standard. There is a new Three Distance champion in Ron Hallam who improved his Standard from last season by 15 minutes to record a total plus of over 210 minutes. A truly remarkable performance!

I would like to thank all the Group Recorders who managed to get the claims to me in time to meet the deadline for publishing the results in *The Veteran*. It's amazing to find that several members fail to submit their claims and have to be chased by the Group Recorders. This puts extra work and strain on these volunteers as they try to ensure that all are included. All the BAR and

Three Distance certificates were printed and sent to the Group Recorders by 10 November, well in time for those early Group Prize Presentations.

*Bill Lloyd*

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# ONE DAY IN JUNE

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## THE ESCA CHAMPIONSHIP 24 HOUR

*Excerpts from the story of the race by John Taylor*

*with acknowledgements to the*

*24 Hour Fellowship News*

This event, which had been a few years in the making by some very passionate visionaries, organisers and club folk, had almost a full field and included most of the top long distance riders from mainly the Southern half of the Country. It promised to be very exciting and it was.

With National Championship status and at least three past 24 hour Champions riding, including Competition Record holder Andy Wilkinson, it was bound to be a nail -biting spectacle from the start, right through until the last dying seconds of the event, and it was.

Throw in some of the most demanding roads, with tough surfaces, undulating tree shrouded lanes, climbs that took riders almost from sea level to the top ridges of the South Downs, and then route those same riders through some of the most idyllic ancient villages East Sussex could muster, include some brisk winds, 80 degrees of sunshine, some wet cold mist at dawn, and I may have gone part way to setting the scene for this prestigious 24 hour Championship.

Three different circuits were to be utilised on the Saturday and Sunday and I had wondered how this was going to be managed with so many riders of mixed abilities. Some were riding at an average speed of less than 12 mph, compared to a 'superman' hammering along at 23 mph,

but I needn't have worried, as our 24 Hour Fellowship President Jim Ithell had it all under control. His red and green 'stop-go' boards for the marshals to see were being brandished at the side of the road like the swords of a whirling dervish, under the command of checkers and timekeepers Christine and Frank Minto and Richard Blackmore.

I think the 'Last man' marshal, Tim Carpenter had one of the hardest jobs of all, trying to make sure he'd located all of the slower riders at the back of the field. With many hedges, walls, motor-homes, and following cars for riders to hide in or behind, to have a rest, a feed, a sleep, or to carry out their ablutions, it must have been a nightmare, especially in the hours of mist and darkness.

Many riders had trickled past us and I think the first lady to enter the circuit was Jackie Hobson riding very positively and looking as good as the previous afternoon. A few of the riders looked absolutely drained and many others seemed to be on 'auto pilot' and although we either clapped or cheered them on, not many responded; they were in their own little worlds waiting for the moment when the timekeeper says "You can stop here, your time's up".

We motored back to the HQ to glean what bits of information we could about

the other riders, but nobody seemed any the wiser than me. Weary competitors with glazed eyes trundled into the hall to swap their numbers for a cup of tea, a piece of cake, and just seemed glad to chat after so many hours of isolation and effort.

Jacqueline Hobson, Warwickshire RC, was the second fastest lady with 362.96 miles in her first year of competition; what an amazing start to cycling and club life.

Jackie told me she eventually aims to ride an End to End for charity with a group of fast men and was hoping the 24 would give her an insight as to what problems she could encounter, such as fatigue on the road between Land's End and John O'Groats. After that performance, I think she will have no problems at all and might be up at the front of the bunch, especially when the going gets tough! I asked her what she thought of the event and she said she loved the course, the views, the hills, and the variations, but didn't know what to expect anyway. She'd been absorbed in the atmosphere and felt very lucky to be riding with such top performers of the long distance sport of 24 hour riding. She had good support during the event from her Mom and Dad, brother and two children.

Ann Bath was the oldest lady finisher, with 319.99 miles in her third try to break that elusive club record,

Eventually Wilko was helped into the hall from a rear door and stood propped up in the doorway for a while until he'd composed himself enough to sit on a seat. The word went around that he'd done 541 miles, but then, as in most long distance championship events, lower provisional mileages are given and we know that whatever went on the result board on the day would probably be adjusted for the final results; but the main thing was that we knew the finishing order and that Andy Wilson had broken Competition Record again. The video clip I mentioned earlier

was shown at this time and there was footage of him finishing and being lifted off his bike by his helpers and being laid on the ground. He looked awful and in agony and it was almost too painful to watch

By this time the hall was filling up with riders and their helpers and the buzz of anticipation around the room was getting louder. Some of the later numbered competitors were hobbling in and then I noticed David Shepherd leaning a little listlessly against the stage and thought 'At least he looks a lot better than after his winning ride in the Mersey Championship event of 2002, where he collapsed afterwards from exhaustion and had to be presented with his gold medal in the car park outside the HQ.

David Shepherd led the GS Stella to a fine championship team win of 1385.38 miles supported by Andy Payne (4th placed overall) with a 464.67 ride after a slow first 100 and 4.42.45, and Tony Reeves with 436.78 completing the team.

By viewing the three different circuits using this event from the comfort of a car, it's as if someone had said, "We've got a lovely scenic route near Little Horstead you could use (A275 Rainbow Inn, Cooksbridge, sharp left 135 degrees, and follow Deadmantree Hill). It's got some climbs, but I'm sure they can manage." Then another elderly clubman who'd probably forgotten what pain was really like, has mentioned to the organisers that "the Henfield circuit would be a good one; there are a few bumps, but the riders won't see them in the dark" and, as if that wasn't enough, someone living near the coast has said, "You must visit Pevensey – the views are magnificent from Windmill Hill," and so the course evolved. During the event, these circuits didn't always appear in that order but as far as I am aware, no-one escaped the course controller's vengeance, with some riders doing each circuit just once or twice; one poor soul was made to do eight night circuits as a punishment for going so fast!



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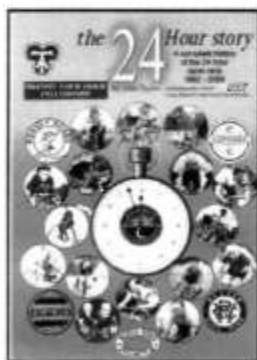


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# Around the Groups

## EAST ANGLIA

The social season has started, although many of the all-important AGMs have still to be held. The best brains of the group have been involved with the proposed changes to the standards. There has been a general outcry from the older members (and those who are unable to beat their existing standards), and the general opinion is to leave well alone and that the whole thing is being pushed along with too much haste. It will be interesting to see what transpires at the group's AGM which precedes the prize-giving luncheon. There is a situation in the East Anglian group, and doubtless others, whereby the fastest riders have a choice of, maybe, three events on a weekend, whereas those slower, and usually older, are lucky to get one ride, and rarely on a fast course, which is where the VTTA comes in, and accounts for many of our new recruits. So many are not

interested in standards; they just want a ride, any medal is a bonus, while others can take both Best on Standard and fastest awards - and yes, they are, of course, top riders, and no-one is saying that they shouldn't.

As a matter of interest, Michael Hutchinson, had he been a member, could still have been BoS when posting the new Competition record at 55 39 in the Alan Shorter Memorial 30, organised by John Golder on behalf of the group. It was the old Leo 30, incorporating the group event for the H F Nevill Trophy, won by Eric Marsh, although Carole Gandy was overall BoS and best lady; this was the big event of the year, mainly due to the sponsorship of Shorter Rochford Cycles.

As prophesied, new names have emerged to present a challenge in 2011. Jim Reed has spear-headed a Colchester Rovers revival, which would have so pleased our founding



Mary and Peter Horsnell

officials Stan Raby and Jack King. He has challenged Ken Platts in both the Championship and BAR, but the Rovers failed to produce a team result, with Edmund Spurgeon not living up to his early- season promise. Although Elspeth Knott has shone among the ladies, a promising newcomer here is Tricia Goulden. West Suffolk Whs and Tri-Club, runner-up to Laura Gambling for the Ladies Cup, the latter also being second in the National three-distance Competition – well done!

Chelmer's Ann Shuttleworth has had a very successful season but failed to claim for both local and national competitions, which was a pity. This applied to several other members, although forms are available from a number of sources. Newcomer from the Chelmer is Antony Stapleton's neighbour and training partner Richard Evans, who turned the tables on him at the end of the season, taking club records at 10 and 30 miles. Earlier he had won the ECCA 10 Championship, taking the impressive Zack Carr Trophy, presented by Stan Broom, and was also fastest Vet. He has yet to try longer distance, so watch out!

The name to watch in Breckland and around is Chris Nudds, who made such a successful comeback to take most of CCB's major awards, half the table full! Also feted at their dinner was chairman Dan Saunders, who has followed in his late father's footsteps, both having been awarded the prestigious RTTC/CCT Gold Badge for long service to the sport, a unique father/son achievement. His mother, Margaret, still reigns as Life President. She and her husband Albert came to Norfolk and founded first the Thetford CC and, in 1975, the CC Breckland; they also founded a dynasty – Don and his wife, Heather, their daughter Heidi and her husband, all being notable workers for their club and the East Region and now supporting the fourth generation – Declan Davies, under the hour at 13, and his sister Emily, already a member, at 16, of the local CTT Committee, probably the youngest in the country? Although a strong competitor, she is better known to the general public as a Rugby player for Norfolk Youth. What an extra-ordinary family record.

Travelling south into Suffolk, Peter Balls continues his winning ways, putting his name on the Brunwin Cup for the ECCA Championship 25, whilst Gwen Cook and Lea Marshall took the tandem Championship. Antony Stapleton was the 12 hour winner of the Dunlop Trophy and led the first team and first Vets team, while Graham Painter took the Novice Trophy – the John Norris Cup.

Further east, Ged Coles' comeback continues, earning him headlines in the local papers – not known since his days as an International rider in the 50s. Tonia Antonis is another Ipswich International, a star tri-athlete, who competes in such places as Dubai. She will be Guest Speaker at the luncheon, certainly an attractive asset to the group.

Mick Pepper, although no longer in good health, gamely continues to edit a very comprehensive newsletter for the Wolsey RC. At the last group event, he was pleased to meet Mick Burrow, where they had a good chat about the 60s, when both were top riders.

Talking of those days reminded me of the Cyclists Carol Service held at Hawford, near Manningtree, when club groups came from as far afield as Diss, Bury St Edmunds and South Essex to pack the church. After tea nearby, there would be a continuous line of cyclists as far as Colchester. A plaque in the church extension commemorates over 50 years since the service was founded by Herbie Nevill and the Rev Ernest Strover, who had been a Chaplain in the Boer War. His widow, Rosalind, died only a year ago at the age of 106. She always remembered the cyclists, but the service has now been taken over by the Ramblers, mainly because so few want to cycle home in the dark; however, we still have that memory of Christmas long ago. Perhaps some members of the Wolsey RC still attend? It was good that they held their 50 years celebration at that old racing HQ of the 1950s, the Sorrell Horse, at Barham, with changing accommodation in the stables!

It was sad to hear of the death of Luton Wheelers' Bob O'Dell; he was a great rider of

those days, more recently seen as a timekeeper in the Tempsford area. Memories, memories!

Christmas Greetings to all old friends - and new.

Here's to a good year, with good times to follow.

*Mary Horsnell*

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## **YORKSHIRE**

Another season consigned to history; my sympathies go to the riders who have raced through one of the foulest Summers I can remember. We still have drought conditions; however, according to the Daily Mail, the rain that has fallen has evaporated!

Our last event of the season, Steve Gaunt's 10, was held on the standard wind-swept Saturday afternoon, making the return leg a tough slog.

At the top of the pile there was a new name: Mike Riches (78), Yorkshire RC, produced what was probably his best ride of the season, to come out on top with 26:31 +7:51. In second place was Derek Roe (63), Team Swift, 23:38 +6:52 and in third Stan Mills (68), Yorkshire RC, 24:59 +6:46. Yorkshire RC took the team prize with Mike Riches and Stan Mills being supported by John Baines (73) 26:23 +6:39.

Fastest Vet on the day was Michael Ellerton (50), Team Swift, with a rapid 20:59. The actual fastest on the day was Harry Armstrong, a non-Vet, who did 20:30. Best lady was Brenda Littlefair (75), East Bradford, 31:05 +4:41.

Despite a marshal on the slip-road at the turn, one rider went off course but eventually returned to the fray for a thirty-two minute ride. Once again the Highways Agency poked their noses in, refusing to allow warning signs on the main carriageway. This problem was discussed at the CTT District AGM and hopefully a solution will be found. So that brought the curtain down on our events for 2011. Steve Gaunt will continue with the September 10 next season and our thanks are due to him.

Since the last issue, when I gave the dates for our events next season, there has been a

change: Andrew Vaughn's 25 will now be on Sunday 10 July. Sadly the 30 will not be run; Tony Stott had stepped in to run it but due to our crowded calendar and the times when Teeside allow us to use their roads, plus the times when Tony could run it, a date could not be found. All being well, Tony will promote it in 2013. The dates for our tens, 14 April and 8 September remain unchanged.

Now to another speed hump accident; last issue it was Keith Richardson, Leeds Westfield, who we hope is well on the way to recovering. This time it's Steve Woodrup, Yorkshire RC, who was brought crashing down by one of these things near the Cavendish Pavilion. The result was a broken leg, which revealed other problems. At the time of writing, Steve was still in hospital facing an operation. We wish Steve all the best for a full recovery and hope we see him back on the road sooner rather than later. I know what he is going through and I speak from bitter experience.

On a brighter note, Malcolm Spink, also Yorkshire RC, has had a successful knee replacement and is already talking about riding the 12 hour Championship next year!

Rounding off the sombre news, Mick Phillips, Darlington BC, suffered a stroke, but the good news is that he had recovered sufficiently to chair the CTT Yorkshire District AGM in early October. We wish Mick, and all the above, well and a brighter 2012.

Now to our Ride-out Lunch: Sadly only thirty were present – the usual faces, but all a year older. At the start of the afternoon, John Churchman, the organiser, was unsure about keeping it going and suggested that, during the course of the lunch, people should decide if they would like it to continue - not out of duty, but because they enjoyed it. At the end of the afternoon, a show of hands signalled a unanimous decision: we keep it going. So John will do so next year on Sunday 21 October 2012; the price will remain the same £11, although John did say that if he increased the price to £15 he could get a pole dancer. Now

that might increase the attendance! Seriously though, John deserves our thanks and support; it is an excellent do and a great way to end the season, so come on – let's have a better turn-out next year.

On now to the results of our BAR competitions: Our long distance BAR has been won by Ged Millward (46), Otley CC, with +6.070 mph. In second place Dave Thompson (43), Scarborough Paragon, +5.895 mph and third Simon Beldon (41), Team Swift, +5.123 mph. So some new names at the top of the list and all in their forties! Sadly, there were only eight qualifiers in the short distance BAR; the old guys came out on top: Mike Shacklock (67), Yorkshire RC, took top spot with +8.418 mph. In second place was Len Grayson (74), Team Swift, +8.245 mph and in third place Mick Storey (60), Scarborough Paragon, +7.644 mph. There were 28 qualifiers showing the current trend to favour shorter distances. At the time of writing, it is unclear how our riders have fared nationally, although the lack of people with a 12 will probably rule us out. So that is it

for another year.

A final reminder for our Annual Lunch and Prize Presentation which is to be held on 29 January 2012 at The Bridge, Walshford, 12 noon for 12 30 pm. Denise Burton-Cole is Guest of Honour. Tickets £20 are available from Mickie Hornby (01904 766113). It's a good do so come and give it a try; a Sunday's missed riding won't make any difference in July. Trust me – I'm not a Coach!

We have the Pro World Road Champion again for the first time in 46 years. I was there the last time when Tom Simpson won. Anquetil had packed and was staying at our hotel; he was sat in Reception. When he left, I had a sit in the same chair to see if any magic had rubbed off. Sadly it hadn't. What price Mark Cavendish for BBC Sports Personality; if he had strapped a gold club to the top tube, possibly!

Well, that's it. I'm off to the sun. All the best for Christmas and next season. See you up the road.

*Malcolm T Cowgill*



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## KENT

The Group's Annual Lunch and Prize Giving will be held on 19th February at Smarden Charter Hall. This is being organised for the first time by our new social secretaries, Bernadette Conefrey and Angela Nye, and promises to be an outstanding event. The Guest Speaker will be Vin Denson who was a good friend and team mate of Tom Simpson. Vin's palmares include the Tour de France in 1961, winning a stage of the Giro d'Italia and winning the Tour of Luxembourg outright. Bernadette and Angela look forward to welcoming many guests at this unmissable event, so get your booking in early to Angela - enquire at [angelanye@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:angelanye@hotmail.co.uk).

The group held its AGM on Sunday 20th November. As is usual on these occasions, there was a very poor turnout from the membership, but most of the Committee were present. The meeting heard reports from all of the officers, including the General Secretary, Treasurer, Time Trial Secretary, Recorder, Social Secretaries and News Editor.

Derek Duchemin, the Group's Secretary for the past ten years, decided that he had been in this role for long enough and advised the meeting that he wished to move over and make way for new blood. Carole Gandy was voted in as his successor, and the meeting expressed their warm gratitude for the sterling service that Derek had given in the role. Derek will continue as a member of the Committee. Other officers remain, and Roger Burchett is a welcome addition to the Committee.

The final results for the year have now been compiled by the Recorder, and those most notable are given in the following paragraphs.

In the National BAR, Shay Giles was 4th overall with seven other members in the placings. The Group was placed 3rd in the Group Team BAR and VC Elan came 2nd in the Club Team BAR and Ashford Wheelers 4th.

In the National 3 Distance Competition Shay Giles was placed 9th with seven other members being placed. Andy Miles was 6th fastest with

6.27.38 and VC Elan was 4th Club Team.

Two members achieved National records: Carole Gandy at 10 miles for age 66 and 67, 25 miles at age 66 and 67, 30 miles at age 67, 50 miles at age 66 and 67 and 100 miles at age 66; and Peter Crofts at 10 miles at age 72.

Turning to Kent's own competitions, the BAR was won by Shay Giles, with Andy Miles and Martin Brown filing the second and third medal spots. There was, unfortunately, no claimant for the Ladies' Doris Veitch trophy this year. The Don Hook team BAR trophy goes to VC Elan (Giles and Miles).

The 85 Competition was won by Alan Rowe, with Robert Giles and Andy Miles filling the other medal positions. Next year, this competition will be enhanced by a further trophy, the Pete Avis Cup, to be awarded annually to the highest placed Group member who is of the opposite gender to the winner of the 85 competition.

The Group's champions are listed within the results pages.

The Group's Wednesday 10 series was won by Carole Gandy with +29.04 accumulated over her best four rides. The four remaining medals were won by Shay Giles, Robert Giles, Mick Walker and Laurie Broad.

Group age records were accomplished at various distances by Peter Crofts, Shay Giles, Bob Loader, Andy Miles and Carole Gandy. This year the Group introduced awards for records set on Kent courses, and these were set by Alan Brown (10 miles), Andy Miles (100 miles and 12 hours) and Shay Giles (12 hours).

Finally, nine members achieved standards at various distances, five of them to be awarded plaques for achievement at four or more distances.

All of the Group's trophies, medals and certificates will, of course, be presented to those in attendance at the annual lunch on 19 February mentioned above.

So, the end of another season, and no doubt we are all making plans and setting our goals for

2012. Winter training beckons – however you choose to accomplish this, be safe.

*Ian Turner*

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## **LONDON AND HOME COUNTIES**

It is that time of the year when the racing men are talking about what they did and did not achieve during the racing season: however it is also the time of the year when Group AGMs are held and event organisers for the following year are cajoled into promoting an event.

The Group has recently held our AGM at Great Missenden on 13th November, this being fairly central for the large area that the Group covers.

There were 15 members present from a total group membership of 172, not a very good attendance, The Secretary, Treasurer, Trophy Secretary, Recorder, Group Age Records Secretary and Social Secretary presented reports. The group has a healthy balance sheet in the Accounts due to the good support of many of the Group's promotions and membership numbers.

Officers elected for the next 12 months were  
Chairman Roy May, Secretary Jim Burgin,

events including the popular mid week events which are very popular. The meeting was informed that the Autumn 25 will be restricted to VTTA members only.

Before the final results of the season please note in your diary the date and venue for the group Lunch and Prize Presentation which is on Saturday 4th February 2012 at Aldenham Golf Club.

Back in the warm summer days of August Peter Hopkins, on tandem trike with Colin Bunnett of East VTTA, set a new national age record 10 in the Bridlington CC event on V178 with a time of 23.31, a lowering of the old record by 59 seconds.

On 21st August. in the Oxonian 50, Rob Gilmour clocked 1.58.18 with a plus of 40.45 for 1st Vet on Standard and Dave Rogers recorded 2.09.34 (+21.24) on the same day in the Old Portlains' 25. Mark Brambley clocked 59.25, dad Richard 1.10.44 and Tom Cosgrove 1.02.20.

A week earlier in the Beds Road CC 25 on the F1B course Peter Harridge finished in 59.43, Richard Moule 1.01.02 Dave Rogers 1.02.36 and Dave Solomon 1.04.11.



**LONDON GROUP LUNCHEON AND PRIZE  
PRESENTATION**  
**Guest of Honour Alan Colburn - VTTA President**  
**Saturday 4 February 2012**  
**Aldenham Golf Club, Watford at Noon**  
Rocco Richardson : [rocco29@lineone.net](mailto:rocco29@lineone.net)

Treasurer Chas Jepson, Trophy and Social Secretary Rocco Richardson, Recorder Stewart Boucher, Age Records Geoff Perry, the remainder of the Committee elected were Ron and Gladys Purdy, Paul Newby and Pat Bryant with Gladys as the Auditor.

