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and more



Brian Camfield

As previously announced, there was no Prize Presentation as such following the AGM on the 2nd of February.

However, prizewinners were invited to attend, although few took advantage of the chance of the free refreshments and the opportunity to take part in the debate.

Our cover star, Derek Stewart was a delegate as well as a prizewinner, as was Brian Camfield.



Nigel Farr and Phil Guy

Thirty Mile Tandem Champions, Nigel Farr and Phil Guy missed the meeting due to hold-ups on the way but made it in time to collect their medals from the President.

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In My Time



**Memoirs of a Sporting Cyclist
by Mick Coward**

I have been a cyclist for over 60 years, starting as a novice club rider with '34 Nomads CC on through my amateur days to become a professional road racer, then finally re-instated back to amateur again where I am still at it as a veteran time triallist. Within the 203 pages of this book, you will find stories of my racing days, my working days, mostly in the cycle trade, plus other segments of my life.

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OFFICIALS' REPORTS

PRESIDENT

Our worthy President is on holiday in Australia as this edition goes to press and, rather than let an issue go by without a mention of him, the 'untouched' copy of the cover photograph is shown herewith.



EDITORIAL

Judging by the response of the delegates at the AGM on the 2nd of February, the new standards in the 'tweaked' form, have become accepted, albeit in some cases with scepticism. Consequently many of us hope that 2013 can proceed with much less lamenting. The apparent surge in membership, particularly from younger riders, speaks volumes!

It's the *Performance Awards* which are likely to be the year's source of debate. Those who have made an annual submission for medals now have to learn a new procedure whilst others might not find it so confusing.

The explanation provided by Bill Lloyd on page 42 should clarify the procedure and further questions will be cheerfully answered by Steve Lockwood. Applicants may use the specimen forms should they wish, although full sized copies may be downloaded from the web site.

The other quite intriguing introduction for the new season is the *Short Distance Competition*.

Due to the loss of some 100 mile events, there were 91 qualifiers in the 2012 Three Distance Competition compared with 142 in 2011. One can imagine that three or four hundred might qualify for two rides at 10 miles and two at 25, even more perhaps. An opening here maybe for the older riders who find the longer distances too arduous. The L de Camelis Bowl will be awarded to the winner with medals and certificates as with the other competitions.

It looks like being a busy year for Group Recorders!



NATIONAL SECRETARY

As many of you will know, I announced at the National AGM on 2 February 2013 that I would not be standing for re-election in 2014. Although 2014 seems a long way away, it is not too soon for you to start thinking about who will be my successor.

My first experience of secretarial work was in 1995 when I became Secretary of the Manchester & NW Group. A long-standing member of the Group who had previous extensive experience on the Group Committee as Time Trials Secretary and Recorder approached me after the election. His words to me were, "The job is as big as you want to make it." He was right and I made it as big as I wanted to for 13 very enjoyable years.

In 2005, when asked by the National Chairman if I would take the position of National Minutes Secretary, I was willing to do so. In 2007 I added the other secretarial duties to the task of writing the minutes when I became General Secretary. I now feel that it is time for someone else to take over and gain as much satisfaction from doing the job as I have.

The ideal situation would be for someone to be co-opted on to the NEC now so that they can observe what NEC members do, not just at the meetings but also during the times in between meetings. They would then have first hand knowledge of the duties involved in being National Secretary. Please give this some serious thought – you will not regret doing your best for our unique Association.

*Ann Butterworth
Secretary*

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AROUND THE GROUPS

SURREY - SUSSEX



The Group's annual lunch and prize presentation was held at Rowfant House once again at the end of January. Large quantities of good food, even enough for the Group 30 mile champion Steve Dennis who managed three helpings of chicken pie, two of braised beef and then several large portions of Pavlova and apple crumble.

Esther welcomed the guests and ladies. Chris Watts, who had been a stalwart of Surrey and Sussex cycling was mentioned. Chris, it seemed, during her long service as District Secretary, had a penchant for making sure everything was done correctly and, inevitably, would send event organisers letters after their events advising of some minor or major indiscretion. Esther recounted one event she was organising and received the obligatory letter from Chris in April – some three months before the event was to be held!

Esther thanked the many wives and partners for their assistance. As she rightly pointed out, without their support the Group and cycling in

general would be the poorer. She then welcomed our guest of honour Sheila Hardy, CTT Chairman (I am old fashioned and have no intention of bowing to the "chair person" nomenclature).

Sheila gave a fine speech about the Group and avoided the contentious subjects of religion and politics, although she did mention the new standards. Sheila (who was so nice that even I can call her that rather than madam Chairman) has promised, assuming she is still Chairman of the CTT, to award the prizes at the 24 Hour in June 2014 (it is the VTTA National Championship as well as CTT).

However, the main focus of Sheila's attendance was to present Group and cycling stalwart Mick Kilby with his RTTC badge of honour for his unstinting work for the sport and especially timekeeping. Mick's long-suffering wife was heard to say "I miss out on the quality time with Mick, but he is so happy timekeeping".

Keith then gave his usual annual update, although as the National AGM was after the lunch this year he could not update on that, so he talked about the snow, bemoaning the lack of "spirit" these days. He recounted a tour he did in the winter of 1963 to East Anglia. He and his friend arrived at the Youth Hostel for the night after 70 miles to be greeted with "how did you get here - we've been cut off by the deep snow for two days?"

Sheila Hardy awarded the prizes to the few prize-winners who had made the effort to attend. I am glad she did, as she spotted that I had given her the wrong medal for one recipient.

The main awards have been mentioned in previous reports, but the one that is not announced until the lunch is the Sportsman's trophy and this year Ann Human was the recipient. Ann does the result boards and sheets for the Group and lots of other events. The shock is to get home after the event to find the

result already sitting in your email inbox. At least in the old days you had a week or two before you had to face reality!

There is little to report after the National AGM, other than that Bob Harber, attending for the first time, was apparently on his feet a number of times but managed to avoid being ejected by security. The standards will be tweaked, although I am not sure what that means in reality. The old problem of members being excluded because they did not fill in the relevant part of the CTT entry form has been removed, although this was not a great shock. However, the CTT Internet entry form now includes a box for the VTTA bits. I only know this because I have entered the ESCA hard-riders event, which will be long over by the time you read this.