Delegates were elected for the London West DC of CTT and the NEC of the VTTA.

The group will be promoting its normal seven

On the same weekend in the CC Breckland 12 hour Tim Davies covered a mighty 270.28 miles on this Fenland course.

In the remaining week-ends of the month in the Team Revolution 10 John Dowling clocked 21.18 and 23.01 in the Bicester Millennium 10 along with Simon Canning 21.57, Malcolm Ash 25.35 and Trevor Parish 27.02.

Up in Yorkshire in the Team Swift 10, Greg Lewis recorded 22.13 and Danuta Tinn 23.13

and in the local Westerley CC 25 a host of group members rode. Paul Holdsworth clocked 55.47, Dave Johnson 55.58, Simon Greenland 58.19, Rob Gilmour 59.01, Peter Harridge 1.00.42, Richard Moule 1.01.02, Ralph Dadswell 1.01.57 (on trike we assume), Dave Rogers 1.02.54 and Cliff Grant 1.03.05.

Into September and we have the BTTC Masters events. In the 'C' category Simon Canning clocked 46.49, 'E' category Dave Johnson 47.29, Geoff Perry 49.40, 'F' category Simon Greenland 51.10, 'G' category Gill Reynolds 1.04.20 and 'H' category Clive Faine 55.29 and Trevor Parrish 1.06.36

The same day in the Norlond TTC 10 on F12/10 Roger Queen finished in 23.23 and Peter Harridge 23.37; and in the Colchester RC 25 Les Morris recorded 1.12.46 and in the VTTA South Wales 25 Tim Davies clocked 53.21 (+14.39), John Dowling 53.24 (+19.52), Cliff Grant 58.36 (+20.54) and Peter Cookson 59.30 (+23.00).

A week later in the Stevenage CC 12.4 mile event Tim Davies was fastest with 26.06 and Roger Queen 28.19.

Up north in the J.E.James 25 Peter Harridge clocked 1.01.49. The next weekend in the Severn RC 50 Simon Greenland finished with 1.56.24 and Les Morris clocked 1.09.55 in the North Hants RC 25.

On that super fast Saturday in the VTTA East 30 Geoff Perry clocked 1.03.43 (+22.15), John Dowling 1.03.47 (+24.08), Rob Gilmour 1.06.26 (+25.31) and Roger Porter 1.09.07 (+25.35). In the same event group member Peter Hopkins on tandem trike with Colin Bunnett of East Anglia group set a new national 30 record with a time of 1.13.39 taking 9:39 off old record for age group 66/68 years.

Next day in the group 25 on H2/25 there was a wealth of group talent on display with Paul Holdsworth leading the way with 52.50 (+6.58), Nick Stagg 53.20 (+12.40), Dave Johnson 54.06 (+18.37), Simon Greenland 56.11 (+19.18), Rob Gilmour 57.21 (+19.16), Peter Harridge 59.39 (+14.10), Dave Rogers 1.01.13 (+11.30), Owen

Goodspeed 1.03.59 (+9.50) and Jeff Marshall 1.04.39 (+17.51).

Travelling north on the 9th of October to ride the now famous Warrington RC (Johnny Helms) memorial 23 mile 2 up event, Paul and Jeff clocked 55.59 for 8th fastest and 5th on standard and the final event of the season being the Hillingdon CC 25 where the weather not so good as the week before on H25/2. Simon Greenland recorded 59.53, Rob Gilmour 1.01.35, Richard Moule 1.03.08, Dace Rogers 1.05.18, Malcolm Ash 1.06.29, Gill Reynolds 1.10.29 and Owen Goodspeed 1.10.32.

Two new members since the last report: Andrea Parish and Philip Melville. Transferred from Merseyside is Philip Melville. We welcome all three and hope to make their acquaintance at the Group Luncheon on the 4th of February

That's it from me this time, so take care on the roads in the dark and light and hope to see some of the group members at the Luncheon.

*Peter Tasker*

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## **MANCHESTER AND NORTH WEST**

Writing at the end of the racing season, it's time for a retrospective on 2011. The last Group Open event was promoted by Trevor Horton on Tuesday afternoon 23 August and had attracted a field of 93. The three fastest riders were all non-vets, led by James Tucker (South Pennine RC) with 52:15. However, on standard we had a home winner in Mike Cotgreave (Westmead Team '88). Mike was enjoying a spell of excellent end-of-season form and no-one could beat the +22:22 which resulted from his 58:19. ABC Centreville won the Team award (see Results section). Big thanks are overdue to Trevor, who has promoted for the past eleven years.

2011 has been a good average, rather than a vintage year for the Group. In the National VTTA BAR Dave Fearon (47) (Weaver Valley CC) was our best placed rider amongst the men, placed 27th with 55:05; 1:54:10; 4:05:10; 251.42: plus 4.859 mph. Sally Cowan (45) (Seamons CC) was 4th in the Ladies BAR with



1:08:07; 2:26:12; 5:09:17; 215.11: plus  
0.961mph.

The Group was to figure more prominently in the Three Distance Competition – just look at the top three:

Ron Hallam (80)			
1:00:00	2:05:24	4:33:53	+210.14
Derek Hodgins (77)			
58:57	2:05:10	4:30:52	+199.42
Rod Brooks (66)			
55:17	1:53:33	3:57:19	+197.07

All Derek's counting rides are Group Age Records, as is Rod's 100. Jim Gresty (66) (North Shropshire Wheelers) had been concentrating on his successful Paris-Brest-Paris attempt and was "not racing seriously" but still finished in 12th place with counting rides:

56:34	1:59:06	4:11:39	+175.47
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Naturally, the above three riders took the placings in the Group Three Distance Competition.

Also at Group level, the BAR was won by Dave Fearon +4.859 mph, with the runners-up being Steve Hargreaves (Warrington RC) +4.369 mph and Steve Stoddart (Abbotsford Park RC) +3.017 mph, and the same riders took the placings in the Local Courses (J, D, L) BAR.

In the Local Courses Three Distance Competition, by "staying at home" Jim Gresty came out on top with +171.08 ahead of Derek Hodgins +167.56 and Dave Fearon +96.45.

Trophies, which will have been collected at the Group Luncheon on 27 November, include the E S Ward Cup. This was won by Mike Cotgreave as BoS in the August 25. The 25 Mile Championship Cup (Best two aggregate performances on standard in the two Group 25s) was won by Peter Middlehurst (Crewe Clarion Wheelers). Sally Cowan (Seamons CC) will have collected the beautiful Lamp Trophy and Dave Fearon got the Bert Starkey Trophy for the BAR and the Stan Livingston Trophy for the Local Courses BAR. The Butterworth Trophy went to Derek Hodgins as winner of the Three Distance Competition. Group Age Records also fell to Roger Wrenn (Macclesfield Wheelers) for 21:19 aged 66 and to Mike

Cotgreave for his 54:42 aged 67.

Our Group Recorder, Tony Farrell, received 42 applications for standards, resulting in 89 individual standards being awarded. Amongst the many creditable performances, Darren Berrisford, Sally Cowan, Colin Molloy, Barrie Whittaker and Steve Stoddart each achieved five or more and Vic Trigger managed four standards on his trike.

In 2010, Warrington RC promoted an incredibly successful 2-up GP des Gentlemen in memory of Johnny Helms. Could it be replicated this year? Yes, it could and was on Sunday, 9 October, using a slightly modified eight mile circuit three times. The event was again generously sponsored by Warren and Veronica Bailey of Zipvit and by Cycling Weekly. Fifty pairs had been invited, amongst whom were acknowledged stars from the past 50 years – both amateur and professional. Sadly, Ron Spencer, the driving force behind the organisation of this event, is no longer with us and it was his son, Paul, paced by Gordon Leicester, who were the first team away, announced by Jim Ogden, who gave a brief commentary on each team as they prepared to be sent off by the start timekeeper. Ron Hallam, paced by team mate Charles Taylor, rounded off his successful season by winning in 1:00:30 (+22:05) ahead of Frank Kerry, paced by his son and Lancashire RC team mate, Martin, who recorded 58:40 (+20:44), with the promoting club's duo of Trevor Horton paced by Steve Daintith third in 53:51 (+20:24). On standard they were just one second ahead of last year's winners Derek Hodgins and Carl Ruebotham, fourth with 59:37 (+20:23). The actual fastest pair was Phil Rayner (Welland Valley CC) paced by George Atkins (Velo Ecosse) in 49:38. Phil is a local lad who spent his early cycling years in the South Lancashire RC with his father, Alan.

There was concern when news came through of an accident on the A34. It was multi-champion Billy Holmes (Hull Thursday), paced by his son Graeme, who had touched a wheel. An ambulance was quickly at the site, followed by

the Police helicopter, so Billy was soon in hospital. Happily, nothing serious was found and he was home the same evening.

Liverpool's lively roadman, Pete Matthews, called up the winners for their prizes, presented by Ruth Helms in a crowded Marthall Village Hall. All in all it was another wonderful tribute to the never-to-be-forgotten Johnny Helms.

The culmination of the Hill Climb season, the RTTC Championship, was held on 30 October on the aptly named Long Hill, between Whaley Bridge and Buxton. Long – 4.4 miles – it was, but not hilly, with an average gradient of only 3.3%. Most of the contestants chose to ride TT bikes with tri-bars into a slight headwind. It was no surprise when the winner was Gunnar Gronlund who had dominated local climbs in the previous weeks. Although not a record (headwind), his time of 12:49 was seven seconds ahead of second placed Richard Handley, who will be riding for Rapha Condor Sharpe next season. Mike Cotgreave's 17:52 won his age category. As Mike said, he was the only one in the category, so his second place in the BTCC Championship was a much better ride.

The Group AGM was held on Remembrance Sunday, with only 22 members in attendance. Before the meeting started, all stood for a minute's silence in memory of the six members who had passed away since our last AGM: Dave Allbutt, Karl Austin, Alan Broadbent, Roy Hubbard, Eric Reade and Ron Spencer. After being chairman for 33 years, last year I suggested that a younger member might be persuaded to take over, but there have been no takers, so the existing members of the committee were all re-elected with Denise Hurst as Secretary, Jim Gresty as Treasurer, Tony Farrell as Recorder and Helen Gresty as Lunch Organiser, whilst I shall be entering my 38th year as Editor. Wilf Lewis was elected as an extra Committee member whilst Barbara and Derek Hodgins will be the Group's auditors.

The perennial discussion of Standards took on a more urgent demeanour in view of the National Special General Meeting being held on

26 November. It was agreed that, before proposals are put at the National AGM on 28 January 2012, a Special Group Meeting will be held at Goostrey Village Hall the previous weekend, Sunday 22 January starting at 12.00 noon, where our delegates may be instructed on how the Group wishes them to vote at the AGM. Sets of the proposed new Standard Tables, together with the explanatory notes, are already available on the VTTA website. A very considerable amount of work and scholarship has gone into their preparation and I, for one, hope to be attending all three meetings.

The programme of solo and tandem events is included with the results later.

A reminder that subs are due: £11.00 single; £12.50 double; £6.00 for Life Members wishing to receive copies of *The Veteran*; and Honorary Life Members free. Send cheques, payable to VTTA (Manchester & NW), to Jim Gresty, 7 Balmoral Drive, Market Drayton, Shropshire TF9 1RJ. To be amongst the Standard winners next year you need to register with Tony Farrell at 'Lealtad', Brookledge Lane, Adlington, Cheshire SK10 4JU. £10.00 covers all events at all distances.

During 'Any other business', Tony Farrell proposed a new competition in 2012. It would require riders to compete in all four Group events, resulting in a best on Standard winner overall and, possibly, a fastest winner overall. It was agreed that this competition would be run as a pilot in the coming season. Tony's wife, Billie, provided welcome refreshments for the meeting which ended at noon.

Should *The Veteran* arrive in time, my best wishes for a Happy Christmas and a New Year that brings you all you are hoping for even if, like me, it's only to still be here next year!

*Jim Ogden*

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## MERSEYSIDE

A busy year for those on Merseyside began, for the purposes of this report, on the 26th June.

Rhyl CC promoted their open 25 on the St Asaph course. Winner of the Colin Rutter Cup on Standard was Dennis Milsom +24.09; Gareth Bowyer won the event in 53.26 and he takes the W J Smith Rose Bowl. The Mersey Vet result is listed within *Results*.

The 17th July was the date for the SCCA 100. Andy Bason, Team Pedal Revolution took the honours with a time of 3.38.38 which was a new course record. I fully expect that to be broken again in 2012 when the CTT National 100 is held on the course. Mersey Vets who competed are shown in *Results*

On the 17th July Southport CC promoted a 25. It was won by John Morgan of Preston Wheelers in 54.33. For Mersey Vets please see *Results*

On 23rd July Mersey Roads promoted the 2nd 24 hour event of the season. The winner was Phillip Kelman of Deeside Thistle CC with a distance of 479.192 miles. The only Mersey Vet to finish the event was Roger Squire with a distance of 405.898 miles a plus on standard of 18.038 miles. Well done Roger.

On 30th July Wrekinsport CC promoted a 25 which was won by Andy Bason, Team Pedal Revolution in 52.59. Mersey Vets' are in *Results*

14th August saw the National 12 hour being promoted by WCTTCA, LTTCA, MLCA and MDCA. A class field started the event with Andy Wilkinson, Andy Bason, Sean Yates, Julian Jenkinson to name a few. Andy Wilkinson didn't finish, probably his fantastic 24 hour was still in the legs. The 12 hour National Champion in 2011 is Andy Bason, Team Pedal Revolution with a distance of 302.75. Mersey Vets were there and their times are within *Results*.

North Shropshire Wheelers promoted their Open 25 on Sunday 28th August 2011. The event was won by Andy Bason in 52.35. Winner of the Brooke Trophy on standard was Neil Boyle +15.19 (1.04.46) and Gareth Bowyer won the Gomersal Cup for fastest actual in 55.18 (+11.42). Other Mersey Vets can be found in the results pages.

Our best wishes go to Dave Fletcher who was

knocked off by a motorist and is still recovering as we go to press in November.

The 4th September was the date for the final 50 in the Liverpool calendar, the Chester RC 50. The event was won by Simon Wix, Evesham Wheelers with a time of 1.53.39. Winner of the Dick Corris Trophy on standard was Arthur Winstanley +31.54 (2.01.21) and winner of the Eddie Gradden Trophy on actual was Justin McIlveen with a time of 1.56.15 (+20.46). Other rides by Mersey Vets are shown in *Results*.

11th September saw VC Melyd promote a 10 on the St Asaph/Abergele course on which Mersey Vets will promote the VTTA National 10 in 2012. The event was won by David Williams, Fibrax Wrexham RC in 21.03. Mersey Vets can be found listed along with the others elsewhere within these pages.

The 18th September was the date for the WCTTCA 25, which had been nominated for the Walvale Cup, the Brooke Cup and the Fitzpatrick Memorial Shield. The winner on standard was Dennis Milsom +22.13 (1.07.21) who will pick up the Walvale Cup; the fastest group rider on actual winning the Brooke Cup is Justin McIlveen with an actual of 55.07 which was 2nd overall in the event; and John Maddox will collect the Fitzpatrick Memorial Shield this year for +0.05 the closest plus to Ted Fitzpatrick's last ride of +0.02. Other group results are in the results pages.

It is really good that John Maddox who is still riding at 80 years young completed the race as he has been DNS because of health for much of the season. John is currently busy collating all the group results ready for our prize presentation in January.

My apologies if I have missed anyone. I am looking forward to seeing you all at the Prize Presentation on Sunday 15th January 2012.

*Mo Cliff*

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## MIDLANDS

At the recent AGM, 18 members congregated to

enjoy cakes provided by Greta Spiers and plenty of news from the Committee. The Chairman, Andrew Simpkins thanked all the existing committee members for their efforts and hard work and welcomed new committee members Jeff Mathews, Editor of the Standard Times, and me as the new Press Secretary. Existing members Greta moved over to 'Distribution' Manager, Susan Kelly took on a 'new' role as Membership Secretary and Mick Ford was 'promoted' to Recorder. Steve Lockwood agreed to help Mick in a non-formal capacity as well. That's when he's not pouring over the stats!

There were various formalities, reports from individual committee members and then quite a few proposals including a proposed change to the subs to go to the National Executive Committee for an amendment to the VTTA National Constitution; 'Subscriptions paragraph 2.9, sub paragraph 2.9.5.' This is to encourage members to pay before 31st January, which would be beneficial for event organisers, committee officials and to the Group as a whole.

### **Challenges for 2012**

From where I was sitting it seems as if the main challenge for next year is to recruit new members, keep hold of our existing members, find some more help on the committee, encourage more members to race and of most important to you, get more members going home with some prize money.

Only 20 riders managed to ride four or more events in the Points Series 2011, therefore not all of the 28 prizes were awarded this year, which seems like a bit of a shame. Another one of the proposals made by Mick Ford, seconded by Alan Colburn, was to award bonus points for competing in more than four events in the Points Series 2012. These bonus points would be added to the rider's total points after the four qualifying events ridden. The top seven riders in each age band would receive a prize thus making a total of 28 prizes available to riders. The Series for 2012 includes eight events so extra points will be achievable for each of the four additional events raced. This should

encourage riders to take part in our Midlands VTTA Points Series and to keep those riders who are currently comfortably winning all the prize money on their toes or rather on their pedals! Out of the eight events, there is the Shirley 50, three 25 milers and some fast 10s which sounds like it's going to be a very exciting season especially if we have calm and warm conditions, says our Chairman.

### **Results for 2011**

So what's been going on this season? Plenty of impressive results from the women for starters. Anne Staley, a group member, has won the 2011 VTTA National Ladies 50 mile championship and Lyn Taylor has achieved five VTTA National Age Records covering 2010 and 2011. These include distances of 10, 30 and 100 miles for 2010 and 100 miles and a 12 hour for 2011. In the latter she covered 252.55 miles.

On to *what's new?* Well a certificate has been presented to recognise 50 years of riding Open and Association events under CTT (formerly RTTC) regulations. Eddie Bray and Reg Pearce are the first two recipients to mark this incredible achievement.

Talking of achievement, Rob Weare, Leamington C & AC, came 22nd fastest in the VTTA National 3 Distance competition. Weare was one of eight applicants for the Midlands Group 3 Distance award and cruised home comfortably with the Godiva Cup with a +153.58. Second was Group Chairman Andrew Simpkins, Solihull CC, with +130.08 and third David Gostelow, Wrekinsport CC, with +128.34.

David was one of three who went one step further, or rather 12 hours further to claim the Men's Cyclo Shield for four distances with a +5.371mph. David Lazenby, A5 Rangers was second with +5.344 and a man who is used to riding to Greece on his bike, David Steele, Hereford Wheelers came in third with +2.625 riding the longest event on a shopping bike. David Gostelow and David Lazenby finished 14th and 16th respectively in the National 4 Distance BAR.

Fifty members paid for Standard Medals at the start of the season with six out of the 16 claims

made achieving plaques.

Twelve riders aged 70 and over have competed in 2011 and their names have been sent to the National Recorder. In fact two of the twelve are over 80. Well done to all. As we heard later there were some interesting comments during the presentation from Steve Lockwood and Andrew Simpkins about how the decline in performance is happening later in life. Judging by the performance of some of these dozen, it is easy to see what they meant.

Apart from the Points Series, to be reported later on, trophy winners for 2011 were as follows: Apologies for the dryness of the detail, but I promise to elaborate more after the Awards lunch in January. I am hoping if you see you have won something, you will be encouraged to come along and collect your prizes. The winner is reported first.

*Ted Bricknell Cup for Best Plus at 25 miles*

John Dixon	Team Echelon-Rotor	+17.54
Robert Cooper	Coventry Road Club	+16.17
John Herring	Leamington C & AC	+16.11

*John Williams Rose Bowl Best Plus at 10 miles*

Tony Taylor	Team Jewson	+7.21
Philip Brown	Walsall RCC	+6.36
Richard Coleman	Stourbridge Velo	+5.56

*Frank Wells Cup for Best Plus at 50 miles*

Tony Taylor	Team Jewson	+41.09
Rob Weare	Leamington C & AC	+32.54
John Grumbley	Coventry Road Club	+30.29

*Victory Cup for Best Handicap 50 miles*

Jacqueline Hobson	Warwickshire RC	1.34.57
Robert Franks	Redditch Road & Path	1.45.15
Stefan Harrison	Team Echelon	1.45.38

*Stokes Cup for Fastest 50 miles*

Rob Weare	Leamington C & AC	1.54.44
Stefan Harrison	Team Echelon	1.55.30
Tony Taylor	Team Jewson	2.05.06

*Bill Steer Cup for Best Plus at 25 miles*

John Dixon	Team Echelon	+20.31
Mick Ives	Team Jewson	+20.18
Barrie Mitchell	Team Jewson	+20.00

*Bart Cup for Best Handicap at 25 miles*

Michael Deamon		50.30
Adrian Manning	Wyre Forest CRC	52.06
Mick Ives	Team Jewson	52.09

*Joe Birks Cup for Best Plus at 30 miles*

Stuart McKie	Wyre Forest CRC	+16.23
Rob Morris	Walsall RCC	+10.59

*W E Jones Trophy Best Plus on aggregate*

Rob Weare	Leamington C & AC	+73.53
Bob Awcock	Coventry RC	+60.29
Tony Taylor	Team Jewson	+56.32

*Bill Massie Best Plus on aggregate over 65s*

Bob Awcock	Coventry RC	+60.29
Alan Colburn	Team Echelon	+55.56
Phil Gambles	Walsall RC	+43.49

*Nomad Trophy Best Plus on aggregate under 50s*

Mark Mullender	Walsall RC	+29.16
Stefan Harrison	Team Echelon	+29.12
Adrian Manning	Wyre Forest CRC	+23.50

Trophies are not just awarded for physical performance but for effort and services given to the Association. Without these people we would not be able to enjoy the benefits of competition as we do now. Two individuals who have contributed enormously are Steve Lockwood, Speedwell BC, who is the winner of the Martin Ellis Memorial and Greta Spiers, Tricycle Association, winner of the Mary White Memorial.