Subscriptions for 2013 for the Surrey/Sussex Group have been kept at £11.00 for individual members and £12.00 for couples, with an extra £10 payable to register for standard awards at all distances. Don't forget you have only until the end of March at the latest to renew, so please send payment to Keith Wilkinson.

For 2014 the National levy on the subs will go up by a £1, so don't be surprised if Group subs go up by at least this amount.

And last but not least, we would like to welcome John Cole (Tooting BC), Jay Chisnall (Brighton Mitre), Fred Green (29th Wheelers) and Chris Beales (La Fuga Sigma Sport).

Tim Carpenter

LONDON AND HOME COUNTIES

The lead up to the year end was saddened by the news of the death of Roger Queen, who died of a cardiac arrest while out on his bike. (See obituary elsewhere). Also recorded was the passing of Rocco Richardson, Ted Stiles, John Webb and Pete Wilks.

After the Group AGM in November, we have a new Committee member in David Mee of the Marlboro C & AC; this will be an asset as David has been a cyclist for more years than I can remember, having first met him in the early 70's

when the Marlboro were a strong team with the likes of Graham West and Malcolm Amey, winning many team awards on the old F4 courses around the northern edge of the big City.

A reminder to all members who have not paid their subs is that Chas is waiting with open hands for your cheques (£12 single, £15 couple - apologies for the wrong figures quoted in the last issue) so get those cheques in the post; his address is 22 The Horse Close, Emmer Green, Reading RG4 8TT or you may transfer payment to:

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The subs must be paid by 31 March or you will not be able to be party to the new **Performance Awards** or the exciting new **Short Distance Competition**.

Looking ahead at the New Year, the Group had a very good Lunch and Prize Presentation on 26 January although we were down on numbers; by my count, only 48 sat down, which was well below what we have had in the last few years and certainly not like the old days at either London Colney or St Albans College when we would have 100 or more and needed amplification for the speaker to be heard; this was stated by Cecil Hamblton during the cross-toasting that went on over the meal.

The main speaker was Greg Lewis, group member and also District Secretary of CTT London West. Introduced as representative of the 'New Blood' mentioned so often as an urgent necessity, Greg enlightened us all describing how he came into the sport from windsurfing and had to revert to cycling to keep fit. He spoke about how new younger people coming into the sport want to use the new technology that is available not only in bikes but computer aids which allow athletes to check out their ride against others in various parts of the country. He mentioned the Strada website which allows this and talked about all the work that

had gone into the new Standards, suggesting that we should let them settle down before we do any more adjustment.

The response from Chairman Roy May welcomed us all to this, the 70th (Platinum) Anniversary of the London Group, the first of the subsequent 16 Groups. He mentioned the very nice commemorative pen given to all present stating this would be followed by a notebook to those attending the 75th Lunch. He thanked the Committee for all their support during the year and then he handed out a number of the awards for the year under the Master of Ceremonies' stewardship in the person of Group Secretary and acting Awards Secretary, Jim Burgin.

Prizewinners in attendance were:

Andrew Halliday
Jim Mackay
John Francis
John Sullivan
Peter Cockbain
Richard Williams
Robert Gilmour
Simon Greenland
Stanley Bennett
Stuart Simmonds

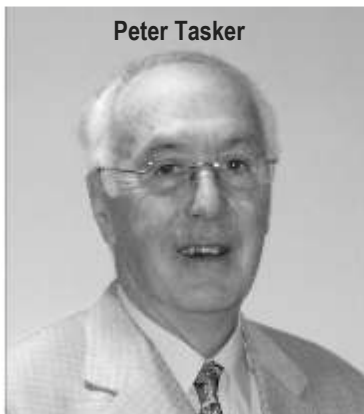
which left 26 who didn't make it.

The full list of prize-winners is published on the VTTA website

The afternoon finished with a free raffle with a large selection of varying prizes, many of which were donated by those present.

The group has, for the first time, done away with actual awarding of the Trophies as few attend to collect them; making the effort of cleaning, transportation and returning them back to storage an almost pointless and certainly disheartening process for the disconsolate individual responsible for the procedure.

Instead winners are presented with an A4 photograph of the trophy with the addition of a citation beneath and, on the rear of the picture, a list of previous winners.



I am pleased to record the awarding of Honorary Life Membership to Brian Rogers of the Farnborough and Camberley CC who reach 80 on the 1st of August last year. Brian has served the sport at many levels during most of his membership of the VTTA, albeit for the RTTC. He is currently not in the best of health but has hopes of disinterring his bike during

the coming fine weather which is imminent! (The fine weather that is).

We welcome eight new members so far this year and they are:

Andy Sharman
Michael McDonald
Gareth Batson
Stephen Campbell
Dave Wentworth
Tim Childs
Ian Beale
Terry Gambles

At 40, Gareth has the distinction of being the youngest in the Group and Tim Childs adds to the ever increasing membership of riders from the Westerley CC - a club which is enjoying a huge upsurge, albeit just loosing its highly regarded President, Bob Kynaston.

Have you watched the track cycling on ITV 4, (the Revolution meetings), on once a month at 8pm? It is good to see cycling on the TV, which might encourage more people into the sport.

Well, not a lot more from me this time; the winter weather with snow on the ground as I type this does not encourage the riding of the bike. so let's hope the warmer sunny conditions are not too distant; the first group event is but six weeks away, so get training you keen riders.

London Group Lunch Photos



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MANCHESTER & NORTH WEST



I am starting to write this report on my birthday and note that I share it with Jimmy Tarbuck (73), Kevin Whatley (62) and Gayle Hunnicutt (70), which unfortunately isn't giving me much inspiration. February is never a very friendly month for cyclists: cold, wet and falls on ice are a regular occurrence. However, the last local event of 2012, the M&DTTA 10 held on 9 December, didn't have ice to cope with, just floods. Luckily the heavy rain had eased off by the 11 o'clock start and most of the depleted field had a dry ride. The event promoter Dave Fearon (Weaver Valley) had arranged for the computer/projector to show the results on the big screen at the Goostrey HQ and his efforts on the bike were equally first class. Dave was second fastest in 23:51. Scott Burns (Manchester Wheelers Club) won the event in 23:01, with Peter Greenwood (Clayton Velo) third with 24:23. Four tandems and a tandem trike also competed, with the Janus RC pairing of Brian Anthony and Richard Gregory fastest in 27:55, whilst their team-mates Peter Brocklehurst and Peter Daniel, on three wheels, were four seconds inside evens. After the prizes had been distributed in front of an appreciative audience at the HQ, there was time to move to Chelford Church for the Cyclists' Carol Service. The Group Lunch & Prize Presentation was held