The Harry Farrell Club Trophy, presented to the club who has made the most contribution to the Midlands Group in 2011, was awarded to Team Echelon – Rotor, who achieved 41 points. It was a close contest with Stafford CC in second place with 38 points and Walsall Roads CC with 35.

Finally most of you will probably have read how the Points Series finished but for the sake of those who didn't, here goes. In the over 67s there were six riders who qualified - things looked fairly comfortable for Alan Colburn who finished with 77 points having ridden five events. Murray Kirton, A5 Rangers CC rode six and wasn't too far behind with 73 points. Michael Harbourne finished with 73 after four events.

Once again in the 59 - 66 age band there were six riders who completed the minimum of four races which is what both first and second place riders did. Philip Brown took top position with 76 points and three points behind him was John Grumbley, Coventry RC. Both Robert Franks, Redditch Road & Path and Stephen Lloyd finished with 67 points but Franks took third place.

The 50 - 58 band was a much more exclusive affair all together with just ten riders competing for the prizes and only half of those eligible. With both riders almost neck and neck at the penultimate race, it was Stephen Wilkins who pulled ahead by just one point and an overall score of 77. Rob Weare finished second and Andrew Simpkins was four points behind with 72.

Finally in the biggest category of all, there were only three riders who managed to ride four events. Mark Mullender was a clear winner with a top score of 80 points so a big well done to him. Paul Castle, Worcester St John CC finished second with 62.

The team Points Series winner was Walsall RC with a prize of £20.

It goes without saying that we await, with excitement the Awards Lunch on January 22 2012 at Kings Court Hotel, Kings Coughton, Nr Alcester. Full details are available from Greta Spiers on 01789 491119 or [greta.aline@btinternet.com](mailto:greta.aline@btinternet.com). I look forward to meeting many of you there and finding out some interesting details about you for next year's reports.

*Miranda Harris*

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## **NORTH**

Sad news to start with; I have to report the tragic death of Bill Parker on the 27th of August. Aged 89. Bill was a member of the Novocastrian Cycling Club in 1940, and was called up in 1943 and served as a Wireless Operator/Air Gunner. 1964 saw him demobbed and he joined the Tyneside Vagabonds .He was a Cobbler by

occupation which would be very useful in the days of leather cycling shoes. Bill featured regularly in vets events in the North of our region during the 80s and 90s. One of his achievements was at the age of 71, winning the Joe Sander Cup for best on Standard in the N&DCA 50 whist riding for the Northumbrian Road Club. He will be sadly missed by his old friends.

More sad news: Geoff Greenwood, a life member of the West Pennine RC passed away during the night of 13th October. Geoff was a Time Triallist of the first order, who loved riding his bike and walking, particularly in the North Yorks. National Park near where he lived.

Still more sad news one of the area's most hardworking officials, 75 year old Les Harrison, a longstanding Group member passed away on Tuesday the 2nd of November. It was only a few weeks ago (September 25th.) that Les was one of the Timekeepers at the Coureurs 25. He will truly be missed.

Good news about George Hugill, he has had his hip repaired and at the time of writing is only on one stick, by the time that you read this he may even be back on his bike.

There has been a lot of moaning about the weather which we have had for many of our events, much wind and rain on Saturday and Sunday with beautiful weather mid week.

The Hill Climb Championship was held this year on Carlton Bank courtesy of the Cleveland Wheelers. There were 13 veterans entered but sadly only 3 were members of the VTTA, two of which finished;. Ian Hutchinson retained his title (which he won last year in the Sunderland Clarion event), with a plus of 2:41.7 against Martin Gibson with plus 1:40.4.

Once again in the BAR Competition no club team of three finished, possibly due to the fiasco with the N&DCA 100. I think a bit of arm twisting at club level is required, remember there are two 100s in Yorkshire.

The Points Competition result includes many new faces. On Standard Terry Bashford was first with 76 points. Equal second were Peter

Manners and Stephen Rhodes, each with 60 points. On Actual Stephen Rhodes was first with 74 points whilst second place was filled by Terry Bashford on 67 points. Third was Tim Humphries with 58 points. The on Handicap Stephen Rhodes was first with 72 points, second Dave Bennett, 56 points and third Terry Bashford, 54 points.

In the other competitions Peter Manners has once again come out on top in the Group Three Distance Competition with Ian Peacock retaining the BAR. Keith Alderson is the winner of the Jubilee Cup, Robin Nichol wins the Nouveau Shield and Ian Hutchinson retains his Hill Climb Championship.

Peter Manners continues with his good form and has set new Group Age Records at 73 years of age: 10 miles 23-10, 25 miles 1-00 38 and at 74, 25 miles in 1-04-20 and 30 miles in 1-16-57.

Mary Dawson has set new National Records at 10 and 25 miles aged 82 and 25 miles aged 83 whilst husband Les (85) has National tricycle records at 10 and 25 miles.

Please do we have any budding journalists, or anyone in the north of our region who could collect and pass on news of what is happening in the North of our Group? Note that in 2012 our only remaining event on an 'M' course will be promoted by Jim Allen, a volunteer who will take over from Richard Sill who has been running it for the past few years. This event carries the Nouveau Shield for first Group member on Standard and also counts for the Points Competition. Riders from the south of our group should note that finishing in this event gives a virtual guarantee of points in all categories so keep your diary open for early May.

Ruth will not be running a 30 in 2012 but will promote a 25 in April. The event will have a special award the Pett Cup which is a National award for first on standard by a VTTA member, anyone able to assist with this promotion should contact Ruth ASAP and offer their services.

I have just received the provisional result of the National BAR and Three Distance

Competitions, our group members fared as follows: in the BAR Ian Peacock was a creditable 18th despite his problems in his 12 hour ride. In the Three Distance Ian was 42nd, Terry Walsh was 89th followed by Paul Dawson 131st and Phillip Everitt 133rd. Congratulations to all.

Our Group AGM was graced by the presence of 14 members (with apologies from two ) the best that we have had for some years . Our officials for the coming year are generally the same the exceptions being our new President, Jack Athey and our new Chairman Paul Dawson; the retiring President becomes an additional Vice President.

A lively discussion took place on the draft proposals for New Standards. Great concern was expressed that these were mainly concerned with Championships and Group events with little thought of the consequences for older riders who are mainly interested in riding for their personal standard.

It was agreed that the Hill Climb Championship would alternate between the North and South of our Group and would be incorporated into the Sunderland Clarion event in 2012.

Once again the old cry, where are the helpers for our events? Unless we have more volunteers to assist our Event Secretaries there will be no North Group events to enable us to sustain our Competitions. Also your Recorder would be interested to hear your thoughts on the present format of our Group Competitions and any comments on how they may be revised or ideas for new ones.

Something from the past (1967) for the HLMs and older members and a message to those who did not attend this year's AGM. On Guy Fawkes Day there wasn't a bonfire in Co. Durham that would have burned even with the assistance of Napalm or a blow-torch, because that portion of the county which wasn't under water was at least being deluged with it. It was also blowing a gale. Nevertheless the Group AGM at the Houghton CC clubroom attracted a good attendance of the manful, the mental, the

motorised and those who were afraid of being voted into a job if they stayed away. In the event, the election of officials resulted in the mixture much as before: Harry Mansell (End to End) President, Arthur Appleton (Chairman), Recorder etc Albert Ellison, Secretary and Treasurer, Sid Garrett, Social Secretary, (as he pointed out we haven't seen the results of his first attempt at organising the Group Dinner yet – it's at Hexham on January 28th). The three faithful Event Secretaries: Joe Christie for Carlisle, Bob Tweddle for Tyneside and Sid Crosby for the Tees, all fell for it again, and in fact the only staff change was Tom Stevenson's retirement from the onerous post of Press Secretary because of other commitments, and the election in his place of Fred Cowling, who wondered if there'd been any point braving the rain after all. Still he did get out of making a speech at the forthcoming Dinner by nominating Bob Tweddle, who hadn't, so perhaps he had done the right thing, taken all round.

Following the AGM, Miff Morgan entertained the assembly to a slide show with tape recorded commentary. The first part covered the Vaux International Road Race of 1966 and was remarkable for the inclusion of not only some fine shots of Les West, Arthur Metcalfe and Co but also proof that Harry Mansell could still ride his bike up Hill End. The other half depicted the epic crossing of High Cup Nick by Tommy Burnip, Vic Day and presumably Miff, who, accompanied by some of the younger members of Crescent RC, whose duty one suspects was to assist the old chaps over the more difficult parts and to force Brandy between their lips whenever the need arose. It was most enjoyable, if not in the way anticipated by the more lascivious of those present when Miff announced the title as 'The Nickers'.

In addition to the usual comprehensive Time Trial programme in 1968 there is to be a 25 mile two-up team time trial in early May on Tees-side and the promoter will be John Gradwell, who ought to have known what to expect when he proposed it. Though come to think, his motion was to run a 'Gentleman type 10'.

We hear too that Newcastle Cheviot RC are to run a Vet's road race, the fell hand of Stan Bain who was a leading roadman back in 48 can be seen behind this. Northumberland is first class road racing country though and we hope there will be plenty of support for the enterprise as well as for the TT-on-Tees.

Bill Lawrence is Group BAR again this year, for the 6th. Time. After deep consideration as to how he does it, we have concluded that his success is due to his not only being older than the rest of us, but faster. (Acknowledgements for this article to the late Fred Cowling.)

At last I can sign off with some good news, I am informed that Ray Ross has been given the all clear and is planning a full season in 2012

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## NORTH MIDLANDS

Who would've thought our last event of the season would be held in temperatures approaching 30 degrees Celsius? The event in question was the North Midlands 10 on the 1st of October which attracted 100 riders. It was the last event qualifying for Prestige Points. It would also decide the winner of the Competition which was closely contested between Neil Howarth of Sheffield Phoenix and Kiveton Park's Tony Keyworth. Before the event, Neil was leading the Competition with Tony a close second. So, back at HQ it wasn't just the high temperatures that had Neil sweating as he totted up the points from the results board. Disappointingly for Neil his calculations revealed that Tony had won the Prestige Trophy beating him by just one point. The final top three places were as follows;

Tony Keyworth	Kiveton Park CC	38
Neil Howarth	Sheffield Phoenix	37
George Lascelles	Rutland CC	27

A meeting was held by the Group on the 23rd of August. It was a fairly short affair as a couple of Committee members were on holiday which meant some items on the agenda couldn't really be discussed. In matters arising the meeting were pleased to learn that George Steers was



making steady progress since leaving hospital and proposed sending George a get well card from the Group. The Midweek TT series was also discussed due to another disappointing attendance. The series has been held in the afternoon during June and July. One suggestion is to split it and having one month early in the year and one month late in the year. The idea being that an afternoon event could attract riders before evening tens started. Please contact Neil Howarth or any Committee member if you have any ideas that could make the event more successful. You could also air your views

on any matter by joining the Forum on our web site at [vtanorthmidlands.co.uk](http://vtanorthmidlands.co.uk)

In the last issue of *The Veteran* I reported on several of our members attaining age records. I must apologise for not giving Alan Cooke of VC Chesterfield a mention. Alan achieved a National and Group age record in a 10 with 19:23. He also clocked 51:02 in a 25 to get a Group age record. In addition he attained a Group age record in a 50 with 1:47:15. These records were achieved when Alan was 46. Interestingly, after his 47th birthday he did a



1:46:07 in a 50 to grab another Group age record.

By the time this issue has been distributed, the special meeting will have been held to hear the Standards Review committee explain in detail their recommendations. As a relatively new member I don't have any passionate views on the subject. However, soon after joining the VTTA it was evident that the current system has been a bone of contention for a number of years. If a fairer system to *all* veteran testers is on offer, I can't see a problem.

Well, it's that time of year again, winter bikes have been dusted down and brought out of hibernation. I still sneak my best bike out if I get the chance on a nice dry day; it somehow lifts the gloom of what can be a depressing time of year. As I write this report, the weather has been unusually kind for the time of year, but one can't help wondering if we will pay for it in the coming months. I notice more and more riders are sporting a rear LED flashing rear light these days. It's a good idea especially at this time of year. Whatever the weather throws at us, I would, on behalf of the Group, wish all members a very happy Christmas and all the best for 2012.

*John Scully.*

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## **NOTTINGHAM AND EAST MIDLANDS**

Several NEM Group members achieved high table positions in the VTTA National BAR tables this year:

Colin Parkinson, South Western RC was placed 5th in the BAR competitions with a particularly good ride in the 12 hour of 281 miles.

Ron Hallam, South Pennine RC was 1st overall in the Three Distance competition which included his age record in the BDCA 50.

Graham Green, Leicestershire RC was placed 7th with a creditable sub one hour at 25 miles 58:08 and a sub 2 hour ride at 50 of 1:58:35.

Clare Ella Born to Bike was placed 7th in the Ladies BAR with the fastest 25 mile (58.19) in this section.

Congratulations to all you East Midlands members who achieved National listings.

The AGM which took place this year on the 13 November was well attended. The Officers remain the same for the forthcoming year. There are some points that Members need to be aware of:

If Members do have Email addresses please tell the secretary Russ Gent, distribution of information and communications generally saves an awful amount of time and cost. Russ Gent's Email address is [rwgent@btinternet.com](mailto:rwgent@btinternet.com).

Don't forget that if anyone has any time-trialling or social information please forward them to myself at [herd@gripper.demon.co.uk](mailto:herd@gripper.demon.co.uk) my phone number is 01400 281116.

The Annual Luncheon will take place on Sunday 29 January 2012 at Cleve Lodge, Elm Avenue Long Eaton. The cost will be £17:00 and those that qualified for BAR Awards, Standard Certificates and Group Certificates will be presented at the dinner together with group trophies. Those wishing to attend should contact dinner Secretary Joe Summerlin, The Paddocks, Sandiacre, Nottingham, NG10 5HQ. Tel. No. 0115 9398984 Please include a SAE if you want your tickets mailed to you.

Norman Portess, Melton Olympic chalked up a new milestone in the Derby Mercury 25 on 13 August 2011. Despite having a riding accident earlier in the season he has now ridden 300 sub hour 25 mile time trials. Well-done Norman, I'm sure there are many sub-hour rides in those legs yet.

There are 3 events planned for the 2012 season:

10 mile	Saturday 14 April	A10/20
	Dave Yarham	
25 mile	Saturday 28 May	A25/4
	Malcolm Mann	
25 mile	Saturday 5 May	A25/20
	Russell Gent	

News has just reached me that Bill Duffin Ratae

RC has been in collision with a motor vehicle. News is a little scant at the moment but, Bill was riding on the Peterborough to Leicester section of the A47 when the accident happened. Bill who is 88 year was air lifted by the Warwickshire Air Ambulance to the Cosgrove Hospital Coventry. The only report I have at the time of writing is that his injuries are not life threatening. I am sure all cyclists in the area and the NEM Group will wish you speedy recovery Bill.

*David Herd*

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## **SCOTLAND**

That is now a full year of articles for 'The Veteran' under my belt, so here we go with the first of my second year as press secretary. Thanks again to the small band of regulars who continue to send contributions to these articles - please do keep them coming.

As with last year's November article, this one is bound to be full of results and tables of data, as there are reports on the final events and championships of the year, plus all the various end-of-season calculations and tables. Hopefully the editor will find space in the magazine to print everything.

With the racing season over it was good to meet up again with everyone at the AGM in Bannockburn at the end of October. A report on the meeting can be found later in this article.

The next event to look forward to is our annual awards ceremony, presentation and social event which will again be held at McQ's Tartan Arms, Bannockburn on the evening of January 20th 2012. Tickets, priced at £15, are available from social secretary George Skinner (Tel. 0141 638 5634).

*SVTTA 50 mile Championship* – The Harry Roberts Trophy - 21st August

On a calm and fairly warm day a good field assembled at Blairdrummond Hall to compete in the SVTTA 50 for the Harry Roberts Trophy.

Despite the course record falling twice within 20 minutes this event will always be remembered, quite rightly, for 'that' ride by Shetland Wheelers' Carlos Riise: 50 miles without a seat post and saddle is a noteworthy achievement indeed! Speaking to Carlos afterwards, he said that he realised that something was amiss when the bike bag went on the airport scales and weighed 1.5kg less than usual.

First place on standard went to Derek Stewart who recorded 2:05:33 and many PBs were set further down the field on what turned out to be a brisk day.

First team on standard were Sandy Wallace Cycles – Steve Beech & Steve Nutley.

*SVTTA 100 mile Championship* – The Riley Trophy - 4th September

Bob Gibson's new course on the A90 was predicted to be fast in the right conditions and Phil Kelman (fastest overall) narrowly missed recording the fastest 100 in Scotland this year. Sandy Wallace Cycles' Steve Beech took the honours on standard, winning the Riley Trophy in a time of 4:13:31, comfortably ahead of Derek Stewart.

First team on standard were Deeside Thistle CC – Derek Stewart & Phil Kelman.

At the same event, Graeme Hay from Stirling Bike Club won his first SVTTA trophy: the Jim Sharpe Handicap Trophy.

### *12 Hours*

Scottish riders continue to have to travel south to compete in events longer than 100 miles and The John Cusker Trophy is awarded to the highest place rider from the Group in the National VTTA 12 hour Championship. Carlos Riise's 272.46 miles at this event saw him win the trophy for 2011, while Christine McLean was highest placed woman with 240.49 miles. These performances also gave Shetland Wheelers the team prize on standard.

### *24 Hours*

Phil Kelman's 479.192 miles at the Mersey Roads 24 was enough for the overall win and tantalisingly close to a stunning 20mph average.

With his clubmates Mark Tandy and Ian Wilson, Deeside Thistle CC also won the team prize

George Berwick was riding his second 24 of the season, having earlier achieved 300.37 miles in the RTTC 24. George's achievement in having ridden over 50 x 24 hour time trials sees him awarded this year's Tom McGinness meritorious award following a unanimous vote at the Annual General Meeting.

#### *Tour de Trossachs - Bill Lennon Trophy - 2nd October*

This event continues to attract a strong field from both pure time trialists and roadmen alike, to test themselves over the hills and bone-shaking road surfaces of the Trossachs course.

The open event was won by Arthur Doyle, who will race as a veteran for the first time next season. Perhaps he can be persuaded to join us at the SVTTA as it would be interesting to watch him try to rewrite the record books.

The Bill Lennon Trophy was retained by Steve Nutley from Sandy Wallace Cycles despite puncturing at half distance, with Jocky Johnstone a close second place on standard. Fastest veteran on the day was Jim Cusick in 1:11:16.

#### *2011 Season Competitions*

##### *SVTTA Best All Rounder*

The winners of a total of five trophies or shields are decided from the Best All Rounder result over the 25, 50 and 100 distances.

The Eddy Taylor Trophy (BAR on standard) and the Ben Smith Shield (BAR fastest overall) were both won by Steve Nutley, who also shares the Jackie Potter Shield (BAR team on standard) with Sandy Wallace Cycles clubmate Steve Beech.

Phil Kelman took the Ken Anderson Trophy for BAR - fastest under 50 year old while SBC's Graeme Hay is awarded his second SVTTA trophy of the year, the Jackie Connor Trophy for the most improved rider in the BAR.

##### *National VTTA BAR*

Scottish Group riders achieved some impressive positions in the National V.T.T.A.

BAR and 3 Distance Competition.

In the BAR (25,20 and 100 miles, plus 12 hour) Christine McLean topped the list in 21st place with a plus of 4.929, which gave her first place in the women's BAR ahead of Patricia Baird on +3.538: an impressive 'one-two' for the Scottish Group.

In the 3 distance competition (25, 50 and 100 miles) it was Derek Stewart highest placed amongst the Scottish riders in 18th place on a plus of 157.55, ahead of Al Washington in 23rd and Steve Beech in 30th. Christine Mclean's 45th overall was good enough for first place in the women's table, completing a superb double win in the women's competitions.

##### *Archie Speed Trophy*

This trophy for the competition over 10, 25 and 50 miles was won by Derek Stewart of Deeside Thistle CC with an aggregate of +88:06, some 16 minutes clear of second place Jocky Johnstone. Last year's holder Davie Millar didn't ride a 50 this year, not helped by the cancellation of the late-season Fife CA 50 due to roadworks, so does not feature in 2011.

##### *Trophy Winners*

The table is a summary of all the SVTTA trophy winners for the 2011 season. A reminder that details of the history of all our trophies was printed in the February 2010 issue of *The Veteran*.

The trophies will be presented at our annual get-together at McQ's on January 20th 2012.

Note that in the absence of a 12 hour event in Scotland, the John Cusker Trophy is awarded to the highest placed SVTTA rider in the VTTA National 12 hour Championship.

##### *SVTTA Annual General Meeting*

This meeting was held at McQ's, Bannockburn on Sunday 30th. October with almost 30 members in attendance, most staying for lunch afterwards. In the outgoing Secretary's absence his report was read out by the Treasurer. The Treasurer then reported that membership was down overall, although we have seen an increase in new 'young' members over the past year.

The following officials were elected to stand in 2012, plus 6 committee members:

President - Johan Thayne  
Chairman - Michael Devlin  
Secretary - position vacant  
Treasurer - position vacant

*(Alistair Smith to kindly continue until replaced)*

Minutes Secretary - George McLaughlan

Timetrial Secretary - Jim Harris

Records Officer - Bob Gibson

Press Secretary - Steve Nutley

Social Secretary - George Skinner

You will note that we are still actively seeking people to fill the very important positions of Secretary and Treasurer, so please do contact any member of the committee if you are able to help in this regard.

The reports of our Timetrial Secretary and Records Officer are reproduced below. If you wish to read the reports from other officials then please refer to the final paragraph of this article for details of where these can be found on our website.

*Time Trial Report 2011 – Timetrial Secretary, Jim Harris*

First off the SVTTA thank the Clubs and Associations who hosted our Championships. When checking out the result sheets from various events and seeing the number of over-forties taking part, I have come to the belief that the VTTA is a victim of its own success. When started in Scotland in 1952 to keep riders in the sport I don't think the pioneers of '52 realised what they had set in motion. Alas, although we get a quota of new members each year there are still a few that could join us and ride for their age standards: we still cater for the middle marker.

This year a new name adorns the BAR trophy. Our Champion for 2011 is Steve Nutley. Since coming into timetrialling a couple of seasons ago, Steve has seldom been out of the first three positions in events and to crown it all became the SCU 100 mile Champion for 2011. I believe he will figure high in their B.A.R. table.

Derek Stewart goes from strength to strength

taking 1st on standard in the 10, 25, 30 and 50 mile Championships and 2nd on standard in the 100 mile Championship. Derek, partnered with John Campbell, also won the Boomerang Trophy. Although having to take 2nd place in our BAR, Derek topped the table in the Archie Speed Trophy. Derek travelled down to compete in the National VTTA 25 mile Championship and was 1st on standard - the first Scotsman to achieve that honour. He also rode the NVTTA 10 mile Championship to take 3rd on standard.

Steve Beech had a quiet start to the season because of a virus. He came good in our 100 Championship taking 1st on standard and recording late season times claimed 3rd place in our BAR and will be awarded with team mate Nutley the Jackie Potter BAR team shield. They will be the team to watch next year although I think the Deeside Thistle will give them a run for their money.

National Veteran champions from Scotland are like waiting for a bus: none turn up then two appear. Christine McLean is our second NVTTA Champion taking 1st on standard in the 12 hour event. Christine took a tumble early in the season and fought back to record some fast times. In the same event RTTC 12 hour Championship Christine's clubmate Carlos Riise was 6th in the open event with 272.46 miles. Carlos also was 3rd on standard in the Vets event. Carlos has had a quiet season owing to being involved with the Island Games Competition where all the Islands of the U.K. send teams to compete. But I think we'll not let Carlos forget the 2011 50 mile vets Championship when he rode the full event without his saddle and stock and returned a time some people would give their eye tooth for.

Deeside Thistle have gathered a group of members who are returning fast times: Philip Kelman a man to reckon with, winning numerous events. Ian Wilson bringing his times down quickly and new member Mark Tandy have posted fast 50 and 100 times. Mark and Ian also rode the Vets 12 hour. Shelley Farrar is in good company with her times, taking bronze

medal in the S.C.U. 50 mile Women's Championship. Kelman, Wilson and Tandy competed in the Mersey Roads 24 hour event with Philip claiming 1st place and with Ian and Mark were 1st team. George Berwick rode the same event partnered on a tandem. George also rode another 24 in England covering 300 miles.

2011 saw numerous Scottish members travelling down south to compete in various events. I would like next year if possible they let me know how they got on so I can record their times.

A new member this year, Patrica Baird entered the John Cramb Handicap 25 mile and went home with 1st handicap and the trophy. Patrica has done well this year riding all the distances from 10 mile to 12 hour. She won Gold in the SCU 100 mile Championship and was 3rd in the RTTC women's 12 hour Championship. This year the Group had an influx of lady members and let's hope more will follow in the future.

Two Veterans up north, Alasdair Washington and Roger Sewell are keeping our name to the fore in that region and both figure in our BAR and Archie Speed Trophy. Peter Robertson and George Grant are doing the same in Moray. There was at one time a strong contingent of members in those two areas and from what I see from results there are a few over-forties racing. Maybe with bit of persuasion they will join our happy team.

I return to the subject of riding for your age standards: forget that someone is ten or twenty minutes faster than you, keep focused on your standard time and have a race within yourself.

All the best for next season.  
Jim Harris

*Records Report 2011 – Bob Gibson, Records Secretary*

At the time of writing I have been able to log 24 age records achieved in 2011.

In addition to the listed Group records, Christine McLean [50] submits a claim for a VTTA record at 10 miles achieved at the VTTA 10

Championships [21.49] and Patricia Baird's [46] 12 hour Group record, at the CTT/VTTA 12 Championships [241.71mls] is also claimed as a VTTA age record. Christine took the VTTA Ladies Championship at this event whilst creating another Group age record.

Phil Kelman is now the best ever Scot at 24 hours, adding his name to that illustrious list on winners of the legendary Mersey Roads 24. A new Group record at 479.192 miles was marginally short of the 20mph mark. Phil's ride erased Graham Jones's impressive records of the last two years. Phil also rewrote the 30 records by posting 1:05:03. a new record at age 47. This takes out Dave Gibson's and John O'Donovan's records from 2007 and 1992 respectively.

Steve Nutley's 2012 palmares is worthy of a close study. It includes 6 age records at 55 years, four of these placing him as fastest overall, another a Bronze [SC 50] plus placing second fastest in the SVTTA 25. Steve has had a great season and has impressed on every start he made. Steve's outstanding result must be his 100 record, becoming Scottish Champ in atrocious conditions. Ask Al Washington! Steve considers the final breaking of the age 55 50 mile record in the SVTTA Champs: who can argue with a silver medal and fastest overall with a 1.49.24.

Derek Stewart has another four record claims for this year. Two of them saw him take SVTTA titles at 30 and 50 miles. Derek's Scottish efforts have been largely overshadowed by his sorties to the VTTA Championships culminating in him capturing, at last, the VTTA 25 mile Gold Medal in a time almost two minutes faster than his best Scottish time this year. Oh! He only managed Bronze in the VTTA 10.

Davie Millar is on the list again with two excellent efforts at 10 and 25 erasing the venerable McCallum from the record books for these distances. Davie might not agree but that 21.16 was the most impressive of the two: have a look at the guys he beat with that one.

Carlos Riise continues, with Christine, to

commute from Shetland to the mainland to pursue his chosen sport still taking on the top guns. An impressive ride in the VTTA/CTT 12 hour saw him as the fastest Vet whilst at the same time wiping out his records for the distance at ages 45 and 43 years of age. Carlos's best ride of the season was a well documented saddle-less 2.04 50 mile. Makes you a legend that one Carlos.

Al Washington makes a welcome return to the lists with a record for 74 years of age at 100 miles. Like a few others he has been continually thwarted by the Deeside Flyer, Derek Stewart. Has Al found Dastardly's Achilles heel? The hundred!

Good to see 1961 25 mile record holder Peter Robertson on the list, partnering the nomadic Al Sutton to a tandem record over 25 miles Peter [70] and Al [60]. This must have been done on one of Al's rare visits home.

Track is a discipline which the Group does not recognise for record purposes at this time. Perhaps this may and should change! Examine a brief outline of Steve McCaw's exploits in attacking VTTA records at Meadowbank and Manchester. Steve McCaw [48] made a successful attempt on the VTTA one hour record at Meadowbank on 9th August covering 42.822km breaking the existing record by almost 2km. On the way he is reported to have smashed the 5km, 5mile, 10km, 10mile, 20km and 25mile outdoor track records. I understand that this performance is in the process of ratification by the VTTA at the time of writing. I would point out that Steve was given only 90 minutes notice of his track time for this attempt.

Steve and his support team negotiated some track time at the National Clarion Track Championships on 17 September for an attempt on the indoor 20km record and all distances on the way. The visit was a resounding success with the 20km covered in 26:38.75. All intermediate distance records went as well I am told. This claim should now be undergoing the ratification process

I do not have all the details to hand for the

above attempts as, in the interest of expediency, we agreed that Steve and his team deal directly with Geoff Perry at VTTA. I did provide them with an ad hoc form or performance certificate to try and assist in expediting Steve's claim. The last I heard this process seems to be turning more convoluted than initially envisaged.

Steve and his team have to be commended in their effort. As roadies we are in the fortunate position that an event is entered and all the infrastructure is there but with the track an inordinate amount of planning and negotiation is often required.

On visiting the VTTA site for information recently it appears that all track records have disappeared on-line for review/update. I did think this would be an annual process conducted after 31st October, the traditional closure date for all VTTA claims.

*Bob Gibson - SVTTA Group Recorder [Age records]*

Printed elsewhere are the full details of the 24 age records that Bob has recorded for the 2011 racing season.

*Other News*

Jackie Connor

George McLaughlan reports that Jackie Connor (Snr) Honorary Life Member, is due to undergo a new hip operation. Jackie, a life long member of the St Christopher CC, has been a great benefactor to cycling having aided a number of cyclists both financially and by way of encouragement over the years while also having sponsored the Regent CC for many years. From the Group's end, he furnished the Road Race Trophy which subsequently went amiss, and on receipt of this knowledge promptly replaced this with another. As his interest in the Vets has never waned he presented the Group with a further trophy that is now presented to the Most Improved Rider in the BAR.

*Group website*

We are in the process of developing our own website at <http://www.svttta.org.uk> to be run

along with our micro site on the national VTTA website. Having our own website will allow us to publish our own content much more easily. We should be able to have, for example, full results and reports from events with photos where available. Hopefully it will help in the quest to attract new members to the group.

Much of the data in this article has been condensed to save space, but the full versions of all the season's results and tables can be found on the new site – why not give it a try.

*Steve Nutley*

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## **SOUTH WALES**

Sunday October 2nd, a group of our most enthusiastic members gathered at the TWR Club in Resolven, at the western end in the Neath Valley for our annual AGM. By previous standards a turnout of 14 was good, which shows that members appreciate the commitment shown by their officers. We would specially commend Gordon and Pam Butler for encouraging all age 40+ participants who ride our events to join VTTA. They don't always succeed, but their zest for the cause has increased our membership to almost ninety. The meeting discussed events for 2012 and agreed to take up the vacant date caused by the demise of the Acme Wheelers 25 on R25/3L in late April. Although full details of events for 2012 were not available the general consensus was – unfortunately, fewer promotions are planned for 2012. We all need a good



number of events, but at the time of writing, no firm 2012 list has emerged from South Wales DC. The secretary advises me that the schedule remains unfinished. I hope I am wrong, but rumour has it that no events are listed for August 2012, which is very sad.

Fortunately, this August we still had events, so here is the wrap up of the 2011 season. August 14th Merthyr CC 25 on R25/3L produced excellent performances within our group. Back to somewhere near his best, John Pritchard clocked 53.29, John Shehan was thrilled to post 56.57, Paul Durrent ran out with 57.10, Hugh Davies passed the time keeper in 58.24 and 75 year old Gordon Butler recorded his best for several years with 59.22. The following week saw the Welsh 10 Championship promoted by Pontypool RCC. Happily, for once the weather was good. Notable rides came from Cliff Jackson 22.41, Stuart Evans 22.48, Paul Durrant 22.54, Hugh Davies 23.23 John Shehan 23.49, Gordon Butler 24.40, Clive Chappe 26.01, however your correspondent was pleased to have squeezed out 24.25 to take the standard and South Wales 10 Cup with +9.09.

Suitably bolstered by this performance I headed down to the county of my birth to ride the Sussex CA 25 on August Bank Holiday Monday. The course was as far removed from R25/3L drag-strip as possible, comprising as it did of scenic farm lanes centred on Loxwood and Plaistow in the Weald of Sussex. I must commend the promoter, Robin Johnson for providing a safe traffic free time trial which featured a prize list of bottles of wine from the all over the world. The headquarters were Loxwood Cricket Pavilion and after the



usual tea and cakes, Robin was able to give each of the 32 finishers a bottle of wine – that's what I call true sporting hospitality, much appreciated by the riders. The event featured an additional novel competition among five riders using museum piece Sturmey Archer hub gears. Their machines were quite amazing with double chain rings and multiple sprockets attached to the hub gear and operated by old long arm derailleur. These bikes clearly had lots of gears – It must have been difficult to find these them, hence the slow times posted. However, true to form, they were all rewarded with a bottle of wine – thanks Robin for a fantastic event.

The following Sunday 4th September, saw us back on the Glynneath drag strip, R 25/3L, the weather was windy and not ideal for personal bests. A few notable performances among South Wales VTTA emerged, John Pritchard clocked 53.31, Paul Durrent posted 55.19 and "Revin" Kevin Jones recorded 56.13. If we thought conditions in this event had been a bit sticky, then the gales experienced in the following week's Port Talbot 25 on the same course were something special.

We all suffered with the gloomy 2011 summer and towards the end of September I clicked on EasyJet, then flights to Palma and set up an October break in Puerto Pollenca. There was some trepidation because a previous October trip to the Balearic Isles had featured a regular outbreak of thunderstorms. It was therefore something of a bonus to arrive with blue skies and temperature above 30c. The Pollenca Park Hotel bike store was more than half full, an early indication that a good number of cyclists had made similar journeys from UK. The following morning, 9am, I am outside Tolo's restaurant with over 20 others waiting for the ride. It was great to see familiar faces like local residents Dave, Barry, Pete and Richard also regular visitors Mark from Northampton and Donal from Northern Ireland.

The Bay of Pollenca was calm as a millpond as we wound our way to Alcudia and then through the lanes to Sa Pobla, Muro, and the hilly forest

route to Sinue for a coffee stop. We sat there in the sun, sipping café con leche and thinking how lucky we were to be riding our bikes in mid-October in summer team kit. The return leg via Lubi and Campanet on traffic free roads was equally enjoyable, almost 100 kilometres covered and back in time to spend the afternoon on the beach with the family. A few days later my friend, Pete Wilson from Bath CC arrived to join the rides and it was good to see Stuart Hall, doing what he does best, leading parties of riders over the many and varied roads on this wonderful island. Now, I am planning another get fit visit sometime in March/April 2012

*Barry Williams*

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## **SURREY-SUSSEX**

The Southern Counties CU lunch on 6th November at Rowfant House was again a lively event (Graham Bristow presiding) coupled with good food.

Douglas Fox of the Crawley Wheelers took the John Smith Cup for the Vet's BAR with +141:58. Group members Steve Dennis and Nick Dwyer figured in a number of the awards, Steve Dennis for the Fountain CC Cup (25 miles) with 51:08 and Nick Dwyer for the Vice President's Tankard (50 miles) with 1:49:51. Nick was also a member of teams taking the Roberts Shield (50 miles), the Sid Grey Shield (100 miles) and the Alick Bevan Amateur Cup (BAR), in the latter he was 2nd BAR. His team companions from the Lewes Wanderers CC in each case were Rob Pelham and Peter Morris.

Now going back through the racing season the latest result I have including a Group rider was Peter Tadros in the RTTC National Championship Hill Climb on 30th October at Whaley Bridge. Judging by the times it was a 'long hill', his time was 13:19.5 making him the fastest vet and 9th overall. The winner was Gunnar Gronlund with 12:49.0. In an earlier hill climb Peter Tadros won the Swindon RC event on 17th September with 11:11.43.

The Redmon Grand Prix des Gentlemen event (organiser group member Mike Wakely) on 16th October attracted a full field. Two Kingston Phoenix RC pairs rode - both 'gentlemen' being Group members - Mike Morley and Grant Pyke finished in 19th and 35th positions on standard. They were ably led respectively by Philip Burgin and Andy Avis. Jeff Marshall of the Hounslow and Wouter Sybrandy of Sigma Sport Specialised were first on standard with +10:21 and fastest were Christian Yates of East Grinstead CC and Conall Yates of In Gear Quickvit RT with 35:16.

The Redmon 10 mile event on 18th September, also organised by Mike Wakely, was the Jack Hatton Memorial and Jim Burrow Trophy for Tandems. There was a field of five pairs of Redmon riders in the tandem event of which two were Group members- Peter Horsfield and Richard Hoskin. Winners were John Frost/Mick Deen of the Redmon. The Jack Hatton solo event had Harry Featherstone riding and he was 3rd on standard with +6:12 and the winner on standard was Reg Smith of Team Data Allstars with +8:09.

Whilst on the subject of shorter distance events I note that group member Jake Dodd did her personal best in a 25 this year with 1:05:30. She tells me she had taken a rest on longer distance events.

For the Kent CA 12 Hour event on 4th September event secretary Esther Carpenter required nine timekeepers - Peter Stone, Paul Mephram, Warwick Dunford, Pat Hill, Peter Watson, Ian and Clarence Masterson, Roy Canning and Mick Kilby. Our Group Recorder, Tim Carpenter was the 'roving marshal' and the marshalling was also covered by a Kingston Phoenix support team under the direction of Lisa Colombo (it is very sad to note that Peter Mitchell, partner to Lisa and in the team died just 9 days later).

There were many other marshals who ably helped on this new but potentially good course. Regardless of the windy conditions, particularly on Romney Marsh, 47 riders finished of which 39 were veterans; Group riders included Peter

Moon, Geoff Smith, Alan Lloyd and Ann Bath. Ann Bath of KPRC was supported by Brian Powney another KPRC rider. The event also attracted overseas riders Stuart Birnie (Australia), Shay Giles (Ireland), Andrew Nye (New Zealand) and Yari Lyden (Finland). The furthest away in the British Isles was Carol Bridge of Wales and Carol was the best lady with 216.482 miles finishing 14th. Best Group rider was Peter Moon of Eastbourne Rovers CC covering 247.319 miles (4th on distance) with standard. +38.64 also second in greatest improvement in last three years of plus 12.98 miles. Winner was Andy Miles of VC Elan with 267.302 miles and his improvement over last three years was 11.55 miles. He led the first team including Shay Giles and Richard Claxton with a total of 729.034 miles. The same team took the first three places on age standard.

After being event secretary for the National 24 hour event and the Kent 12, Group Secretary Esther Carpenter had probably had enough of promoting events in 2011, but she also ran the last Surrey/Sussex Group event of the year, which was a 25 on the Maresfield course on 18th September. The Robin Buchan Trophy for the best Group member on standard was won by Harry Featherstone with +17:18 and he was joined by his Eastbourne Rovers colleagues Geoff Smith +16:35 and Peter Moon +11:46 to win the Pound Hill Trophy with a team aggregate of +45:39. Alan Lloyd of Lewes Wanderers was fourth on standard with +12:34.

*Ray Dare*

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## **NORTH LANCS AND LAKES**

As is sadly so often the case, the Group AGM started with a minute's silence for members who had died during the year. On this occasion Group Chairman John Leach asked those present to stand in memory of Joe Stansfield and Geoff Greenwood who had both been long term members of the Group and both had also been very successful in their own disciplines within our sport. Obituaries are included within this issue of *The Veteran* with Joe a regular

record breaker on his tricycle until well into his 80s and Geoff one of the most successful riders ever in the North District Council area of the CTT. There was a lovely report about Joe who, although 94, and in his final days in hospital was showing the nurses some of his favourite dancing steps as he was also an equally accomplished dancer!

A decent turnout of around 45 members worked through a full agenda which was kicked off with the Chairman explaining that we had two members, Frank Kerry and Bill Lloyd on the VTTA Working Group which has been studying the issue of Standards in our sport. They will be attending the Special General Meeting in Alcester on Saturday November 26th and the Group is invited to take up to 10 members to this meeting. Frank gave a summary of the Working Group's proposals.

Roy Gibson had distributed his final Secretary's Report beforehand as he was standing down after this meeting. His wife Maureen had also done the same with her Treasurer's Report and would also be standing down. Chairman John proposed a vote of thanks for each of them in recognition of all the work that they had done for the Group during the past three years.

Group Recorder Richard Taylor gave a review of performances and awards during the 2011 season where Mick Black of the Cleveleys Road Club had been the big winner this year. After by far his best season as a veteran Mick had won the Group BAR with rides of 58-58, 2-01-20 and 4-18-22 at 25, 50 and 100 on roads in our area at the age of 64 and this would give him the coveted Traders' Cup at the Luncheon and Prize Presentation in January. Not content with that popular Mick will also take the locally famous Karrimor Saddle Trophy for the biggest Plus in the 100, the Paddy Maloney Trophy for the biggest Plus in the 50 and the Points Competition.

Sue Cheetham is Ladies BAR Champion with her North Lancs Road Club taking the Team Shield with assistance from Harry Haseley and John Draper.

In the Group Points Competition Mick Black came out top with 710 points. Although 33 members had ridden at least one qualifying event only four had ridden the required number of three with the others being Paul Fleming (708), Harry Haseley (702) and John Draper (673).

In the National VTTA BAR only Harry Haseley from the North Lancs and Lakes Group will qualify partly due to the last minute cancellation of the long running Lancashire Road Club 12 hours following a low entry. Harry had then entered the CTT National 12 Hour in Shropshire and his 221 miles at age 69 had ensured him a place in the four distance competition.

The National Three-Distance Competition will have eleven Group Members in its list with Peter Greenwood of the Clayton Velo Cycling Club our highest finisher after a brilliant season that resulted in the superb performances of 52-53, 1-49-57 and 3-50-25 at the age of 59 giving him a combined Plus of almost 180 minutes. He will be joined in the National Three-Distance tables by Kevin Shand, Mick Black, Harry Haseley, Simon Phillips, Paul Fleming, Julian Markham, Sharon Clifford, Barry Rimmer, Sue Cheetham and John Draper.