at the Masonic Hall, Middlewich on Sunday 25 November, where Arthur Winstanley (Phoenix CC Aintree), our Guest of Honour, was welcomed, along with the other guests, by Christine Ashworth. Her excellence in this capacity guarantees her to be first choice for years to come. Arthur, an accomplished rider, is also an accomplished raconteur and brought peals of laughter from the assembly. Derek Hodgins, our Group Three Distance Competition winner, did his usual stint running a well-supported raffle. The prizes were presented by our Guest of Honour with the assistance of our Group Recorder Tony Farrell. In response to the toast to the prize-winners, Brian Camfield (64) the current VTTA National 100 Mile Champion and Group BAR, included a positive reference to the new Standards used for the first time to determine the prize-winners. Another first was the use of 11 round tables, comfortably seating the 84 present. Helen Gresty, our Social Secretary responsible for organising this function, including the change of seating arrangement, received a well-deserved round of applause.

The same venue was used again in January for the Annual Lunch and Prize Presentation of the M&DTTA, with 103 in attendance. Derek and Barbara Hodgins had made all the arrangements on behalf of the Association for the 17th consecutive year with, as usual, Derek acting as MC. Leigh Premier, Wills Wheels and Manchester Wheelers Club provided the major prize-winners, both individually and in the team competitions. All except two were there to receive their awards personally. Amongst them was our Group Secretary, Denise Hurst, with her left hand/wrist still out of action (no car, no bike) following her accident during the 12 hour. Despite the accident, Denise is the Association's Ladies 12 hour Champion. The prizes were presented by Mavis Tweedale, sister of Barbara Goulden, who has just retired after being the Association's Secretary for 28 years. Carole Pardoe, an active member of the Seamons CC, has filled the vacancy.

At the Group's AGM in November, it was agreed that a Special General Meeting be held on

Sunday 20 January 2013 to discuss the National AGM agenda and mandate the delegates. Brian Camfield had already volunteered to be one of our allocation of three delegates and, as a member of the NEC, I would be another. A third delegate was not forthcoming. There were only eight at the SGM, but each proposal was thoroughly discussed and the two delegates well briefed.

Moving to the National AGM itself on 2 February 2013, that also had a much reduced attendance (a total of 44), not all Groups being represented. The outcome will be given in detail in this issue of *The Veteran*. *The proposal to introduce Performance Awards* for individual riders was of particular interest and the proposal was passed in the belief that these will be more readily achievable. With immediate effect, these replace the current Standard Awards. Championships and competitions will not be affected by this rule change, which will still be won on Standard. There are no changes in the composition of the NEC, although Ann Butterworth let it be known that she would not be seeking re-election at the next AGM. Ann will have been the Association's National Secretary for seven years.

I received better news from our other lady casualty, Mary Joynson (Kidsgrove Wheelers), whose injuries, reported last time, were sustained in a Two-Up with her husband Dave on 29 September 2012. Her neck-brace has now been removed and Mary made her first short ride in mid-January.

A last reminder from Treasurer Jim Gresty, who is hoping to have received subscriptions from everyone before it is too late (1 April). Jim is at 7 Balmoral Drive, Market Drayton, Shropshire TF9 1RJ (01630 654943). If the new Performance Awards attract you more than last year's Standard Awards, you will need to register with Tony Farrell, Lealtad, Brook Edge Lane, Adlington, Cheshire SK10 4JU. £10 will cover all events at all distances.

The Association has been subjected to some criticism lately, mainly concerning the new Standards. Looking at page 84 of the current

CTT handbook did remind me that we do get value from our subscriptions. We have joined a 'club' which has about 3,000 members, promotes 84 events a year, maintains records reaching back 70 years and produces four glossy magazines and a Handbook annually and, when you have lived long enough, all the foregoing is free.

I'll end with my hope for you all that 2013 is accident-free and brings you the PB you hope for.

Jim Ogden

MERSEYSIDE



The Merseyside Group's 51st annual prize presentation was held on Sunday 20 January at the Cheshire View in Chrisleton. There was good attendance with 73 people enjoying a traditional Sunday lunch of roast beef and Yorkshire pudding. Given this was the weekend of lots of snow, everyone had made an effort to be there. Our President and Vice President Doreen and Harry Mahar were there, and it was really good to see them.

Our recently appointed Chairman, Keith Nield welcomed our guests and visitors. He told us a little about himself and his cycling career. Keith also commented on the new standards, and the effort needed for Keith to beat his personal standards! Thankfully, everyone was able to

laugh with him.

Tony and Carol Lord from Rhos on Sea were guests, in recognition of and as a thank you for all the help Rhos on Sea CC gave in the National 10 in May.

Keith congratulated Phil Guy on a successful event. Keith also acknowledged that our group trophies were allocated to Open events in the Liverpool DC calendar, and thanked the WCTTCA, Mid Shropshire Wheelers, Rhyl CC, Phoenix (Aintree) CC, North Shropshire Wheelers, SCCA and LTTCA for promoting the events in which our trophies were awarded.

Our special guests were Gordon and Maureen Pierce of Port Sunlight Wheelers. Gordon works hard for time trialling in Merseyside, Chairman of Port Sunlight Wheelers, a delegate to the WCTTCA and on the Liverpool DC committee. Gordon congratulated all the prize-winners on their achievements. He spoke of how pleased he was with the success of Christine Wilcock's season. Gordon recognised the hard work all the riders put in training and competing throughout the year.

Phil Guy announced all the award recipients. He started by awarding certificates of Honorary Life Membership to (in no particular order!) Dave Swales, Bill Hanson, Jim McKnight and Gordon Roberts. This recognises 25 years membership of the VTTA at 80 years old, and it was really nice that all four were present on the day to collect their certificates.

Standard medals and plaques were awarded to Dave Eccleston, Geoff Edgerton and Dave Swales (one medal); Nigel Farr, Dave Nicholas and Phil Guy (two medals); Dave Smith and John Maddox (plaque for three); Dave York and Roger Squire (plaque for four); Neil Boyle, Andy Clarke, Gary Maoudis, John Flynn, Keith Nield, Mike Armstrong and Helen Tudor (plaque for five); and finally Jenny York and Arthur Winstanley who received a plaque for six standards.