Eleven new Group Age Records were set in 2011 with four going to Frank Kerry, two each to Mike Ellerton, Julian Markham and Sue Cheetham and one to Mick Black (Details elsewhere in this edition)

In the election of Officers, Chairman John Leach was handed another term of office but was insistent that he would stand down next year. Others elected were Vice-Chairman Paul Fleming, Derek Black would take over the Secretary role from Maureen Gibson and Bob and Hazel Matthews would take on the Treasurer role after Roy Gibson had stood down. Richard Taylor (Group Recorder), Sue Cheetham (Minutes Secretary), Dave Brown (Press Secretary) and Terry Kay (Luncheon Secretary) were returned with Terry stating again that we should find a replacement and that next year's function would be his last. Offers Please!!

The Committee of Frank Kerry, Keith Tattersall, George Nowland, Ron Mellor, Geoff Duteson, Terry Kay and Peter Knott were returned with one vacancy available as Derek Black had moved to Secretary.

There would only be four events promoted by the Group in the 2012 season. These are:

Saturday 17 March 3pm	10 mile 2-up on L101 Derek Black
Wednesday 18 April (2-lap) 1pm	25 mile on L2521 Richard Taylor
Wednesday 6 June 7pm	25 mile L256 Richard Taylor
Tuesday 3 July (Levens) 6pm	10 mile on L1015 Peter Knott

The L256 is a new course using the A59 Clitheroe by-pass and will be restricted to 60 entries.

The Lancashire Road Club 25, The Preston Wheelers 50 and the NLTTA 100 will also count as VTTA qualifying events.

Terry Kay updated the meeting on the arrangements for the Annual Luncheon and Prize Presentation at The Crofters on Sunday 8th January 2012. Tickets are available from himself or Keith Tattersall at £19 and the Guest of Honour will be Derek Parkinson the NLTTA Champion, second in the National 12 hour and third in the BBAR.

The Group will meet at The Plough at Eaves at around 12-30pm on New Year's Day as is usual and it was decided to give the long established Reliability Trial another chance with Sunday February 26th being the date. Please note that the start will be now from The Barn in Scorton at 10am for the 40 mile ride.

Subs are now due for the 2012 season at £11 for single membership and £12 double. To qualify for all Standards in 2012 will be £9.

We welcome two joint members with Hazel Matthews becoming a member along with husband Bob and Janis Riley with husband Stan. Also new members Barry Teal of the Ribble Valley CRC and Kevin Ainsworth of the

North Lancs Road Club. We hope that you enjoy your time with the North Lancs and Lakes Group.

*Dave Brown*

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## WESSEX

Entries for the August Bank Holiday 25 were down on the previous year mainly because of the fact that the a3crg 50 had been rescheduled to the following Bank Holiday Monday after being cancelled on 22nd May because part of the course was coned off for road works on that day. Nevertheless there were 55 riders on the start sheet including one tandem pair – one of the pairing was ill on the day and his partner rode as a solo rider on the morning. Ten other riders did not start of whom half had earlier apologised for various reasons. Weather conditions were about average for the very unpredictable summer we had had generally but a round dozen riders managed to beat the hour.

Simon Tout was fastest on the day with 53.24, his VC St Raphael team mate Simon Berogna 2nd (55.13) and Brian Molloy of '34 Nomads in 3rd place (56.13). The other two '34 Nomads riders in the field (John and Deborah Percival) were respectively 3rd BOS (+15.34) and fastest lady rider 1.2.56. VC St. Raphael easily won the team award (2.46.59) with their third counter Martin Beale in 9th place overall (58.22). Fastest on Standard was Jack Brown (a3crg) (+21.39) followed by Dave Patten (Bognor Regis CC) (+18.35; these two thereby 1st and 2nd in the postponed Group 25 mile Championship incorporated in the Open event with Alan Emmott, Fareham Wheelers in 3rd place (+14.49). Team Championship medals go to the Bognor Regis CC (+40.42) whose other counters were Graham Young (+12.47) and Simon Coppard (+9.20).

The final group promotion, the Two-Up Grand Prix des Gents 25 Miles Team Time Trial, held on Sunday 25th September on Course P 435 had an entry of 21 teams of whom all but three

teams rode. The weather was considerably colder than the days before but generally there was not too much wind and ten teams beat the hour. The fastest team were the Poole Wheelers duo of Gary Dighton and Terry Icke (54.46) closely followed by the composite pairing of Paul Jones (Bournemouth Jubilee) and Tim Wallis (Red Kite Cycles) (54.57) with third place taken by John Sibley and Martin Edwards of Utaq Yamaha.

Awards in the 40-49 years age category for Club Pairs on Standard went to Andover Wheelers Alan Spurden and Simon Healey with +10.37 who beat the aforementioned Utaq Yamaha team by one single second. The Club Pairs on Actual Time saw the positions reversed with 1st place going to Sibley/Edwards (56.28) with the Andover Wheelers duo close behind with 56.52. Terry Icke and Gary Dighton were fastest as well as BOS (+25.55) in the Over 50

(including Phil and Rebecca Evans who laid on a goodly spread of refreshments) without whose help on the day the event could not have taken place.

Eddie Green has successfully got over what he thought was going to be a triple heart by-pass operation (in the event it turned out to be a quadruple by-pass op) and is making slow but steady progress back to full health despite the added complication of his wife Pam breaking her upper arm in two places shortly after he came home from hospital. This meant that she spent five days in hospital but luckily both their daughters Alison and Sue were able to arrange to stay with him separately in the interim period.

Unfortunately I have to record the rather sudden passing of Peter Dawson (Hampshire RC) on 25th September. Peter's most recent exploits on a tandem with his 95 years young club mate

### Annual Luncheon

**Final details for this were agreed at the AGM but, in common with all other establishments, the cost of both meals and liquid refreshment has risen alarmingly. Having made enquiries of a number of other possible venues it has proved impossible to get better deals and so the same venue (The Robin Smith Suite at the Rose Bowl, Botley Road, West End, Southampton) as in previous years has been booked for Sunday 12th February - 12.30 for 1pm. The Guest Speaker will be Geoff Shergold (well known to many of our members) and the ticket price will be £ 24.50 which includes, as usual, a free raffle. We do require a minimum attendance of fifty so require the support of as many members as possible to achieve this number. Fuller details will go out as usual to club contacts in the middle of December.**

event and last year's winners on standard (Jack Brown and Graeme Stirzaker were 2nd on Standard with +24.27 and Tom Cox / Leigh Pinchen (Northovers VT) second fastest with 59.42. The fastest composite team was Terry Jefferies, New Forest CC and Martin Beale, VC St Raphael with 1.3.14.

The three cups associated with the promotion were all won by Terry Icke which, without a real check of past events result sheets, would appear to be a first.

Our thanks go to Peter Warhurst as Event Secretary, the timekeepers and recorder and all those other members of Bournemouth Jubilee

Lionel Veck have featured in both the March and June 2011 copies of this magazine but he had a stroke in September and a subsequent MRI scan revealed a brain tumour which was inoperable. There were a very large number of local cyclists present in Chichester Crematorium at his internment on 17th October and Alan Tribe, a much younger club member, gave a moving tribute about Peter's lengthy involvement in all aspects of cycle sport.

He first started riding with the Brentwood CC in Essex in the fifties and was good enough to ride as an amateur in an early Tour of Britain as well as being an accomplished time triallist

competing in our Group events until fairly recently but continuing to ride in club time trials right to the end of this season. He had acted as a coach to youngsters in his club (including Alan), liked long distance cycling (riding up to Scotland to visit one of his three daughters, across France to visit his sister and in 2002 completed the 3500 mile North Sea Cycle Challenge) and also supported HRC members when they rode the longer Time Trials. He will be sorely missed and we offer our heartfelt condolences to Margaret and all the other members of his extended family.

The eighth and final round of this year's Rudy Project Series was run by Poole Wheelers on Saturday 15th October with a total entry of 54 riders only in the six categories. Terry Icke, a member of the promoting club, was 6th fastest Veteran out of a field of the 30 finishers and Fastest on Target time with +13.09 (35.36 for the 14 mile course) with John Woodburn second +12.25 (38.54). John, however, had the satisfaction of winning this category for the tenth time in 12 years and, over the course of two days in August, reduced his 25 mile time set on the A3 (M) by a big margin to 56.46 (+28.14) in the Derby Mercury event on Saturday 13th and next day in the Merthyr CC race he went well over a minute faster recording 55.27 for a plus of 29.33 (wrongly recorded on the CTT website as +24.43). Looking back through the lists of past champions I see that John won his only RTTC championship at 25 miles *fifty years* ago in 1961 with 56.01 whilst riding for Barnet CC which club were team champions that year as well as in the previous year. Whatever the Standards Review Party come up with at the Special General Meeting at the end of November they will be hard pushed to cater for exceptional older riders such as John, Dennis Milsom et al.

Nik Bowdler finished in 5th place in the CTT BBAR competition with impressive times of 1.42.33, 3.32.27 and 299.68 miles (+27.490 mph) and finished second in the VTTA BAR competition and is this year's Wessex Group BAR. Nik was also the fastest rider on aggregate time in the National Three Distance

Competition. All times for his BAR rides are faster than he achieved in 2010 and so are new Group Age Records at 42 years. In addition he set a new National Age record of 59.16 in the VTTA (East Anglia) event on 1st October which is some six seconds faster than that set by Eddie Atkins *twenty years* ago.

Other notable rides (in date order) I have spotted on the CTT Website are:-

25th June – Ben Fielden 392.46 miles in CTT National Championship which placed him third in the winning VTTA Team Championship for GS Stella. He also won the 60-69 Age Group with +75.95 miles and set a new Group Age Record at age 69,

14th August - Steve Walking 1st fastest in a3crg 25,

20th August - Terry Icke 55.13, Robert Watson 55.56 and John Woodburn 58.56 in NHRC 25,

4th September – Terry Icke 55.32 (+ 25.09) in Poole Wheelers 25,

11th September – Ben Fielden BOS + 19.35 in Bognor Regis 25,

8th October – Ray Hughes 22.37 and Terry Icke 22.45 in New Forest 10. Ray had earlier won the Tandem event with Wendy Pails (23.43) in the same event.

There was the smallest attendance that I can remember at the AGM of the Group on Sunday, 6th November. As for many years past all the current officials were re-elected. Due mainly to the ever increasing cost of Medals and Engraving the Subscriptions for 2012 go up to £ 12 but this sum will now also apply for joint membership. There will be the usual Group events but due to continuing problems on the A303 at or near Andover two of the Championship events will be decided as follows - the 25 miles in our own August Bank Holiday race and the 50 miles in the Bournemouth event a week earlier. It is hoped that the 10 miles Championship will be incorporated in Team Axiom's event on Saturday 9th June on a A3(M) course but this has yet to be confirmed.

Peter Warhurst had once again managed to get all claims for Standards and Records completed very quickly after the 31st October deadline and the National Recorder had also completed the National BAR and Three Distance Competition results. Nik Bowdler's results in these competitions are listed above whilst Barry Quick, Robert Watson and Matthew Rowley were the other Group members who completed the BAR. Lesley Walking was once again Group Ladies BAR with a plus of 51.30. In addition to those already mentioned the +148.06 achieved by Ben Fielden got him first place in our own Three Distance competition beating Nik (+139.54) with Tom Cox just over 30 seconds behind in 3rd place. National age records breakers were Nik Bowdler, John Woodburn (three records at 25 miles) and Lesley Walking (for her previously reported time of 55.27 at age 45 in a 3crg June event equalling John's fastest time at the distance).

Four other Group members in addition to these three achieved a number of Wessex Group age records with Bob West the most prolific setting five Trike records at the four shorter distances at Age 73 years and then another two at Age 74 at 10 and 25 miles. Terry Icke was the winner of the Short Distance Competition with Jack Brown (who also set four Age Records) 2nd and Barry Quick 3rd. There were a total of 13 riders who achieved one or more Standard Medals – quite a few less than in the past couple of years.

It is to be hoped that as many as possible of the award winners will be able to get to the Annual Lunch – see final boxed paragraph below.

We welcome two new Members in James Gibb (unattached) who is the new VTTA Webmaster and Jane Pritchard (Gillingham and District Wheelers).

*Ken Blowe*

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## **WEST**

With time running out quickly towards Christmas and the New Year, the days getting shorter and the autumn colours at their very best, it seems

like an ideal time to sit down and write my quarterly piece.

The West Vets AGM assembled at a new venue on the 6th of November. Winterbourne Community Centre was considered to be more central and accessible and was therefore chosen in the hope of attracting a better attendance than in recent years. Unfortunately this grand plan did not produce the desired result and only the same regular few appeared to take an interest in the running of our Group. What do we need to do to attract more of our members to come along and enjoy a nice social morning with like-minded friends? It was a glorious day and quite a few managed to ride reasonable miles to get there. For example Janet Tebbutt rode up from Portishead and Alan Picard came in from Bath.

For those who didn't make it you missed out on some interesting discussions, some delicious tea and cakes cheerfully dished up by four lovely ladies. Finally you could take away as many free apples as you could carry home courtesy of our generous chairman Brian Barraclough.

We were pleased to learn that our dutiful Honorary Secretary Gordon Scott has recently married Jemma and were able to wish them congratulations and every happiness for the future.

Everything went smoothly, there were no contentious issues and the group happily accepted our current committee to continue for another year.

Our loyal treasurer, Ian Pritchard, indicated that the finances are in good order and membership is pretty stable, though obviously he will always be willing to take on as many new members as you can find for him.

Before I forget, I am to remind you all that the Subscriptions remain the same at £15-00 for single membership, £17-00 for couples and £10-00 for life members. Excellent value if only for the eight wonderful magazines you will get to read during the year. Get your cheque books out now and send off to Ian while the idea is still

fresh in your mind.

Allan Norwood, who has produced our much-admired West Vet magazine for many years, has expressed his intention to stand down at the end of next year. It will be a hard act to follow but I am sure there is someone out there with the necessary skills to take on this essential task. Please think hard and come forward if you think you would like to help out. I am sure Allan would be more than willing to show you the ropes to help you settle into the job.

We will be running our usual selection of time trials in 2012. For your new diary, please mark 19th May to remind you to enter the Severn Road club 10 and to attend our annual prize presentation which will be held at Falfield using the U7 course going North on the A38. Quite a fast one on a good day!

With all the racing completed for this year, we can begin to prepare for the next, both in terms of training and in planning. Did we learn anything from this year? I hope so otherwise we are not making progress. I expect to attend the Special General meeting on the 26th of November with our Secretary Gordon Scott to see what we can learn from the Standards Review Party about the proposals to replace the existing Standards Tables. These are intended to be presented to the AGM for approval in due course. I have a particular interest because a

few years ago I worked alongside the late Chris Hart who used his enormous academic capabilities to try to find a satisfactory solution to this long standing and difficult problem. Are we really at the point when we can finally say, problem solved?

What effect are the Olympics going to have on our sport next year and the years to follow? Doubtless we will see a fresh surge of interest, especially if we do well in the cycling events. Let us make sure we capitalise on it! Personally I think we will be doing very well to win five medals in the track events, which of course will be much better than most other sports can manage, but don't expect a repeat of Beijing. The road race is always a bit of a lottery, but we certainly showed the rest of the world how to shorten the odds when Mark Cavendish was delivered to the required slot at the right time to win the world road championships in his very own inimitable style. Will riding the Tour de France enhance or detract from his potential to win? Let's hope his advisors make the right decisions and get him to the start in top form!

Time to wish everyone a very Happy Christmas and to wish you all you might reasonably wish for yourselves in 2012. Cyclists can show everyone how to beat austerity by riding their bikes at every opportunity.

*Brian Griffiths*



### **JACQUELINE HOBSON**

Jacqueline's name was left out of the result of the National 24 Hour Championship published in the September issue. A new member, Jacqueline's details, although submitted within the requisite time before the Championship, did not get to the National Membership Secretary until after the event.

She recorded 362.96 miles and gained a plus of 8.60

Sincere apologies to you Jacqueline, you are now the Ladies' National 24 Hour Champion and we hope to be able to applaud you at the Prize Presentation on the 28th of January next year.

Apologies too to Ann Bath whose ride of 319.99 miles was a National Age Record for a 62 year old but who now finds she is not the Ladies' Champion.



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## BAR Result - 2011

Posn	Name	Club	Group	Age	25	50	100	12 Hr	Plus
1	K Platts	Cambridge CC	East Anglia	59	51:54	1:47:41	3:44:33	268 67	8 296
2	N Bowdler	Team Pedal Rev co uk	Wessex	42	49:40	1:42:33	3:32:27	299 68	7 535
3	J Reed	Colchester Rovers CC	East Anglia	62/63	54:54	1:51:37	4:02:30	250 76	7 218
4	S Giles	V C Elan	Kent	66	56:11	1:55:19	4:10:52	251 32	7 141
5	C Parkinson	South Western RC	Nottingham & E Mids	49	52:54	1:47:52	3:52:20	281 63	6 784
6	R Retter	Revo Racing	West	65	56:24	1:56:45	4:15:21	239 66	6 561
7	A Stapleton	Chelmer CC	East Anglia	45	51:34	1:47:05	3:44:59	270 58	6 406
8	J Golder	Chelmer CC	East Anglia	58	56:30	1:54:39	4:05:40	252 47	6 236
9	G Millward	Otley CC	Yorkshire	46	51:17	1:46:47	3:52:38	254 84	6 070
10	D Thompson	Scarborough Paragon	Yorkshire	43	52:58	1:47:36	3:47:15	274 69	5 895
11	T Davies	Icknield RC	London & H Counties	43/44	53:01	1:48:41	3:51:12	277 27	5 794
12	P Colman	Pembroke Velo	South Wales	50	54:23	1:57:11	3:59:32	267 91	5 704
13	A Miles	V C Elan	Kent	42	51:50	1:50:21	3:45:27	267 30	5 621
14	D Gostelow	Wrekinsport	Midlands	53	57:00	1:56:40	4:05:24	252 34	5 371
15	T Mayne	Birdwell Wh's	North Midlands	47/48	55:52	1:51:43	4:05:03	271 32	5 361
16	D Lazenby	A5 Rangers CC	Midlands	47	52:51	1:54:45	4:00:50	257 19	5 344
17	S Beldon	Team Swift	Yorkshire	41/42	53:05	1:47:21	3:56:35	262 94	5 123
18	I Peacock	Harrogate Nova CC	North	59	56:35	1:57:01	4:25:13	216 92	5 040
19	P Horsnell	Chelmer CC	East Anglia	81	1:08:06	2:17:58	4:55:07	212 96	5 040
20	T Panting	West Suffolk Wh's & Tri	East Anglia	76	1:06:39	2:15:05	4:41:30	215 68	4 990
21	C McLean (L)	Shetland Wh's	Scotland	50	1:00:36	2:03:17	4:11:54	240 49	4 929
22	A Winstanley	Phoenix CC	Merseyside	54/55	58:26	2:01:20	4:15:27	250 84	4 899
23	D Fearon	Weaver Valley CC	Manchester & N West	47	55:05	1:54:10	4:05:10	251 42	4 859
24	C Beldon	Team Swift	Yorkshire	64	1:02:01	2:07:00	4:26:21	229 19	4 850
25	H Haseley	N Lancs RC	N Lancs & Lakes	69	1:04:45	2:08:37	4:35:57	221 73	4 806

26	G Bowyer	Rhoss on Sea CC	Merseyside	42	53:26	1:52:51	3:52:25	254.01	4.778
27	C Saint	Yorks RC	Yorkshire	46	1:01:47 (T)	1:59:32 (T)	4:14:13 (T)	232.00 (T)	4.631
28	M Sanders	Mid Devon CC	West	52	57:32	2:01:29	4:20:37	254.15	4.595
29	C Yates	Otley CC	Yorkshire	54	54:45	1:56:27	4:14:30	204.88	4.589
30	B Quick	Reading CC	Wessex	66	59:28	2:10:56	4:50:23	221.47	4.561
31	G Smith	Eastbourne Rovers CC	Surrey/Sussex	61	1:00:15	2:04:48	4:39:02	227.06	4.436
32	S Hargreaves	Warrington RC	Manchester & N West	47	55:34	1:56:56	4:20:32	255.54	4.369
33	J Murphy	Gloucester City CC	West	71	1:00:09	2:06:17	4:47:30	168.51	4.281
34	P Walton	Herts Wheelers	East Anglia	56	57:48	2:03:43	4:30:01	225.67	4.223
35	R Watson	N Hampshire RC	Wessex	51	55:56	2:03:19	4:25:39	239.66	4.136
36	P Yates	Otley CC	Yorkshire	78	1:04:53	2:25:55	5:04:44	190.59	4.040
37	M Fountain	Didcot Phoenix CC	West	70	1:7:21	2:19:09	5:01:45	232.03	4.017
38	A Jones	Yorkshire RC	North Midlands	61	1:01:10	2:09:41	4:33:17	215.92	3.998
39	D Pierce	Bath CC	West	63/64	59:11	2:14:16	4:53:38	210.52	3.876
40	A Lloyd	Lewes Wanderers CC	Surrey/Sussex	59	1:02:33	2:06:54	4:30:03	215.49	3.778
41	P Baker	Lewes Wanderers CC	Surrey/Sussex	53	1:00:07	2:03:04	4:34:10	231.06	3.611
42	P Baird (L)	Inverclyde Velo	Scotland	46	1:04:17	2:07:23	4:25:46	241.71	3.538
43	M Rowley	Oxonian CC	Wessex	43	55:54	1:57:16	4:13:07	233.44	3.415
44	R Claxton	V C Elan	Kent	67	1:07:43	2:20:41	4:48:56	210.40	3.320
45	N Farr	North Shrops Wh's	Merseyside	56/57	1:01:37	2:07:44	4:48:47	223.61	3.294
46	S Stoddart	Abbotsford Park RC	Manchester & N West	53	1:01:24	2:04:48	4:47:05	229.00	3.107
47	M Brown	7Oaks Tri Club	Kent	50	1:00:13	2:06:36	4:34:46	236.46	3.102
48	M Rainton	VC Baracchi	East Anglia	65	1:06:10	2:21:49	4:52:21	203.56	2.948
49	R W Loader	Sydenham Wh's CC	Kent	78	1:11:44	2:31:41	5:29:50	186.02	2.823
50	P Holland	Lincoln Wh's CC	Nottingham & E Mids	64/65	1:7:40	2:35:32(T)	5:17:37(T)	201.90(T)	2.820

51	A Mayes	Ashford Wh's CC	Kent	65/66	1:06:06	2:21:20	5:11:56	208.08	2.804
52	D Steel	Hereford Wh's	Midlands	64	1:08:48	2:15:38	4:53:19	193.93	2.626
53	P Hayhurst	Congleton CC	Manchester & N West	73	1:11:30	2:27:07	5:24:35	186.65	2.478
54	M Jenkins	Chester RC	Merseyside	53	1:00:41	2:14:24	4:49:39	215.00	2.412
55	I Hawkins	Fibrax Wrexham CC	Merseyside	43	59:49	2:07:32	4:40:31	216.54	1.530
56	R Squire	Fibrax Wrexham CC	Merseyside	42	1:02:50	2:09:32	4:54:10	235.05	1.122
57	H Tudor (L)	Oswestry Paragon CC	Merseyside	42	1:05:07	2:22:52	4:56:21	211.99	1.051
58	S Cowan (L)	Seamons CC	Manchester & N West	45	1:08:07	2:26:12	5:09:17	215.11	0.961
59	A Nye	Ashford Wh's CC	Kent	54/55	1:19:49	2:28:48	5:15:37	178.16	0.916
60	I Mackenzie	Southend Wheelers	East Anglia	64/65	1:19:14 (T)	3:21:58 (T)	5:27:04 (T)	179.43 (T)	0.696
61	C Jessop (L)	Olley CC	Yorkshire	41/42	1:05:14	2:22:39	5:09:04	198.07	0.444
62	C Nye (L)	Ashford Wh's CC	Kent	55/56	1:47:12 (T)	3:09:08 (T)	6:53:35 (T)	142.8 (T)	-2.099

### Ladies

1	C McLean	Shetland Wh's	Scotland	50	1:00:36	2:03:17	4:11:54	240.49	4.929
2	P Baird	Inverclyde Velo	Scotland	46	1:04:17	2:07:23	4:25:46	241.71	3.538
3	H Tudor	Oswestry Paragon CC	Merseyside	42	1:05:07	2:22:52	4:56:21	211.99	1.051
4	S Cowan	Seamons CC	Manchester & N West	45	1:08:07	2:26:12	5:09:17	215.11	0.961
5	C Jessop	Olley CC	Yorkshire	41/42	1:05:14	2:22:39	5:09:04	198.07	0.444
6	C Nye	Ashford Wh's CC	Kent	55/56	1:47:12 (T)	3:09:08 (T)	6:53:35 (T)	142.8 (T)	-2.099

### Group Team

1	East Anglia	38.186	1	Chelmer CC	17.682
2	Yorkshire	31.159	2	V.C. Elan	16.082
3	Kent	24.811	3	Olley CC.	14.699
4	Merseyside	18.035	4	Ashford Wh's CC.	1.621

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Posn	Name	Club	Group	Age	25	50	100	Plus
1	R Hallam	South Pennine RC	Nottingham & E Mids	80	1:00:00	2:05:24	4:33:53	2:10:14
2	D Hodgins	Stockport Clarion	Manchester & N West	77	58:57	2:05:10	4:30:52	199:42
3	R Brooks	Warrington RC	Manchester & N West	66	55:17	1:53:23	3:57:19	197:07
4	L A Grayson	Team Swift	Yorkshire	74	58:01	2:02:21	4:30:20	189:27
5	K Platts	Cambridge CC	East Anglia	59	51:54	1:47:41	3:44:33	188:36
6	P Wilson	Bath CC	West	77	1:02:30	2:06:09	4:38:47	187:15
7	G Green	Leicestershire RC	Nottingham & E Mids	68	58:08	1:58:35	4:11:10	184:16
8	M Shacklock	Yorks RC	Yorkshire	67	56:11	1:55:33	4:12:50	183:04
9	S Giles	V C Elan	Kent	66	56:11	1:55:19	4:10:52	180:44
10	P Greenwood	Clayton Velo	N Lancs & Lakes	59	52:53	1:49:57	3:50:25	179:29
11	J Reed	Colchester Rovers CC	East Anglia	62/63	54:54	1:51:37	4:02:30	176:32
12	J Gresty	Nth Shrops Wh's	Manchester & N West	66	56:34	1:59:06	4:11:39	175:47
13	P Horsnell	Chelmer CC	East Anglia	81	1:08:06	2:17:58	4:55:07	173:20
14	R Retter	Revo Racing	West	65	56:24	1:56:45	4:15:21	170:13
15	T Panting	West Suffolk Wh's & Tri	East Anglia	76	1:06:39	2:15:05	4:41:30	166:34
16	P Durrant	Pontypool RCC	South Wales	66	55:19	2:04:18	4:25:17	158:12
17	K Shand	West Pennine RC	N Lancs & Lakes	61	58:09	1:57:28	4:07:37	158:02
18	D Stewart	Deeside Thistle	Scotland	74/75	57:59	2:05:33	5:02:49	157:55
19	J Singlehurst	Rockingham Forest Wh's	Nottingham & E Mids	54	52:18	1:52:30	3:50:01	156:57
20	M Black	Cleveleys CRC	N Lancs & Lakes	64	58:58	2:01:20	4:18:22	155:39
21	P Cockbain	South Bucks RC	London & H Counties	70	59:30	2:03:49	4:43:20	154:39
22	R Wear	Leamington C & AC	Midlands	50/51	50:44	1:46:47	3:45:44	153:58
23	A Washington	Caitness CC	Scotland	74	1:05:05	2:13:07	4:49:09	152:48
24	S Mills	Yorks RC	Yorkshire	67/68	58:29	2:05:19	4:35:14	152:31
25	J Shehan	Bynea CC	South Wales	65	56:57	2:05:28	4:23:52	152:26
26	J Murphy	Gloucester City CC	West	71	1:00:09	2:06:17	4:47:30	152:01
27	J Golder	Chelmer CC	East Anglia	58	56:30	1:54:39	4:05:40	151:39
28	B Fielden	GS Stella	Wessex	69	1:00:25	2:09:03	4:39:05	148:06
29	H Haseley	N Lancs RC	N Lancs & Lakes	69	1:04:45	2:08:37	4:35:57	147:20
30	S Beech	Sandy Wallace Cycles	Scotland	61	59:11	2:01:28	4:13:31	147:06

31	S Shore	Southeast Wheelers	East Anglia	64	59:24	1:59:37	4:28:22	146:56
32	J Baines	Yorks RC	Yorkshire	73	1:04:51	2:13:32	4:51:02	145:57
33	N Howarth	Sheffield Phoenix CC	North Midlands	75	1:04:35	2:19:08	4:55:45	145:26
34	P Yates	Otley CC	Yorkshire	78	1:04:53	2:25:55	5:04:44	144:03
35	M Roberton	Worthing Excelsior CC	Surrey/Sussex	63	58:38	2:00:47	4:30:34	139:57
36	R Gilmour	Hounslow & Dist Wh's	London & H Counties	59/60	56:20	1:58:18	4:21:52	139:56
37	N Bowdler	Team Pedal Rev co uk	Wessex	42	49:40	1:42:33	3:32:27	139:54
38	T Cox	Northover VT	Wessex	57	56:28	1:58:59	4:09:28	139:17
39	C Beldon	Team Swift	Yorkshire	64	1:02:01	2:07:00	4:26:21	138:57
40	C Parkinson	South Western RC	Nottingham & E Mids	49	52:54	1:47:52	3:52:20	138:28
41	P Lavine	Coalville Wh's CC	Nottingham & E Mids	56	56:19	1:57:27	4:09:12	137:05
42	I Peacock	Harrogate Nova CC	North	59	56:35	1:57:01	4:25:13	133:55
43	R Sewell	Ross-shire RCC	Scotland	63/64	58:09	2:07:22	4:33:08	133:52
44	K Dawson	Sportscover/Strategic	North Midlands	41	51:35	1:40:14	3:35:43	133:15
45	C McLean (L)	Shetland Wh's	Scotland	50	1:00:36	2:03:17	4:11:54	132:41
46	A Stapleton	Chelmer CC	East Anglia	45	51:34	1:47:05	3:44:59	132:22
47	W Fuller	Rotherham Wh's CC	North Midlands	66	1:02:09	2:06:31	4:42:44	131:42
48	L Gambling (L)	CC Breckland	East Anglia	54	59:48	2:06:40	4:28:01	131:04
49	I Greenstreet	Newbury RC	West	47	52:35	1:50:10	3:50:28	130:34
50	A Simpkins	Solihull CC	Midlands	57	57:54	2:03:04	4:13:06	130:08
51	G Millward	Otley CC	Yorkshire	46	51:17	1:46:47	3:52:38	129:12
52	C Saint	Yorks RC	Yorkshire	46	1:01:47 (T)	1:59:32 (T)	4:14:13 (T)	128:40
53	D Gostelow	Wrekinsport	Midlands	53	57:00	1:56:40	4:05:24	128:34
54	J Adams	Pontypool RCC	South Wales	64	58:35	2:11:09	4:37:52	126:43
55	C Yates	Otley CC	Yorkshire	54	54:45	1:56:27	4:14:30	126:04
56	F Gamwell	Perth United CC	Scotland	67	1:04:56	2:11:48	4:45:27	125:27
57	M Potter	Scarborough Paragon	Yorkshire	52/53	58:48	1:57:51	4:04:34	125:18
58	P Colman	Pembroke Velo	South Wales	50	54:23	1:57:11	3:59:32	124:28
59	J Leeming	South Pennine RC	Nottingham & E Mids	62/63	1:02:02	2:09:20	4:34:38	122:44
60	B Quick	Reading CC	Wessex	66	59:28	2:10:56	4:50:23	122:19

61	D Thompson	Scarborough Paragon	Yorkshire	43	52:58	1:47:36	3:47:15	120:32
62	A Winstanley	Phoenix CC	Merseyside	54/55	58:26	2:01:20	4:15:27	119:00
63	A Askwith	Bridlington CC	Yorkshire	47	52:55	1:53:06	3:59:51	117:55
64	C Hubbard	De Laune CC	Nottingham & E Mids	49	53:27	1:54:12	4:06:19	117:36
65	G Smith	Eastbourne Rovers CC	Surrey/Sussex	61	1:00:15	2:04:48	4:39:02	117:11
66	A Jones	Yorkshire RC	North Midlands	61	1:01:10	2:09:41	4:33:17	117:08
67	A Miles	V C Elan	Kent	42	51:50	1:50:21	3:45:27	116:56
68	S Phillips	Pendle Forest CC	N Lancs & Lakes	50	53:41	1:51:26	4:13:53	116:34
69	C Voller	Newbury RC	West	60	59:19	2:09:01	4:32:23	116:17
70	T Davies	lcknield RC	London & H Counties	43/44	53:01	1:48:41	3:51:12	115:27
71	D Lazenby	A5 Rangers CC	Midlands	47	52:51	1:54:45	4:00:50	115:21
72	T Mayne	Birdwell Wh's	North Midlands	47/48	55:52	1:51:43	4:05:03	113:27
73	A Lloyd	Lewes Wanderers CC	Surrey/Sussex	59	1:02:33	2:06:54	4:30:03	113:14
74	S Greenland	Maidenhead & Dist CC	London & H Counties	58	56:05	1:56:24	4:42:46	113:13
75	M Fountain	Didcot Phoenix CC	West	70	1:7:21	2:19:09	5:01:45	113:03
76	J Bartlett (L)	Hounslow & Dist Wh's	London & H Counties	51	1:02:29	2:09:48	4:28:22	112:05
77	R Claxton	V C Elan	Kent	67	1:07:43	2:20:41	4:48:56	110:18
78	D Fearon	Weaver Valley CC	Manchester & N West	47	55:05	1:54:10	4:05:10	109:22
79	P Fleming	Preston Wh's	N Lancs & Lakes	46	55:22	1:53:03	4:02:19	109:10
80	P Walton	Herts Wheelers	East Anglia	56	57:48	2:03:43	4:30:01	108:31
81	J Markham	Preston CC	N Lancs & Lakes	45	55:57	1:53:40	3:58:04	108:19
82	S Irwin	Kingston Wheelers CC	East Anglia	40	51:53	1:50:09	3:48:30	106:31
83	R W Loader	Sydenham Wh's CC	Kent	78	1:11:44	2:31:41	5:29:50	106:20
84	G Bowyer	Rhoss on Sea CC	Merseyside	42	53:26	1:52:51	3:52:25	105:52
85	D Pierce	Bath CC	West	63/64	59:11	2:14:16	4:53:38	104:39
86	T Clarke	Team Cambridge	East Anglia	61	1:04:12	2:09:07	4:43:18	104:39
87	S Beldon	Team Swift	Yorkshire	41/42	53:05	1:47:21	3:56:35	104:16
88	D Evans	Worcester ST Johns	South Wales	54	55:51	2:04:55	4:26:49	104:11
89	T Walsh	Ferryhill Wh's	North	67/68	1:07:56	2:22:11	4:57:22	104:04
90	M Sanders	Mid Devon CC	West	52	57:32	2:01:29	4:20:37	103:59



91	G Stirzaker	a3org	Wessex	44	51:51	1:53:29	4:03:21	103:25
92	M Wilkinson	North Notts Olympic RC	Nottingham & E Mids	51/52	57:48	2:01:46	4:22:46	99:39
93	P Holland	Lincoln Wh's CC	Nottingham & E Mids	64/65	1:7:40	2:35:32(T)	5:17:37(T)	98:43
94	M Rainton	VC Baracchi	East Anglia	65	1:06:10	2:21:49	4:52:21	98:23
95	B Jones	Halesowen A & CC	Midlands	60	58:58	2:16:22	4:44:13	97:27
96	D Steel	Hereford Wh's	Midlands	64	1:08:48	2:15:38	4:53:19	96:34
97	J Ifhell	Melton Oly CC	Nottingham & E Mids	71	1:10:46	2:49:30(T)	5:05:18	95:10
98	S Gregory	Nottingham Clarion	Nottingham & E Mids	46	58:28	1:57:07	4:09:11	95:08
99	R Watson	N Hampshire RC	Wessex	51	55:56	2:03:19	4:25:39	94:42
100	P Baird (L)	Inverclyde Velo	Scotland	46	1:04:17	2:07:23	4:25:46	94:20
101	K Wilkinson	East Surrey RC	Surrey/Sussex	65	1:03:44	2:22:20	5:00:25	92:14
102	P Hayhurst	Congleton CC	Manchester & N West	73	1:11:30	2:27:07	5:24:35	92:10
103	I Bashford	Old Portlians CC	Surrey/Sussex	55	57:34	2:05:48	4:40:47	91:46
104	S Boat	Weiland Valley CC	Nottingham & E Mids	52	56:30	2:08:09	4:27:13	91:45
105	S Hargreaves	Warrington RC	Manchester & N West	47	55:34	1:56:56	4:20:32	90:45
106	J Flynn	VC Halton	Merseyside	55/56	1:01:53	2:05:18	4:39:12	90:40
107	S Clifford (L)	Coventry RC	N Lancs & Lakes	51	1:01:52	2:15:18	4:45:14	90:20
108	P Baker	Lewes Wanderers CC	Surrey/Sussex	53	1:00:07	2:03:04	4:34:10	90:17
109	T Goulden (L)	West Suffolk Wh's & Tri	East Anglia	50	1:03:00	2:09:49	4:45:24	90:15
110	C Ella (L)	Born to Bike	Nottingham & E Mids	42	58:19	2:03:10	4:25:21	88:44
111	P Horsfield	Redmon CC	Surrey/Sussex	61	1:02:49	2:14:58	4:54:51	88:38
112	J York (L)	Mic-Shropshire Wh's	Merseyside	53	1:00:17	2:20:51	4:51:36	88:32
113	G Hay	Stirling BC	Scotland	42	55:57	1:55:14	4:07:05	86:18
114	G Cook (L)	Essex Roads CC	East Anglia	42	59:47	2:01:51	4:28:30	85:26
115	N Farr	North Shrops Wh's	Merseyside	56/57	1:01:37	2:07:44	4:48:47	83:04
116	D Rogers	Hemel Hempstead CC	London & H Counties	53	59:54	2:07:24	4:37:28	82:52
117	A Sides	Rotherham Wh's CC	North Midlands	66/67	1:06:46	2:17:10	5:20:19	82:08
118	M Rowley	Oxonian CC	Wessex	43	55:54	1:57:16	4:13:07	82:04
119	A Mayes	Ashford Wh's CC	Kent	65/66	1:06:06	2:21:20	5:11:56	81:57
120	P Haywood	North Shrops Wh's	Merseyside	73	1:11:56	2:33:31	5:28:35	81:20

121	M Fry	Glendene CC	East Anglia	50	1:00:32	2:09:01	4:31:02	74:59
122	S Stoddart	Abbotsford Park RC	Manchester & N West	53	1:01:24	2:04:48	4:47:05	74:21
123	M Brown	7Oaks Tri Club	Kent	50	1:00:13	2:06:36	4:34:46	73:59
124	T Kimber	Team Cambridge	East Anglia	50	1:01:44	2:10:02	4:33:09	70:39
125	S Dighton	Beacon	Midlands	48	1:00:56	2:11:17	4:32:04	63:24
126	A Humpage	Lyme RC	Midlands	48	54:21	2:04:38	4:45:47	62:55
127	M Jenkins	Chester RC	Merseyside	53	1:00:41	2:14:24	4:49:39	62:54
128	D Solomon	Whitwebbs CC	London & H Counties	59	1:02:01	2:16:51	5:11:53	61:59
129	A Nye	Ashford Wh's CC	Kent	54/55	1:19:49	2:28:48	5:15:37	58:17
130	B Rimmer	Wigan Wh's	N Lancs & Lakes	47	1:03:52	2:09:42	4:33:36	56:37
131	A Dawson	Tees-side RC	North	50	1:02:40	2:07:29	4:49:07	56:18
132	M Tudor	Oswestry Paragon CC	Merseyside	74/75	1:14:23	2:37:42	5:57:35	54:36
133	P Everitt	Ferryhill Wh's	North	63	1:11:29	2:27:15	5:22:44	48:28
134	I Hawkins	Fibrax Wrexham CC	Merseyside	43	59:49	2:07:32	4:40:31	40:29
135	I Mackenzie	Southend Wheelers	East Anglia	64/65	1:19:14 (T)	3:21:58 (T)	5:27:04 (T)	39:32
136	S Cheetham (L)	N Lancs RC	N Lancs & Lakes	48	1:05:59	2:21:37	5:13:54	38:33
137	J Draper	N Lancs RC	N Lancs & Lakes	74	1:21:28	2:49:53	5:53:03	35:45
138	H Tudor (L)	Oswestry Paragon CC	Merseyside	42	1:05:07	2:22:52	4:56:21	31:14
139	S Cowan (L)	Seamons CC	Manchester & N West	45	1:08:07	2:26:12	5:09:17	24:02
140	R Squire	Fibrax Wrexham CC	Merseyside	42	1:02:50	2:09:32	4:54:10	18:02
141	C Jessop (L)	Otley CC	Yorkshire	41/42	1:05:14	2:22:39	5:09:04	15:09
142	C Nye (L)	Ashford Wh's CC	Kent	55/56	1:47:12 (T)	3:09:08 (T)	6:53:35 (T)	-66:21

## Ladies

1	C McLean	Sheilad Wh's	Scotland	50	1:00:36	2:03:17	4:11:54	132:41
2	L Gambling	CC Breckland	East Anglia	54	59:48	2:06:40	4:28:01	131:04
3	J Bartlett	Hounslow & Dist Wh's	London & H Counties	51	1:02:29	2:09:48	4:28:22	112:05
4	P Baird	Inverclyde Velo	Scotland	46	1:04:17	2:07:23	4:25:46	94:20
5	S Clifford	Coventry RC	N Lancs & Lakes	51	1:01:52	2:15:18	4:45:14	90:20
6	T Goulden	West Suffolk Wheelers & Tri	East Anglia	50	1:03:00	2:09:49	4:45:24	90:15
7	C Eilla	Born to Bike	Nottingham & E Mids	42	58:19	2:03:10	4:25:21	88:44
8	J York	Mid-Shropshire Wh's	Merseyside	53	1:00:17	2:20:51	4:51:36	88:32
9	G Cook	Essex Roads CC	East Anglia	42	59:47	2:01:51	4:28:30	85:26
10	S Cheetham	N Lancs RC	N Lancs & Lakes	48	1:05:59	2:21:37	5:13:54	38:33
11	H Tudor	Oswestry Paragon CC	Merseyside	42	1:05:07	2:22:52	4:56:21	31:14
12	S Cowan	Seamons CC	Manchester & N West	45	1:08:07	2:26:12	5:09:17	24:02
13	C Jessop	Otley CC	Yorkshire	41/42	1:05:14	2:22:39	5:09:04	15:09
14	C Nye	Ashford Wh's CC	Kent	55/56	1:47:12 (T)	3:09:08 (T)	6:53:35 (T)	-66:21