Phil then moved onto the group trophies:

Caroline Smethurst, Rhos on Sea CC in her first year as a VTTA member won the Hilda Dover

Cup for best lady on standard in the National 10.

Roy Sumner, Port Sunlight Wheelers won the Walvale Trophy for best on standard and the Brooke Cup for fastest on actual in the Phoenix CC 25.

Mike Armstrong, Liverpool Century RC had the honour this year of being nearest to +0.02 in the Phoenix CC 25 and won the Ted Fitzpatrick Shield. Mike also won the Lanterne Rouge for last place in the three distance table.

There are two awards each year decided by the committee. The Meritorious Cup was awarded this year to Helen Tudor; Oswestry Paragon CC. Helen lost both her parents suddenly at the beginning of 2012. Helen continued to compete, to carry out her duties as Liverpool DC Open Events Secretary, and be an official for her club in these very difficult circumstances. Whilst collecting this award, Helen thanked everyone for all their help and support throughout the year.

The George Butler Memorial Cup is awarded each year for outstanding services to the Group. Geoff and Sandra Chaplin were the surprised and pleased recipients of the trophy this year. Anyone who time trials in Merseyside will have seen Geoff and Sandra completing the result board at events. They did an excellent job of this in the National 10, and we hope this award goes some way to recognising their hard work.

The remaining trophies were shared between four excellent riders.

Arthur Winstanley, Phoenix (Aintree) CC won the John Clucas Memorial Trophy for best on standard and the George Hayes Trophy for fastest on actual in the WCTTCA 30. He also won the Dick Corris Memorial Trophy on standard and the Eddie Gradden Trophy for fastest in the Mid Shropshire Wheelers 50. Arthur was best 12 hour ride of the year on standard and won the B W Bentley Rose Bowl.

Justin McIlveen, Rhos on Sea CC, won the Ron Yates Trophy for best on standard, and the Leo Madden Trophy for fastest on actual in the WCTTCA 10. Justin also won the Joe Brooke Trophy for best on standard and the Gomersal

Cup for fastest on actual in the North Shropshire Wheelers 25.

Gareth Bowyer, Rhos on Sea CC won the Oscar Dover Shield for best on standard and the Derek Ireland Cup for fastest on actual in the National 10. Gareth also won the Colin Rutter Cup on standard and the WJ Smith Rose Bowl for fastest in the Rhyl CC 25. The fastest 100 of the year, winning the Dave Towell Cup and the best 100 of the year on standard winning the Bill Hanson Cup were Gareth's too. To round all this off, Gareth won the 12 hour cup for the best 12 hour ride of the year.

Finally the Best All Rounder awards were made. Certificates were awarded to all group members who qualified for the three distance, four distance and ladies BAR competitions.

The Group Ladies Champion on Standard taking the Doreen Mahar Rose Bowl and Group Ladies Champion on Actual taking the Dave Swales Cup was Christine Wilcock, Port Sunlight Wheelers.

The Group Four Distance BAR Champion taking the Tom Johnson Memorial Cup, the Group 3 Distance Champion on Standard taking the Wally Gradden Cup, the Group Three Distance Champion on actual taking the Bill Taylor Memorial Shield was Gareth Bowyer, Rhos on Sea CC.

Gareth replied on behalf of the prize-winners. He had wondered whether to talk about the new standards, but thought that would be too controversial! He considered talking about Lance whatsisname 'nough said! He decided to keep it simple and safe so went on to thank everyone concerned with running time trials, organisers, timekeepers, marshals, for making the sport what it is.

Harry Mahar ran the prize draw to finish off a super afternoon.

By the time you are reading this, the 2013 season will have started, and you will be aware of the changes to the rules and regulations that were agreed at the National AGM. I hope you are pleased with the new Standard tables and the Performance Award criteria. I look forward to

seeing what effect the changes have on the Group results this season.

Mo Cliff

MIDLANDS



Although snowy conditions meant a few guests were unable to make the celebratory Awards lunch, quality made up for quantity. Guest speaker, Joe Summerlin, Chairman of the VTTA Notts & East Midland Group and member of the UK Anti Doping Agency, was made welcome. Joe evoked a few memories from the past from Master of Ceremonies, Alan Coburn. Although Joe Summerlin and Alan had ridden the same RAF five day Stage race, they had no knowledge of each other at that time. The event was run in 1951 and is, Alan believes, unique in that the seven stages were all time trials. The RAF wanted to hold it as a road event, but lacked the organisation and political will-power to run it at the time. However, the following year it did become a road race. Overnight stays were at RAF stations and the route was between Henlow, North Luffenham, Cranwell, Newton, Bottesford, Cosford, Innsworth, Abingdon and Halton, a total of 374 miles. Joe was riding for RAF Honiley and Alan represented RAF Halton. 156 riders took part and number 102 was Joe Summerlin. Alan got

pulled out with a saddle abscess. No further comment!

After welcoming everyone to the Awards lunch and prize presentation, Andrew Simpkins, our Chairman, invested new President, Peter Rose, who said a few words. He too remembered Joe, but this time as one of the race commissaires from the BCF road races. Andrew made a toast to the Queen and then we tucked into a delicious three course meal. Once again this was organised perfectly by Greta Spiers and assisted cheerfully by Alan.

In between courses, Peter Rose awarded the wooden spoon. He confessed he was quite surprised to win it himself last year and was pleased to be passing it on to the person he felt responsible for the New Standards - the younger and faster riders seemed to be winning all the prizes, therefore he was awarding the spoon to Steve Lockwood!

Then Stuart thanked all the Group members for another successful year and welcomed them to the lunch, in particular Rob Weare who, despite his accident (exactly one year ago), still managed to win everything.

Joe Summerlin proposed a toast to the group, including its enthusiastic bunch of officials, who he hoped would be looked after and cherished as the strength of the group, as well as acknowledging the generosity of sponsorship from Echelon. Joe gave a fascinating account of testing for illegal substances within sport. He discussed some of the substances regularly used and which sports were affected most. It seems that not just professional sports people

are subject to testing but also amateurs, including time triallists. Testing is likely to take place both in Open and Club events this season. Joe fielded various questions from the audience and answered them expertly, providing much insight into this topical subject.

Andrew responded with thanks to Joe for a very interesting and informative talk. He talked about his sons who are all runners and the corrosive effect that those who do cheat have on others, especially the young who need the right sort of role models to look up to.