## Fastest

								Total Time
1	N Bowdler	Team Pedal Rev co uk	Wessex	42	49:40	1:42:33	3:32:27	6:04:40
2	K Dawson	Sportscover/Strategic	North Midlands	41	51:35	1:40:14	3:35:43	6:07:42
3	R Weare	Leamington C & AC	Midlands	50/51	50:44	1:46:47	3:45:44	6:23:15
4	A Stapleton	Chelmer CC	East Anglia	45	51:34	1:47:05	3:44:59	6:23:38
5	K Plattis	Cambridge CC	East Anglia	59	51:54	1:47:41	3:44:33	6:24:08
6	A Miles	V C Elan	Kent	42	51:50	1:50:21	3:45:27	6:27:38
7	D Thompson	Scarborough Paragon	Yorkshire	43	52:58	1:47:36	3:47:15	6:27:49
8	S Irwin	Kingston Wheelers CC	East Anglia	40	51:53	1:50:09	3:48:30	6:30:32
9	G Millward	Otley CC	Yorkshire	46	51:17	1:46:47	3:52:38	6:30:42
10	T Davies	Icknield RC	London & H Counties	43/44	53:01	1:48:41	3:51:12	6:32:54

## Group Teams

1	East Anglia	1003:37
2	Yorkshire	953:59
3	Nottingham & E. Mids	949:44
4	N. Lancs & Lakes	866:14
5	Manchester & N. West	864:53
6	Scotland	849:49
7	Wessex	747:43

## Club Teams

1	Yorks RC	481:32
2	Chelmer CC	457:21
3	Team Swift	432:40
4	V C Elan	407:58
5	Otley CC	399:19
6	North Shrops Wh's	340:11
7	N Lancs RC.	221:38

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Gender	Mc	Dist	Age	Name	Group	Time/ Distance	Date
L	sb	10	50	Christine McLean	Scotland	21:49	02/07/2011
L	sb	10	67	Carole Gandy	Kent	22:28	21/08/2011
L	sb	10	77	Gill Henshaw	Nottingham	26:38	13/08/2011
L	sb	10	83	Mary Dawson	North	29:19	21/08/2011
L	sb	25	45	Lesley-Anne Walking	Wessex	55:27	27/06/2011
L	sb	25	67	Carole Gandy	Kent	57:34	04/09/2011
L	sb	25	77	Gill Henshaw	Nottingham	1:10:25	25/06/2011
L	sb	25	82	Mary Dawson	North	1:16:42	10/07/2011
L	sb	25	83	Mary Dawson	North	1:24:16	25/09/2011
L	sb	30	67	Carole Gandy	Kent	1:10:51	01/10/2011
L	sb	50	67	Carole Gandy	Kent	2:02:58	06/07/2011
L	sb	100	42	Lynne Taylor	Midlands	4:00:57	03/09/2011
L	sb	12hr	46	Patricia Baird	Scotland	241.710	14/08/2011
L	sb	12hr	42	Lynne Taylor	Midlands	252.55	14/08/2011
L	sb	24hr	62	Ann Bath	Surrey/Sussex	319.99	26/06/2011
L	tb	10	42	Gwen Cook	East Anglian	21:43	04/06/2011
L	tb	10	42	Lea Marshall	East Anglian	21:43	04/06/2011
L	tb	25	42	Gwen Cook	East Anglian	0:57:09	05/06/2011
L	tb	25	42	Lea Marshall	East Anglian	57:09	05/06/2011
L	tb	30	42	Gwen Cook	East Anglian	1:06:26	01/10/2011
L	tb	30	42	Lea Marshall	East Anglian	1:06:26	01/10/2011
L	tb	50	42	Gwen Cook	East Anglian	1:56:09	18/09/2011
L	tb	50	42	Lea Marshall	East Anglian	1:56:09	18/09/2011
L	tb	100	42	Gwen Cook	East Anglian	4:04:15	31/07/2011
L	tb	100	42	Lea Marshall	East Anglian	4:04:15	31/07/2011
m	sb	5	48	Steve McCaw	Scotland	10:39.970	17/09/2011
m	sb	5	48	Steve McCaw	Scotland	11:06.370	09/08/2011
M	SB	10	41	Kevin Dawson	North Midlands	18:52	13/08/2011
m	sb	10	41	Kevin Dawson	North Midlands	19:01	09/04/2011
m	sb	10	46	Alan Cooke	North Midlands	19:23	22/04/2011
m	sb	10	48	Steve McCaw	Scotland	21:25.090	17/09/2011
m	sb	10	74	Len Grayson	Yorkshire	22:12	13/08/2011
m	sb	10	48	Steve McCaw	Scotland	22:14.780	09/08/2011
m	sb	10	83	Dennis Milsom	Merseyside	23:50	21/08/2011
m	sb	10	83	Dennis Milsom	Merseyside	24:20	21/05/2011
m	sb	10	87	Bill Duffin	Nottingham	28:36	16/04/2011
m	sb	25	48	Rob Pears	West	49:03	14/08/2011
m	sb	25	74	John Woodburn	Wessex	55:27	14/08/2011
m	sb	25	48	Steve McCaw	Scotland	56:20.190	09/08/2011
m	sb	25	74	John Woodburn	Wessex	56:46	13/08/2011
m	sb	25	74	John Woodburn	Wessex	57:14	27/06/2011

m	sb	25	83	Dennis Milsom	Merseyside	1:00:52	14/08/2011
m	sb	25	83	Dennis Milsom	Merseyside	1:01:16	13/08/2011
m	sb	25	83	Dennis Milsom	Merseyside	1:02:24	30/07/2011
m	sb	26.608	48	Steve McCaw	Scotland	1:00:00.000	09/08/2011
m	sb	30	42	Nik Bowdler	Wessex	59:16	01/10/2011
m	sb	30	55	Ian Cammish	East Anglian	1:00:39	01/10/2011
m	sb	30	81	Eric Marsh	East Anglian	1:17:25	01/10/2011
m	sb	30	81	Eric Marsh	East Anglian	1:22:30	29/05/2011
m	sb	50	40	Jeff Jones	West	1:39:02	06/08/2011
m	sb	50	41	Kevin Dawson	North Midlands	1:40:14	12/06/2011
m	sb	50	80	Ron Hallam	Nottingham	2:05:24	06/08/2011
m	sb	50	83	Dennis Milsom	Merseyside	2:17:39	07/08/2011
m	sb	50	83	Dennis Milsom	Merseyside	2:19:44	16/07/2011
m	sb	100	40	Jeff Jones	West	3:31:51	03/09/2011
m	sb	100	41	Kevin Dawson	North Midlands	3:35:43	09/07/2011
m	sb	100	66	Rod Brooks	Manchester	3:57:19	03/09/2011
m	sb	100	80	Ron Hallam	Nottingham	4:33:53	03/09/2011
m	sb	100	81	Peter Horsnell	East Anglian	4:55:07	31/07/2011
m	sb	100	81	Peter Horsnell	East Anglian	4:57:30	26/06/2011
m	sb	10km	48	Steve McCaw	Scotland	13:14.999	17/09/2011
m	sb	10km	48	Steve McCaw	Scotland	13:48.800	09/08/2011
m	sb	12hr	81	Peter Horsnell	East Anglian	212.96	21/08/2011
m	sb	12 hr	65	Stan Maciak	West	260.52	14/08/2011
M	sb	12 hr	59	Ken Platts	East Anglian	268.67	21/08/2011
m	sb	12 hr	40	Jeff Jones	West	305.51	14/08/2011
m	sb	20km	48	Steve McCaw	Scotland	26:38.754	17/09/2011
m	sb	20km	48	Steve McCaw	Scotland	27:41.990	09/08/2011
m	sb	24hr	47	Andy Wilkinson	Merseyside	541.17	26/06/2011
m	sb	5km	48	Steve McCaw	Scotland	06:39.563	17/09/2011
m	sb	5km	48	Steve McCaw	Scotland	06:55.580	09/08/2011
m	st	10	85	George Dawson	North	29:16	02/07/2011
m	st	10	85	George Dawson	North	30:15	04/06/2011
m	st	25	85	George Dawson	North	1:15:14	10/07/2011
m	st	25	85	George Dawson	North	1:25:50	25/06/2011
m	st	12hr	46	Howard Waller	London	247.997	03/07/2011
m	tb	30	62	Vic Haines	East Anglian	1:02:50	01/10/2011
m	tb	30	64	Kevin Gill	East Anglian	1:02:50	01/10/2011
m	tt	10	66	Peter Hopkins	London	23:31	13/08/2011
m	tt	10	68	Colin Bunnett	East Anglian	23:31	13/08/2011
m	tt	10	66	Peter Hopkins	London	24:30	30/05/2011
m	tt	10	68	Colin Bunnett	East Anglian	24:30	30/05/2011
m	tt	25	66	Peter Hopkins	London	1:04:57	03/07/2011
m	tt	25	68	Colin Bunnett	East Anglian	1:04:57	03/07/2011
m	tt	30	66	Peter Hopkins	London	1:13:39	01/10/2011
m	tt	30	68	Colin Bunnett	East Anglian	1:13:39	01/10/2011
mixed	tb	100	47.00	Jill Bartlett	London	3:56:49	29/05/2011
mixed	tb	100	51.00	Paul Holdsworth	London	3:56:49	29/05/2011

# Results

## NORTH MIDLANDS RESULTS J E JAMES 25 - 10 SEPTEMBER - 025/3

Anthony Nash	Scunthorpe Poly CC	54.16
Alan Cooke	VC Chesterfield	55.09
Jon Surtees	Team Swift	56.19
Paul Mapletoft	J. E. James RT	58.39
Graham Rushworth	Team Swift	58.40
Alan Hazard	Retford & Dist Wh	58.51
Alan Tunnicliffe	North Notts Olympic CC	59.58
John Martin	South Elmsall SCC	1.00.34
Andrew Ziemacki	Rotherham Wh CC	1.00.50
Tony Keyworth	Kiveton Park CC	1.03.09
Fastest ; Scott Burns	Manchester Wh	53.10

## VTTA NORTH MIDLANDS 10 - 1 OCTOBER

Ron Hallam	South Pennine RC	24.16	+10.56
Mike Allen	Belper BC	22.35	+08.25
Peter Stirk	South Elmsall SCC	23.21	+07.54
Geoff Hague	Rutland CC	25.24	+07.06
Tony Nash (Fastest)	Scunthorpe Poly CC	19.55	+06.47
Tony Keyworth	Kiveton Park CC	24.05	+06.40
Neil Howarth	Sheffield Phoenix CC	26.59	+06.35
John Scully	Rossington Wh	27.08	+06.26
Michael Weaver	Rotherham Wh CC	23.53	+06.23
Tony Foulds	Rutland CC	30.03	+06.17
Wayne Fuller	Rotherham Wh CC	24.59	+06.16

## SHEFFREC CC HILL CLIMB - 9 OCTOBER - MONSAL

Gunnar Gronlund	(Winner) RST RT Trigon	1:26.0
Steve Roper	Barnsley RC	1:48.2
Simon Cocker	Sheffrec CC	1:53.5
Alex Deck (L )	Planet X	2:05.3
Trevor Mayne	Birdwell WH	2:26.7
Paul Heggie	Birdwell Wh	2:37.8

(This event was the 81st Hill Climb to be held at Monsal)



## YORKSHIRE VTTA SHORT DISTANCE CHAMPIONSHIP 2011

Position	Name	Club	Age	10	25	50	Plus
1	M Shacklock	Yorkshire RC	66/7	21.06	56.29	1-55-33	8.418
2	L Grayson	Team Swift	74	22.12	58.01	2.02.21	8.245
3	M Storey	Scarborough Paragon	60	21.03	56.28	1-53-28	7.644
4	G Millward	Otley CC	46	19.29	51.52	1-46-47	7.559
5	C Saint	Yorkshire RC	46	20.28	53.31	1-46-38	6.782
6	S Mills	Yorkshire RC	67/8	22.46	59.43	2.05.19	6.711
7	C Yates	Otley CC	54	21.40	54.45	1-56-27	6.513
8	D Thompson	Scarborough Paragon	42/3	19.28	54.20	1-47-36	6.505
9	A Askwith	Bridlington CC	46/7	20.30	52.55	1-53-06	6.441
10	S Beldon	Team Swift	41/2	19.52	53.05	1-47-21	6.313
11	B Ward	Scarborough Paragon	76	25.04	1.05.09	2-13-56	5.831
12	R Tate	Leeds Westfield	68	22.59	1.02.44	2-14-02	5.757
13	P Yates	Otley CC	78	24.24	1.04.53	2-25-55	5.728
14	A Bell	Yorkshire RC	65	23.13	1.00.35	2.11.20	5.719
15	C Beldon	Team Swift	64	23.00	1.02.01	2.07.00	5.688
16	J Baines	Yorkshire RC	72/3	25.00	1.04.51	2-13-32	5.459
17	M Philipson	City RC (Hull)	54	21.52	57.35	2.04.12	5.444
18	A Callaghan	Ravensthorpe CC	49	20.05	58.04	1-58-45	5.294
19	M Potter	Scarborough Paragon	52/3	22.25	58.48	1-57-51	5.269
20	G Hornby	Southport CC	76	25.25	1.06.16	2-24-48	5.031
21	G Small	Bridlington CC	56	22.27	1.03.17	2.03.20	4.789
22	M Hornby L	Team Swift	76/7	27.12	1.11.20	2-41-56	4.313
23	J Churchman	Otley CC	73/4	24.49	1.09.27	2-35-05	4.059
24	B Littlefair L	East Bradford CC	75	28.17	1.15.05	2-45-47	3.373
25	C Trueman L	Team Swift	66/7	27.05	1.13.21	2-30-31	3.333
26	K Taylor L	East Bradford CC	44/5	25.12	1.04.10	2-20-01	2.178
27	J Tate L	Leeds Westfield	67	28.39	1.18.00	2-43-15	2.094
28	C Jessop L	Otley CC	41/2	26.51	1.05.14	2-22-39	1.009

## KENT GROUP CHAMPIONS – 2011

10 Miles	Peter Crofts	Southborough & District	22.56	+9.51
25 Miles	Reg Smith	De Laune CC	59.34	+19.56
30 Miles	Alan Rowe	De Laune CC	1.18.41	+21.48
50 Miles	Alan Rowe	De Laune CC	2.13.53	+39.57
100 Miles	Shay Giles	VC Elan/Harry Perry Cycles	4.35.37	+80.36
12 Hours	Shay Giles	VC Elan/Harry Perry Cycles	251.328	+66.39
24 Hours	Robert Royston	Sydenham Wheelers	396.59	+47.53

## MANCHESTER & NW 25 - J2/9 - 23 AUGUST

Mike Cotgreave	Westmead Team '88	58:19	+22:22
Frank Kerry	Lancashire RC	1:04:07	+22:10
Derek Hodgins	Stockport Clarion	1:05:18	+21:38
Philip Brown	Walsall Roads CC	57:13	+18:32
<i>Team on Std</i>	ABC Centreville		+28:04
	William Prout		+11:48
	John Burston		+8:30
	Gordon Perry		+7:46
<i>Actual Fastest</i>			
James Tucker	South Pennine RC	52:15	
<i>Fastest Veteran</i>			
Nige Wood	Wills Wheels	55:29	
<i>Fastest Lady</i>			
Sarah Storey	Horizon Fitness Prendas	55:27	

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## MERSEYSIDE GROUP RESULTS

<b>Rhyl CC 25 - 26 June</b>			<b>SCCA 100 - 17 July</b>		
Dennis Milsom	24.09	1.06.46	Arthur Winstanley	73.24	4.15.27
Arthur Thomas	16.38	1.04.03	Gareth Bowyer	58.31	3.59.58
Mick Ward	13.53	1.08.00	Jenny York	52.15	4.51.36
Neil Boyle	13.46	1.06.19	Paul Howarth	49.26	4.15.59
Gareth Bowyer	13.34	53.26	Pat Haywood	47.16	5.28.35
John Flynn	11.53	1.01.53	Nigel Farr	42.31	4.48.47
Justin McIlveen	11.37	54.23	Miles Jenkins	34.18	4.49.39
Dave Smith	11.08	1.09.33	Malcolm Tudor	23.55	5.57.35
George Aldridge	10.37	1.05.26	Helen Tudor	20.28	4.56.21
Dave York	10.44	1.03.38	Dave Fletcher	12.51	5.08.44
Paul Howarth	10.17	58.14	<b>Southport CC 25 - 17 July</b>		
Malcolm Tudor	8.56	1.16.04	George Aldridge	10.32	1.05.31
David Jones	8.40	57.50	Stephen Ireland	6.49	1.20.07
Roger Squire	3.38	1.03.22	Stephen Glenwright	6.06	1.03.58
Steve Thompson	2.10	1.12.12	<b>National Championship 12 - 14 August</b>		
Helen Tudor	2.00	1.09.07	Arthur Winstanley	50.54	251.51
Michael Armstrong	0.38	1.12.38	Gareth Bowyer	32.31	253.94
<b>Wreckinsport CC 25 - 30 July</b>			Nigel Farr	25.58	223.55
Ben Griffiths	14.39	1.12.17	Miles Jenkins	10.90	214.92
Tony Harvey	12.22	58.45	Helen Tudor	3.27	211.95
Dave Smith	11.26	1.09.15	Roger Squire	0.72	222.35
David Jones	8.42	57.48	<b>Chester RC 50 - 4 September</b>		
Barry Ralphs	7.45	1.17.15	John Flynn	29.05	2.05.18
Dave Fletcher	3.24	1.08.47	David Smith	22.58	2.24.32
			David Jones	20.36	1.57.27
			Paul Howarth	19.07	2.03.07
			Roger Squire	9.33	2.09.32
			Miles Jenkins	4.02	2.26.56

**North Shropshire Whs 25 - 28 August**

John Flynn	12.20	1.02.02
Bryan Cliff	12.01	1.01.48
Jenny York	12.01	1.05.10
Ben Griffiths	11.33	1.15.23
George Aldridge	11.01	1.05.02
David Smith	10.55	1.09.46
Dave Newton	10.36	1.01.35
Barry Ralphs	9.48	1.15.12
Justin McIlveen	9.34	56.26
Paul Howarth	9.31	59.00
Nigel Farr	9.24	1.05.31
Dave York	8.32	1.05.54
Steve Cornish	7.48	1.05.28
Julie Harrison	6.06	1.08.16
Ian Hawkins	5.52	1.01.38
Miles Jenkins	4.39	1.08.14
Roger Squire	4.10	1.02.50
Helen Tudor	1.12	1.09.55
Stephen Ireland		1.27.58

**VC Melyd 10 - 11 September**

Phil Guy	6.05	24.25
George Aldridge	5.30	24.04
Neil Boyle	5.23	25.52
Gareth Bowyer	4.39	21.15
Ben Griffiths	4.39	29.27
Justin McIlveen	4.25	21.05
David Smith	4.21	27.24
Nigel Farr	4.18	24.48
David Jones	3.10	22.32
Malcolm Tudor	2.56	30.38
Peter Booth	2.02	29.43
Stephen Ireland	2.01	32.05
Miles Jenkins	1.46	26.26
Helen Tudor	0.58	26.40
Susan Seller	0.15	30.15

**WCTCA 25 - 18 September**

Keith Nield	14.24	1.07.29	Justin McIlveen	10.10	55.07
Keith Boardman	12.49	1.11.33	David Jones	8.41	57.49
George Aldridge	12.39	1.03.24	Stephen Glenwright	6.47	1.03.17
Nigel Farr	11.37	1.03.18	Ian Hawkins	5.08	1.02.22
Gareth Bowyer	10.58	56.02	Miles Jenkins	4.50	1.07.53
Dave Smith	10.34	1.10.43	Susan Seller	1.58	1.16.22
Barry Ralphs	10.16	1.14.44	Roger Squire	1.48	1.05.12
			John Maddox	0.05	1.28.49

**SCOTLAND'S TABLES****100 MILE CHAMPIONSHIP - THE RILE TROPHY**

Name	Club	Age	Time	Standard	+ or -
Steve Beech	Sandy Wallace Cycles	61	4.13.31	5.43.51	1.30.20
Derek Stewart	Deeside Thistle CC	75	5.02.49	6.21.30	1.18.41
Philip Kelman	Deeside Thistle CC	47	3.54.40	5.09.51	1.15.11
Frank Gamwell	Perth United CC	67	4.45.27	5.59.27	1.14.00
Patricia Baird	Inverclyde Velo	46	4.33.08	5.26.24	53.16
Graeme Hay	Stirling Bike Club	42	4.07.05	4.58.29	51.24

**JIM SHARPE HANDICAP TROPHY**

Name	Club	Time	Handicap	Net Time
Graeme Hay	Stirling Bike Club	4.07.05	25.29	3.41.36
Philip Kelman	Deeside Thistle CC	3.54.40	05.48	3.48.52
Steve Beech	Sandy Wallace Cycles	4.13.31	24.07	3.49.24
Frank Gamwell	Perth United CC	4.45.27	48.50	3.56.37
Patricia Baird	Inverclyde Velo	4.33.08	34.29	3.58.39
Derek Stewart	Deeside Thistle CC	5.02.49	56.15	4.06.34