A toast was made to the prize winners by Sue Kelly and the trophies and medals were distributed by Tim. I am not going to list all those who were successful in receiving an Award as these can be found on the VTTA website (Midlands); however, I would like to mention that the Martin Ellis Memorial Trophy went to Mick Ford. Unfortunately Mick wasn't able to be present due to the treatment he is having, but I think you would agree he was a very worthy winner.

Tim himself had a good season considering the limited time he has available for training, and managed to get down to a respectable 20:29. He is excited about the new competition rules for 2013. Don't forget to check these out if you are unfamiliar with them.

Rob Weare responded on behalf of the prize-winners and thanked Echelon for their exceptional contribution over the last five years. He extended his thanks to all event organisers and especially to the marshals who have had to put up with the weather. He concluded with a

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mention of the new Standards which have produced a level playing field, so thanks to Andrew and Steve for their original proposal. All in all another successful season.

After a final wind up from Alan, guests were free to mingle before braving the wintry conditions waiting.

Miranda Harris

NORTH



What of our annual Luncheon and Prize Presentation, which was held on Sunday the 13th January at our usual venue, Hardwick Hall Hotel, at Sedgefield. Attendance (at 64) was slightly down on last year but was about our average for recent years. However, if the numbers were disappointing there was nothing disappointing about the quality of the meal and the service; the high standard and excellent value which we have come to expect from this venue made for a most enjoyable event. It is expected that the event will be held on the same week-end in 2014 and I would urge all members, particularly the prize-winners, to mark this in their diaries.

The only sad note regarding the function was that Norman Bielby and Pat were unable to attend due to Norman being in hospital after being taken ill on a charity walk, I understand

that he is improving steadily and hopefully will make a full recovery. Norman is not a member who features prominently in our lists of prize-winners but has done more for the future of our sport than most, particularly with promoting young riders.

Also missing was our most prolific prize-winner Terry Bashford, due to family illness.

When you read this you should have received your new National Handbook which will contain the Rules & Regulations changes agreed at the AGM. The major change which you will see is the demise of "Standards" as we have known them; in future, you will have "Individual Performance Awards" and although at the time of writing I do not know exactly how these will work, it seems that basically they will be the same except that riders will set their own level of performance. I assume that riders will start again with a clean sheet and after setting their "Individual Performance", they will subsequently apply annual increments in accordance with a new set of tables which are to be produced. We will also have a new National competition based on two 10s and two x 25s.

A reminder: our event promoters can always use helpers, so please offer your services and make our event secretaries' jobs easier. Our first event this season is Jim Allen's 25 on course M25/10 on Sunday 5 May, with the Nouveau Shield for first on Standard. Another of our trophies, the Jubilee Cup, is on offer in Ruth Crossley's 25 which is on Saturday 8 June, this for first on Standard. The date of our Hill Climb Championship is Sunday 6 October and it will be incorporated into the Cleveland Wheelers' event which is to be held on Carlton Bank. This is an event which favours the younger rider so why not give it a go; the Jim Burton trophy is up for grabs.

G.E.D.

NORTH MIDLANDS

The weather in the first two weeks of January was kind enough to let me get some miles in and make an impact on an over indulgent



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festive period. Having said that, I still feel as if a deep filled mince pie is still lurking in my system somewhere.

The ensuing onslaught of winter brought my road miles to an abrupt end. That meant getting the turbo set up in an attempt to offset the lack of miles. The cold weather reinforced my belief that I should have been born about 20 degrees nearer to the equator.

Our 34th Annual Luncheon and Awards presentation took place in November last year and proved to be another successful event. John Fitch chaired the proceedings and Phil Ragsdale welcomed the Guests of Honour, Ron and Pat Hallam.

Jim Goodwin responded with his usual humorous stories before Ron Hallam addressed the gathering.

Ron expressed his concern about the new Standards and also about the lack of interest in the running of the Groups.

The awards were presented by Ron Hallam assisted by John Clarke and Barbara Scott. Gordon Scott took pictures, which are on our web site. Trophy Winners are listed in the results pages.

There were also 18 members picking up Standard awards. Well done to all prize-winners.

The Group's AGM in December saw the Officials agreeing to do another term. However, in the meantime, Treasurer and Recorder Barbara Scott has got some help at last in the form of Phil Morgan. Phil has agreed to take over as Recorder in 2014 following some training by Barbara.

The Group's first event of the season is the 18k in March; an ideal event to get competitors into race mode for the challenges ahead. If you are competing, best of luck and safe riding. We tend to give competitors the limelight with their achievements, but let's not forget the event organisers and assistants who put on these events year in and year out. Good luck and a big thank you to them.

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Group results now in an effort to save space and keep the cost down. Results that are submitted are now being put on the National VTTA web site. Consequently, North Midlands Group results will be published on the VTTA web site and also on ours at www.vttanorthmidlands.co.uk

Apologies to members who don't have internet access and rely on *The Veteran* for information.

Finally, I'll leave you with this thought. Was Lance Armstrong's autobiography entitled *It's Not About the Bike* some sort of subliminal message?

John Scully

SOUTH WALES



As I write this report, there's a hail-storm outside, which for me sums up our weather and my reason for flying to Mallorca on Sunday. However, time to catch up with the latest situation at VTTA South Wales.

Last Saturday Bob Jones and I attended the VTTA Annual General Meeting at the Kings Court Hotel, Alcester. We were pleased to attend and meet dedicated people like Jim Burgin and fellow members of the National Committee, who give freely of their time and energy to run this excellent organisation. Riding time trials has a special appeal to us older

cyclists; we can in effect set our own standards to perform within age related bands. The most comforting aspect is recording a respectable time for your age, that being proof of a fit, happy and healthy body.

The meeting covered a lot of ground of which two items will interest members from South Wales. First, I would commend Steve Lockwood for fine-tuning the new standards by introducing fair adjustments for the over 65 year olds.

These will take effect for the coming 2013 season - as an example at 25 miles, a 65 year old will receive an extra 45 seconds and, in an upward progression, an 80 year old will have an additional 2 minutes 48 seconds. After checking on my personal performances at age 76 during last season, I would say this is fairer; now on a good day, many of us will have a chance to win one of these most cherished prizes.