**BAR EDDY TAYLOR TROPHY AND BEN SMITH SHIELD**

	<i>Club</i>	25	50	100	<i>Agg. mph</i>	<i>Standard</i>	<i>+ or -</i>
Steve Nutley	Sandy Wallace Cycles	54.06	1.49.24	3.54.33	26.909	19.381	+7.528
Derek Stewart	Deeside Thistle	59.41	2.05.53	5.02.49	22.947	16.706	+6.241
Steve Beech	Sandy Wallace Cycles	59.17	2.01.28	4.13.31	24.555	18.535	+6.020
Philip Kelman	Deeside Thistle	53.56	1.54.02	3.54.40	26.562	20.570	+5.992
Norman Skene	Granite City R.T.	58.05	1.57.30	4.06.24	25.236	19.335	+5.901
James Cusick	Glasgow Couriers	54.03	1.51.02	4.00.30	26.572	20.724	+5-848
A.G.B. Washington	Caithness C.C.	1.05.05	2.13.07	4.49.09	22.111	16.830	+5.281
Carlos Riise	Shetland Wheelers	53.27	2.04.10	3.59.08	25.771	20.724	+5.047
Roger Sewell	Ross-shire Rds cc	1.02.11	2.07.22	4.33.08	23.214	18.173	+5.041
Christine McLean	Shetland Wheelers	1.00.36	2.03.17	2.03.17	23.633	18.952	+4.681
Frank Gamwell	Perth United CC	1.04.56	2.11.48	2.11.48	22.294	17.731	+4.563
Graeme Hay	Stirling Bike Club	55.57	1.55.14	1.55.14	25.709	21.353	+4.376
Patricia Baird	Inverclyde Velo	1.04.17	2.07.23	2.07.23	23.153	19.526	+3.627
Ian Wilson	Deeside Thistle	1.00.30	2.04.13	2.04.13	24.131	21.194	+2.937
Mark Tandy	Deeside Thistle	1.00.14	2.01.50	2.01.50	24.328	21.514	+2.514

**HARRY ROBERTS TROPHY - 50 MILE CHAMPIONSHIP**

Derek Stewart	Deeside Thistle CC	75	2.05.33	52.13
Steve Nutley	Sandy Wallace Cycles	55	1.49.24	43.51
Jocky Johnston	Team Icarus	69	2.06.23	43.36
Steve Beech	Sandy Wallace Cycles	61	2.01.28	38.46
Christine McLean	Shetland Wheelers	50	2.03.17	33.25
James Cusick	Glasgow Couriers	46	1.51.02	32.17
Stuart Easton	Stirling Bike Club	59	2.06.28	31.25
David Pritchard	Kennoway Road Club	54	2.06.24	29.42
Robert Cooper	Stirling Bike Club	71	2.23.41	28.32
Iain Binning	Stirling Bike Club	63	2.15.16	27.21
Mike Ferguson	Johnstone Wheelers	55	2.06.13	27.02
Patricia Baird	Inverclyde Velo	46	2.07.23	24.43
Graeme Hay	Stirling Bike Club	42	1.55.14	23.51
Shelley Farrar	Deeside Thistle CC	44	2.06.10	23.41
Errol Bennie	Glasgow Wheelers	60	2.17.01	22.02
Brendan McCabe	Aberdeen Wheelers	48	2.03.59	21.29
Michael Devlin	St. Christopher CC	69	2.30.03	19.56
Carlos Risse	Shetland Wheelers	46	2.04.10	19.09
Charles Gillies	Stirling Bike Club	52	2.13.24	16.27
Ian Wilson	Deeside Thistle CC	43	2.06.55	13.13
Katherine Wren	Stirling Bike Club	41	2.29.15	-2.43
Eric Eason	Glasgow Wheelers	66	DNF	

## THE TROPHY WINNERS

Eddy Taylor Trophy	BAR on standard	Steve Nutley	Sandy Wallace Cycles	+7.528
Ken Anderson Trophy	BAR Under 50 years	Philip Kelman	Deeside Thistle CC	+5.992
Jackie Connor Trophy	BAR most improved	Graeme Hay	Stirling Bike Club	+1.595
Ben Smith Shield	BAR actual fastest	Steve Nutley	Sandy Wallace Cycles	26.909
Jackie Potter Shield	BAR team on standard	Steve Nutley	Sandy Wallace Cycles	
		Steve Beech	Sandy Wallace Cycles	+13.548
Archie Speed Trophy	10,25,50 Plus Agg	Derek Stewart	Deeside Thistle CC	+88.06
John Cramb Trophy	25 mile Handicap	Patricia Baird	Inverclyde Velo	49.40net
Jim and Betty Train Trophy	10 mile Championship	Derek Stewart	Deeside Thistle CC	+09.10
Ben Smith Trophy	25 mile Championship	Derek Stewart	Deeside Thistle CC	+22.28
Pinky Williams Trophy	30 mile Championship	Derek Stewart	Deeside Thistle CC	+30.23
Harry Roberts Trophy	50 mile Championship	Derek Stewart	Deeside Thistle CC	+52.13
The Reilly Trophy	100 mile Championship	Steve Beech	Sandy Wallace Cycles	+90.20
Jim Sharpe Trophy	100 mile Handicap	Graeme Hay	Stirling Bike Club	3.41.36net
John Cusker Trophy	12 hour Championship	Carlos Riise	Riise Shetland Wheelers	+56.94 miles
Bill Lennon Trophy	Tour de Trossachs	Steve Nutley	Sandy Wallace Cycles	+16.29
Willie Smith Trophy	Boomerang 2up TT	Derek Stewart	Deeside Thistle CC	+27.54
Tom McGinness Trophy	Meritorious Award	George Berwick	Berwick Edinburgh RC	
Jim Lyon Trophy	60 + RR C/ship	Jocky Johnstone	Johnstone Team Icarus RT	
Jackie Connor Trophy	Road C/ship	Jocky Johnstone	Johnstone Team Icarus RT	

## 24 HOUR CHAMPIONSHIP

Philip Kelman	Deeside Thistle	47	479.192	373.53	+105.662
Mark Tandy	Deeside Thistle	41	411.870	390.79	+21.08
Ian Wilson	Deeside Thistle	43	394.148	384.95	+9.198
Alex Pattison	Angus Bike Chain		353.033		
Berwick/Jurczyk	Tandem		341.743		
Dave Stokes	Musselburgh RCC		298.190	Tricycle	

## JOHN CUSTER TROPHY - TWELVE HOURS

Carlos Riise	Shetland Wheelers	46	272.46	215.06	+56.94
Christine McLean	Shetland Wheelers	50	240.49	196.48	+44.01
Ian Wilson	Deeside Thistle	43	243.96	219.97	+23.99
Patricia Baird	Inverclyde Velo	46	241.66	202.49	+39.17
Mark Tandy	Deeside Thistle	41	240.49	223.30	+17.18

## BILL LENNON TROPHY

Steve Nutley	Sandy Wallace Cycles	55	1.13.46	1.30.34	+16.48
Jocky Johnstone	Team Icarus	69	1.24.42	1.40.16	+15.34
James Cusick	Glasgow Couriers	46	1.11.16	1.24.50	+13.34
Alan Solway	Kennoway RC	61	1.21.07	1.34.37	+13.30
Philip Kelman	Deeside Thistle	47	1.12.13	1.25.27	+13.14
Tom Gordon	Dooleys Cycles	47	1.14.53	1.25.27	+10.34
Graham Jones	Edinburgh RC	46	1.21.29	1.24.50	+03.21
Andrew Wilson	St. Christopher CC	61	1.40.30	1.34.37	-05.53
Katherine Wren	Stirling Bike Club	41	1.39.00	1.26.42	-12.18

### THE ARCHIE SPEED TROPHY

Name	Club	Age	10	25	50	Aggregate
Derek Stewart	Deeside Thistle CC	75	9.56	25.57	52.13	88.06
Jocky Johnstone	Team Icarus	69	8.23	19.47	43.36	71.46
A.B.G. Washington	Caithness C.C.	74	7.51	19.55	43.21	71.07
Steve Nutley	Sandy Wallace Cycles	55	7.27	19.43	43.51	71.01
Steve Beech	Sandy Wallace Cycles	61	7.15	17.54	38.43	63.52
Roger Sewell	Ross-shire Roads CC	63/64	6.45	16.44	35.15	58.53
Norman Skene	Granite City RT	55/56	5.48	15.44	35.45	57.17
Alan Solway	Kennoway R.C.	60/61	7.11	16.50	30.45	54.46
Christine McLean	Shetland Wheelers	50	5.21	14.53	33.25	53.39
James Cusick	Glasgow Couriers	46	6.21	14.59	32.17	53.37
Stuart Easton	Stirling BC	59	6.01	15.08	31.25	52.34
Philip Kelman	Deeside Thistle CC	47	5.29	15.37	30.21	51.27
Frank Garrwell	Perth United	67	5.55	15.45	35.42	46.42
Iain Binning	Stirling BC	63	6.23	11.38	27.21	45.22
Robert Cooper	Stirling BC	70/71	6.25	13.26	24.52	44.43
Mike Ferguson	Johnstone Wheelers	55	5.41	11.46	27.02	44.29
David Pritchard	Kennoway RC	54	4.27	12.35	25.42	42.04
Carios Riise	Shetland Wheelers	46	6.06	15.35	19.09	40.49
Graeme Hay	Stirling BC	42	4.13	11.03	23.41	38.57
Patricia Baird	Inverclyde Velo	46	4.36	08.59	24.43	38.18
Brendan McCabe	Aberdeen Wheelers	47	4.25	12.30	21.22	38.17
Errol Bennie	Glasgow Wheelers	60	5.01	10.49	21.02	36.52
Shelley Farrar	Deeside Thistle CC	44/43	4.12	09.46	22.35	36.33
Michael Devlin	St. Christopher CC	69	4.23	08.47	19.56	33.06
Tom Currungs	Fife Century RC	63	4.24	06.53	19.48	31.05
Charles Gillies	Stirling BC	52	3.02	05.55	16.27	25.24
Ian Wilson	Deeside Thistle CC	43	2.09	07.00	15.55	25.04
Andrew Wilson	St. Christopher CC	61	3.35	00.03	13.28	17.06
Katherine Wren	Stirling BC	41	0.13	00.17	-2.43	- 0.13

### NATIONAL BAR COMPETITION - THE FASTEST TEN

	Age	25	50	100	12 Hr	Ave Speed
N Bowdler	42	49:40	1:42:33	3:32:27	299.68	28.168
A Stapleton	45	51:34	1:47:05	3:44:59	270.58	26.580
K Platts	59	51:54	1:47:41	3:44:33	268.67	26.468
D Thompson	43	52:58	1:47:36	3:47:15	274.69	26.374
C Parkinson	49	52:54	1:47:52	3:52:20	281.63	26.365
A Miles	42	51:50	1:50:21	3:45:27	267.30	26.253
T Davies	43/44	53:01	1:48:41	3:51:12	277.27	26.238
G Millward	46	51:17	1:46:47	3:52:38	254.84	26.093
S Beldon	41/42	53:05	1:47:21	3:56:35	262.94	25.869
G Bowyer	42	53:26	1:52:51	3:52:25	254.01	25.410

### EAST ANGLIAN GROUP FOUR DISTANCE CHAMPIONSHIP 2011

Name	Age	10	25	50	100	Speed mph
Ken Platts	59	20.35	51.54	1.47.41	3.44.33	+8.976
Jim Reed	62	21.33	54.54	1.51.37	4.02.30	+7.940
Antony Stapleton	45	20.37	51.34	1.47.05	3.44.59	+6.899
John Golder	58	22.34	56.30	1.54.39	4.05.40	+6.603
Steven Shore	64	23.25	59.24	1.59.37	4.28.22	+6.104
Steve Irwin	40	21.02	51.53	1.50.09	3.48.30	+5.594
Peter Horsnell	81	26.47	1.08.06	2.17.58	4.55.07	+5.385
Laura Gambling	54	23.46	59.48	2.06.40	4.28.01	+5.344
Tony Panting	76	26.43	1.06.39	2.15.05	4.41.30	+5.253
Peter Walton	56	24.12	57.48	2.03.43	4.30.01	+4.680
Tony Clarke	61	25.22	1.04.12	2.09.07	4.43.18	+3.962
Tricia Goulden	50	24.02	1.03.00	2.09.49	4.45.24	+3.899
Gwen Cook	42	23.54	59.47	2.01.51	4.28.30	+3.758
Michael Rainton	65	26.03	1.06.10	2.21.49	4.52.21	+3.510
Michael Fry	50	24.03	1.00.32	2.09.01	4.31.02	+3.247
Trevor Kimber	50	24.30	1.01.44	2.10.02	4.33.09	+2.924
Ian Mackenzie (trike)	64/65	29.42	1.19.14	3.21.58	5.27.04	+1.114
<b>Team</b> Chelmer CC				Antony Stapleton, John Golder, Peter Horsnell		+18.887 mph

### EAST ANGLIAN GROUP LADIES BAR

Name	Age	10	25	30	Speed mph
Laura Gambling	54	23.46	59.48	1.12.12	+5.617
Tricia Goulden	50	24.02	1.03.00	1.10.11	+4.402
Sue Clarke	61	25.56	1.08.31	1.29.35	+3.245
Gwen Cook	42	23.54	59.47	1.19.41	+2.940

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(Please send in the missing details for inclusion in the next edition)

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Alex Munro	78	Cecil Hambelton	81	Bill Duffin	88	R W Loader	78
Frank Kerry	76	Brian James	81	Ron Hallam	81		
John Draper	74	Ron Purdy	80	Gill Henshaw	77		
Peter Knott	74	Chas Jepson	80	Keith Bentley	73		
Bill Lloyd	72	Connie May	78	Bill Wood	72		
Rod Goodfellow	72	Roy May	77	Jim Ithell	72		
Peter Lane	70	Ken Usher	77				
		Bill Gladwin	76				
		Alan Hodgson	75				
		Michael Richardson	71				
		John Pfeiffer	71				
		Jeff Marshall	70				
		Peter Cockbain	70				
		Gordon Wright	70				
Yorkshire		West		Manchester		Scotland	
P Yates	78	P Wilson	77	Derek Hodgins	77	A Washington	74
J Baines	73	J Murphy	71	P Hayhurst	73		
		Mick Fountain	70				
East Anglian							
T Blanchflower	85	L Finch	79	L Howell	75	T Anderson	71
E Fone	84	M Player	78	G Coles	75	M Burrow	71
T Wells	84	R Bush	77	E Saunderson	75	R Glover	71
Connie Tapper	82	B Tate	77	B Foster	74	Maureen Nichols	71
P Horsnell	81	J Caplin	76	E Jackson	74	D Rudkin	71
Mary Horsnell	80	D Yareham	76	B Swallow	74	G Swannack	71
P Baumber	80	T Panting	76	G Allum	73	B Broadfield	70
R Sheath	80	R Ross	75	K Nichols	73	A Hale	70
						M Hennessy	70



## CTT CHAMPIONS' NIGHT

**SATURDAY 21 JANUARY 2012**  
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## OBITUARIES

### JAMES HOLBEIN

The Scottish Group is sad to report that Jimmy, known to his contemporaries as 'Snakie', died on 19th September 2011 aged 84 years. He joined the Ivy Cycling Club in 1945 accompanied by his brother, Jackie and a friend, Neil Given, all from Possilpark, Glasgow.

He was club Novice Champion in 1946 and got the nickname, 'Snakie' from "The Colonel", Alex Jackson, because he always managed to weave his way to the front of the group. This success was followed in the future by winning other trophies including Senior Champion. In 1953 he represented Scotland at the Isle of Man Races. His cycling career had many high spots.

There was a downside, on long club runs and training sessions he was always up-front, urging everyone to do better; competition was fierce.

On the work front Jimmy was a Master Engraver, a craftsman, working with silver and gold engraving trophies for many clubs in the West of Scotland, attending Sports Meetings, Agricultural Shows etc to engrave medals and cups for prize winners as the events concluded. He was 70+ before he retired as his skill was in high demand. He engraved Ivy Cycling Club's and other club's trophies over a 55 year span.

A family man, Jimmy and Chris spent the majority of their married life in Bishopbriggs and had a son and daughter. Jimmy was a great clubman, sportsman and craftsman. He will be sadly missed by his family and close friends in Cycling.

### JOE STANSFIELD

The death has been announced of Joe Stansfield who died in hospital on the 9th of September 2011 at the age of 94.

Joe was both the oldest and the longest serving member of The Fylde Road Club and joined the Club in 1936. With the exception of the war years he was a continuously active member and held Club Records at both 100 miles and 12 Hours on his bicycle.

Joe was called-up for war service in 1939 and was one of those evacuated from Dunkirk after a very torrid time. After only two weeks' leave he was sent to the Far East and became a prisoner of war in Japanese hands almost immediately after the fall of Singapore. His basic fitness and determination enabled him to survive where so many thousands perished.

Joe returned home weighing less than six stones but as soon as he was able he resumed his cycling and quite quickly regained weight, strength and fitness. He rarely spoke of his traumatic experiences and then only to close friends.

Joe returned to his pre-war job of bus driver for Blackpool Corporation and continued to do so until his retirement. He was married twice with the first marriage being dissolved shortly after the war and his second wife, and very happy marriage, was to Phyllis who was the widow of a clubmate Fred Hayes. Joe and Phyllis shared a mutual interest in Ballroom Dancing and they achieved considerable success in this field. Phyllis, unfortunately,

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died in 2006 since when Joe lived on his own and was totally self sufficient.

Joe became an avid Tricyclist and broke very many age-related records, particularly at 10 and 100 miles and he continued to ride his beloved trike for shopping right until the end.

We shall not see his like again!

Joe's funeral was held in Watford where his step-daughter lives. It was followed with a Service of Memorial of his life held at The White Church in Lytham St. Annes on Saturday 22nd October.

*John Lewis*

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Geoff Greenwood was arguably the finest time triallist to don the famous colours of the West Pennine Road Club. That is no light statement when considering that there have been World and National Champions within its ranks.

Between the years of 1960 and 1989 Geoff dominated the Prize Presentation at the West Pennine annual dinner, winning the Blue Riband Time Trial Championship no fewer than on 16 occasions and the Veteran's award nine times. In doing so he held individual Club Records at every distance between 10 miles and 12 hours, with his 100 mile record of 3:56:58 set in 1983 still standing. His 12 hour record of 268.28 miles in 1972 is also the best ever recorded by a West Pennine member. Geoff's membership of the 50, 100 and 12

Hour Club Team Records is still unbeaten.

With rides of such class, it comes as no surprise that the name of Geoff Greenwood became respected at both Regional and National level in Time Trialling circles. Best All Rounder in the North Lancs area (NLTTA) in 1971 and 1973, his efforts of 1972 propelled him to 6th place in the British Best All Rounder competition, a precursor to what was arguably his best season the following year. Top class rides at the three distances saw Geoff claim a masterly 3rd place in the BBAR, heading the West Pennine to 2nd place in the Team Award, a feat repeated in 1980.

Geoff was honoured with Life Membership of the Club after being part of the trio who claimed the team prize in the 1963 National Hill Climb Championship, which was no more than he deserved. The following 20 years saw the finest era of not only Geoff's cycling career, but also the West Pennine Road Club, domination unlikely to be surpassed.

It is with sadness that the Club reflects on the life of Geoff Greenwood, but equally the sense of pride and thanks we feel of the legacy left by a Great Man.

Geoff died on 13th October after a short illness and the funeral took place at St. Mary's Church, Bagby, North Yorkshire on Friday 21st October.

*Richard Taylor*

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## TALES FROM THE RAF

I read with interest Alan Colburn's account of the RAF Five Day Time Trial in July 1951 as I was at that time completing my two years of National Service at RAF Newton.

Although I cannot recall the event myself, it did remind me of a ride which I had undertaken in 1950.

At that time, January to July 1950, I was stationed at RAF Melksham, completing Trade Training. A few of us had learned that if one was training for an 'official sport' then one was excused CO's Parade on Saturday mornings.

Thus it was one Saturday morning in late March I, along with a colleague named Don (I can only remember his first name, would it have been Don McKellow?) and that his home was at 47, or was it 147, something Road in Gloucester, set off for our training ride.

When we reached Don's home in Gloucester, I decided to continue to my own home in Notts. The weather worsened, it began to rain, not heavily but enough; I was dressed in only a short shirt, a sleeveless pullover and shorts.

In Wolverhampton it was obvious I wasn't going to get home before dark so I bought a set of lights from a small bike shop and continued my journey, reaching home at about 9.00pm. I started back for Melksham at 5pm on Sunday and, reaching Gloucester at about 11pm sought out Don's home and found him preparing to take the train back to camp. His parents gave me a pair of trousers to travel in and even loaned me half-a-crown for my fare. We got back to camp in time for breakfast and back to class to resume our training. I will append my phone number in case anyone who recognises he incident would like to get in touch. 01633 750287

Peter Morris



## THE 24 HOUR FELLOWSHIP

I've just read your column more closely in the latest (September) issue of *The Veteran* where you mention 'It's a pity there wasn't a reporter at the Southern ESCA 24 hour in June.'

I took over the role of Editor of the 24 Hour Fellowship Magazine last year and as you're probably aware, there are just two issues a year and within the last one for autumn that 24 and the Mersey were reported. (I end up writing most of it myself!)

The 24 Hour Fellowship had its AGM on the 5th of November and we are always looking at ways of expanding our membership and readers and I asked at the meeting about having a ¼ page advert for next year. At the moment we seem to be losing the same amount of members as we are gaining (usually through them passing away) and I'm trying to address the situation.

I enclose a copy of the Autumn edition of the *News*, the report on the ESCA 24 is within so please use any part of it you wish.

The Fellowship is not too bad for £5 a year; it covers the 24 hour events, usually the Championship 12, the Anfield 100 and any RRA record attempt that's worth reporting. In fact, next Spring's edition will have the full low down on the Jerome Walters—James Cracknell End-to-End tandem attempt.

I follow Lynne to most of her races and being an RRA Observer obviously puts me in a position to do my reports.

John Taylor

Note:

*A comprehensive description of the ESCA 24 (6500 words), which included the VTTA and CTT Championships, is available from John Taylor, for an excerpt, please see page 7*



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