The second important item is the introduction of a new National Short Distance Competition qualifying with two best times at 10 miles and 25 mile based on standard and similar to our own Short Distance Cup. The reasoning here is the decline in long distance promotions, together with older riders' preference for the shorter events. I sense that this competition will become very popular.

Personal standards are the backbone of VTTA and the meeting recognised that the new standards have made it more difficult to reach a target on a year by year basis. The meeting agreed in principal to setting up a new system for participants to nominate their personal target rides - details of which to be published in the near future.

On the question of the continued running of the South Wales group, I am pleased to say that Rob Jones from Cardiff 100MRCC has agreed to help me with the 2012 Recorder's duties. There is work to do for Standard awards; therefore, will members help by sending their 2012 claims to me for passing on to Bob. Our plan is to arrange a meeting after an event during April/May which hopefully will find some volunteers to share the work-load of running the group.

Barry Williams

NOTTS AND EAST MIDLANDS



The Group's AGM was a well attended meeting and a lively debate developed regarding the business of the new standards. As a result, it was agreed that a motion be sent to the National VTTA AGM to be held on 2 February 2013 proposing the age for entry to the VTTA should be raised from 40 to 50 years on the basis that riders in their 40s continue to be competitive at a senior level.

All the present Officers were re-elected and Russell Gent has covered the main points discussed at the meeting in his Newsletter.

Just a reminder that 2013 subscriptions are now due and should be sent to our Treasurer Kathy Smith 14 Main Street, Wilsford, Grantham, Lincs NG32 3NP. Membership rates remain at:

Single Membership	£11
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The Treasurer's report indicates that the Group is still in a healthy position, although there was a slight increase in expenditure due to the number of additional meetings attended by officers this year.

The NEM Group has lost two of its members, Ray Dring, Melton Olympic CC, and Bill Duffin Ratae RC, whose obituaries appear later in the Veteran.

I have received news on John Perry who was both the former NEM Veteran recorder and reporter. Following a fall at his home in Arnold, Nottingham, John is now living in Westwolds Care Centre, 4 Park Avenue, Burton Joyce, Nottingham NG14 5AF. Visiting times are between 8.00am. - 8.00pm I am sure he would welcome visitors. The Telephone Number of Westwolds is 0115 931 3659. John has been struggling with his health for some time and it is reassuring that he is now being properly cared for. We hope that he is comfortable in his new home as he served the NEM Group well in the past.

Our thoughts go out to Norman Portess, Melton Olympic CC, who came off his bike on black ice during a club run on 16 December, cycling out towards Ashwell in Rutland. Whilst other riders came off on the same ride, Norman was the only one to receive a fracture. He had his fractured fibula pinned in Peterborough Hospital and is now just about able to walk on crutches. We wish you speedy recovery, Norman, and I know you will receive support from your Melton Olympic Club mates.

Members of VC Long Eaton were invited to an event organised by Borough Erewash Council at West Park Leisure Centre to honour the achievements of British Cycling's and Sky's Director of Sport Sir Dave Brailsford. Dave who lives at Ilkeston was given the Badge of Honour, an Illuminated Address and the freedom of the Borough of Erewash. All this was brought to our attention by superb coverage on BBC East Midlands News which included Dave being interviewed at length during the coverage.

Graham Green kindly sent the events list to be included in the Prestige Points competition for 2013 and it is to be found in the Results and Diary pages along with the Trophy list and the Group events.

Publications

A book recording the sporting life of endurance cyclist Tommy Godwin has been published, priced at £11.95. It has been sponsored by Stone Wheelers CC and all profits from sales will go to Road Peace. It is available from TEG-

Book, Heath View, Sound Heath, Nantwich CW5 8BD or order from www-tommy-godwin-unsurpassed.co.uk.

Lincolnshire RRA have published a Centenary book; it mostly covers the LRRR time-trialling activities over the past 40 years and is priced at £12.00. For copies contact Bryan Hopkinson on 01522 681798 or email:

bryanH7426@talktalk.net

Thank you to all the promoters above, particularly Gail Summerlin who has incorporated a VTTA event in the CDLCA.

The group would like to thank David Yarham, Peterborough CC, who has run the NEM 10 Mile TT for a number of years, and 2012 was his final year. Thanks to him his family and all the helpers from Peterborough CC.

If anyone has any news or matters of interest concerning cycling please contact me on: 01400 281116 or email herd@gripper.demon.co.uk.

Hopefully, by the time you receive this edition of the Veteran we will have started or are seriously thinking about racing, I wish all group members a safe a fast season.

David Herd

WESSEX

The fact that the Group's annual lunch/prize presentation held on 10 February was a huge success belied the overlying gloom in this part of the south veteran world. Thanks for the success must go to the excellence of the facilities, food and service (and relatively modest price) at the new venue, The Lyndhurst Park Hotel at Lyndhurst. This came as a pleasant surprise as we feared for the worst after pricing forced us away after a few years of enjoying the ambience of Hampshire County Cricket Club's Rosebowl HQ. Organisers Ken Blowe and Joan Price deserve a big thank you for their efforts.

It was good that fifteen of our award winners were there, and especially that Nik Bowdler graced the occasion to collect our BAR award,

together with a clutch of Wessex age record certificates and National certificates for his BAR runner-up and for his Three Distance win. We believe that Nik is the first Wessex member to have been placed first in a National competition. Unfortunately, because he lives in the far west of our territory Terry Lcke could not be there to collect his five National Record certificates. John Woodburn was there to take his National Age 75 Record certificate (this being his 44th National Age Record since I took over as recorder in 1996!). John pointed out that his 2012 time of 56:08 was just seven seconds slower than that with which he won the RTTC National Championship 25 in 1961; he did mention, though, that this latest achievement involved travelling to a course with a well-known hill advantage.

The aforementioned gloom down here arises from the fact that, after approaching 30 years in the dual role of Group Secretary and Treasurer, Ken Blowe is standing down. Attempts by circular letter sent to all members for volunteers to step forward to take on the work have to-date proved largely unsuccessful. Happily Ken has recovered from a bout of severe ill health suffered in 2011 and continues to hold the reins *pro tem*, but it is unfair to expect him to go on for ever. **No officers: no Group; hence the gloom.**

The mood is exacerbated by the fact that almost nobody in the Wessex Group to whom I have spoken favours the introduction of the revised standards so we see the very recent AGM decision to again issue a new set of tables as adding salt to the wound. It certainly makes life difficult for long-time Group recorders like me, as well as removing logic from the standard awards system for the time being. Although it has to be said that through the years I have drawn attention to the fact that, under the original tables, a 40 year old would have needed to do a time a number of minutes inside competition record to achieve VTTA age record at 25 miles.

Ken wishes to remind all Wessex folk who have avoided him to date that their annual fee, £12, is

outstanding. Cheques to be made out, please, to VTTA Wessex Group and sent to Ken Blowe, at 11 Marlborough Park, Havant PO9 2PP.

The lunch ended with a talk given by myself entitled "A Little Bit of Cycling History". It seemed to be well received, and many remarked later that they knew neither of my claim to fame nor of the sting in its tail and readers may well find it published elsewhere in this issue.

Peter Warhurst

WEST



Spring is just around the corner and new enthusiasm is building as the first events of the season start to loom on the horizon. After fifty-five years of time trialling it still feels good to be building up my training and dreaming of realistic targets for the months ahead. One can but dream!

I am writing this report just days after the National AGM at Alcester. From my point of view, everything went off very well indeed. With a long and potentially difficult agenda in front of him, Jim Burgin steered the meeting admirably well with a firm, no nonsense attitude, which worked well against some well prepared but friendly antagonists - I won't mention names -

who tried to de-stabilise things. That's my view anyway!

We have to accept that the standards committee are the experts having worked very hard indeed to try to define an almost impossible level playing field for us all. There should be no question about that! Therefore we should do everything we can to encourage them to tweak the tables as necessary in order to provide some more satisfactory results. Because of the great diversity in performance levels with increasing age, we will never be able to please all of our members all of the time. Let us accept this simple fact!

I am pretty certain that we all came away very satisfied with the decisions taken at the meeting. Voting in most instances was quite decisive and it was pleasing that potentially difficult problems were sorted without too much stress.

The late Janet Wilson would have been particularly pleased to learn that Ladies are now to be known as Women. I seem to remember that she would put a pen through anything that said lady on her start sheet and write woman above it.

Because the Prize Presentation was removed from our year's programme due to lack of support, I came away from the meeting bearing Bob Pears' medals and trophies, his winnings from last season. Well done Bob! Hopefully we will have the pleasure of presenting them to him at our first open event a 10 on the 1st of April.

WestVets anxiously await the first magazine from our new editor Mike Jupp. I'm sure he would be most grateful for any contributions you might have to offer. It's your magazine, it can only be as good as you make it.

With the ongoing Lance Armstrong saga still making almost daily reading, it is interesting to receive confirmation of what some of us have suspected for a long time: that other sports are heavily involved in doping too. Remember how right Ivan Basso was when he said, "Don't test me, test A.C. Milan". All sorts of corruption has been going on in the sports world for many years, most of which is self evident to the

careful observer. Hopefully something can now be done to put it right. Betting scandals were evident to me years ago when I used to ride grass track meetings up and down the country.

Now of course it is carried out on a much bigger scale and it is not an easy thing to stop as most of it is done on a relatively private scale.

Thankfully we can believe that it doesn't happen at our level, but nevertheless we still seem to catch some of the flack. Sadly, corruption at the higher level is often made to reflect right down to us in some circles.

May I wish all our fellow vets a healthy, happy and successful season in the months ahead.

Brian Griffiths

YORKSHIRE

A new season and hope springs eternal that we may get some fast days after the months of endless rain and wind of last year. As I begin writing this piece, the temperature has plunged to zero after a few mild days post Christmas. I take my hat off to the guys braving these conditions to get the miles in and shake my head at the lunatics you see in shorts, usually with gloves and the biggest jacket the world has ever seen! As I write, the reliability rides will be under way; these have become serious affairs now, with riders warming up on turbos! A far cry from Youth Hostelling weekends to get fit.

As this is a quiet time for Vets news, let's just contemplate the fact that the Tour de France is coming to Yorkshire next year; starting in my home town, Leeds, it is something I would never have thought would happen in my lifetime. At the launch in Leeds on a freezing snowy night, the route of the first stage was announced; it will run from Leeds, through the Dales to Harrogate. I would have liked to see them go on the A168, up the side of the red wall, into a headwind; we would have found out just how good these pros are then! But I suppose Christian Prudhomme would have had to go to the CTT District AGM and it might have clashed with one of our established events! It is going to be the biggest

event Yorkshire has ever staged; I can't wait. You can see it now: letters to the Editor from irate motorists complaining about closed roads, the Publicity Caravan throwing out loads of tat, although this won't be noticed in our litter-strewn countryside. As long as Cavendish wins on The Stray in Harrogate, who cares! To add to the impact Britain is having on World cycling, British designer Paul Smith has designed this year's Maglia Rosa for the Giro D'Italia, which incidentally will carry the signature of Fiorenzo Magni. Homage to the last of the great champions, who died last autumn, aged 91. If ever there was a hard man, it was Magni. He won the Tour of Flanders three times and in one Giro he crashed in the first few days and broke his collarbone; undaunted, he carried on, fastening an inner-tube to his bars, gripping the other end in his teeth to pull on the bars, he went on to finish the three weeks second overall! Makes today's footballers look like Andy Pandy. He was also responsible for bringing outside sponsors into cycling; for a bald-headed guy who had a face that looked 'lived in', it was remarkable that the sponsor he attracted was Nivea Face Cream!

But enough of all this history, let's look forward.

A reminder of our first events: Mike Williams' 10 is on 13 April and Bob Tate's 30 on 19 May, which will also incorporate the National VTTA Championship.

Now to our Annual Lunch and Prize Presentation which once again was an excellent do, with 89 present, and a credit to Mickie Hornby who organises it. It was fitting that she should receive the Eric Linley Trophy, which is awarded for meritorious service to the Group. Mickie has organised the Lunch for the last nine years and it has flourished. All the usual faces were there, one exception being Stan Chadwick, Scarborough Paragon; Stan has always been an "ever present", but this year he didn't feel up to the 120 mile round trip from Scarborough. Stan in 96 and we wish him all the best. Those attending signed *Get Well* cards for him; we hope to see you next year, Stan. It was good to see most of our prize-winners attending,

bucking today's trend. Our Guest of Honour was Keith Lawton, CTT National Secretary (Competitions and Development). Before the Prize Presentation, Keith was presented with the C A Rhodes Award for his years of work in the administration of time trials in Yorkshire and nationally. Over the years, Keith has been Event Organiser, Yorkshire District Treasurer, Secretary, Chairman, and is now a full time CTT National Secretary. He fully deserves this award and his name will go alongside a Who's Who of Yorkshire Cycling. John Churchman of the Otley CC read the citation and Brian Peel, the senior member of the YCF Committee, which select the recipient each year, presented the award. So on to the Prize Presentation itself.

The first presentation were the trophies won by the late Len Grayson, Team Swift, who many of you will know was tragically killed whilst riding his own club's 100. Len had set a National Age Record at 10 miles of 22:20 earlier in the season at age 75. Len had also done enough at the time of his death to win our short distance BAR and also took trophies at 25 and 50 miles. His death is a sad loss to the Yorkshire Vets. His awards were poignantly presented to Len's widow, Kath Grayson. Throughout the afternoon, a Book of Condolence was signed by those present. Kath then went on to present the remainder of the prizes. Looking at some of the times that had been recorded over the season, they are quite remarkable considering the shocking summer. The Yorkshire Vets Ladies BAR for 2012 was Karen Taylor, East Bradford CC, who collected the Harry McKechnie Trophy. The principal prize-winner was once again Mike Shacklock, Yorkshire RC, who took the F B Wood Shield for fastest in our Four Distance BAR with 23.462 mph and also the Oliver Cup as the Yorkshire Group BAR of 2012; so that was our Prize Presentation. At this point, I would like to thank Geoff Hornby, our Medals Secretary, who once again did a great job assembling all the trophies and medals, ensuring the presentation to the prize-winners went smoothly. Thanks again, Geoff. To round things off, the raffle raised £163; thanks to all those who brought prizes.

One final note; there is an error on our fixture card for 2013: next year's Lunch and Prize Presentation will be on **Sunday 19 January 2014** and not, I repeat not, on 26 January as shown on the card.

More doping revelations: virtually everybody has been to see Dr Fuentes, or at least be seen over the road opposite his offices. Now, horror of horrors, Football is being dragged into it! On the upside, we are only half way through February and already Mark Cavendish has put laminate flooring on the map, it's going to be a great season. I'm off back to the sun – can't wait – see you all after Easter.

Malcom T Cowgill

EAST ANGLIAN



The social season seems a long way back and let's hope that a difficult winter is behind us. Social life is now restricted to chatting around the result board, thankfully not at the road-side as in days of yore!

The Eastern Counties Luncheon was missing a number of regulars, the icy roads or snow-bound countryside preventing them from travelling; so, unfortunately, Dick Spanton, the retiring President, was not there to hand over the chain of office to his successor Terry

Anderson. The prize-giving, which followed, was something of a Chelmer benefit, members taking most of the major team and individual trophies as well as a shoebox-full of medals. Ann Shuttleworth proved to be a more than capable new organiser, introducing some new innovations, whilst Mary Horsnell presented the prizes assisted by Awards Secretary Lea Marshall, who has now established a firm grip on the task.

Special mention must go to flying Eagle Chris Baldwin for topping the ECCA Vet's BAR table; he also had the pleasure of leading his club to victory in the Festival Club Team Points Championship and, to add to their joyful day, Chris's little daughter Elinor was a winner in the Ten and Under group of the Youth Open Criterium Championships; is she the youngest winner to be mentioned in the Veteran?

While speaking of the clubs of the 32nd Association, it is sad to report the death of one of the group's oldest members, namely Arthur Restell, who just made his 94th birthday. He was a pre-war rider and one of the enthusiasts who pushed for East London clubs to buy plots of land for country HQ from Mrs Curtis, who ran a B & B, well known to the racing fraternity on that time. He and others, including Rod Walker, then spent all their spare time working on the site and the hut, when completed, was well used by the University CC. Eventually, the club folded and their much-loved HQ was sold to the Lea Valley CC, an amalgamation of two old clubs, and it is still well used by this flourishing group. Their next-door neighbours, the Comrades CC, have become famous for their hospitality. Two octogenarians usually found there are John Aylett, who at 85 has decided to give up racing, and Ken Rising; at present restricted to turbo after an operation, he hopes to be riding again soon. No doubt this will not deter them from undertaking their regular marshalling duties.

The Victoria CC have their HQ close by and here Christine Yareham reigns supreme as organiser par excellence, as well as looking after Dougie. He has now been able to walk for five months, but was taken ill when on holiday in

the Canaries – another setback. However, not to be defeated, as luckily he has no muscle damage, he is doing leg press up to 30 lbs - not yet on turbo, but on gym bike, and hydrotherapy is helping. Ever the optimist, he has booked 1 April for Majorca and reports that he is down – but not out!

Likewise Gerry Ashley, as news comes from afar that he is hoping to ride his bike again this year after a lengthy break mainly due to eye problems.

King Vet Peter Baumber has been missing from the season time trials. He is usually a standard winner in these, but is at present recovering from an operation in late October which put him off his bike for 8 weeks; however, he is now on the turbo every day - whatever did we do without them? Peter won his King Vet title in the 2012 SPOCO East competition from runner-up Ged Coles, also an octogenarian, who was a top road man back in the 50s.

Even the fair sex are not immune from mishaps; rumour has it that “her from Kent” had a fall on the ice whilst shopping and broke her wrist, so she is human after all!

Karen Eaton, who has made such an excellent start to her racing career, is grounded after a knee operation and obliged to wear a brace, the damage being the result of a ski-ing accident. Her 12 hour debut of 223.270 miles brought her the title of East District 12 hour champion as well as establishing a Ladies record for the Wolsey RC and winning their Club BAR trophy; this had not been claimed since 2004, when Mick Pepper took the title. She also won the SPOCO East Ladies Contest. Bob Quarton won the 50-59 age group on standard. John Parkes was BoS in the District Championship 10 and these two shared the honour of being their club’s fastest of the year. Breckland’s Chris Nudds is still winning most vets awards in that area.

Lest it be thought that he has retired from the scene, it’s rather sad to report that hard man Ken Platts was one of the unlucky ones who did not get a 100 in last year, due to the loss of two

key events; therefore, his name has not appeared on as many trophies as usual. However, he was named for the very highest accolade, the C W Cooke Trophy, by the NEC, for the most meritorious ride of 2012, which was 49:57, the first under 50 minute ride by a 60 year-old.

In the unavoidable absence of the group’s regular delegates, Dave Nock and Bill Bush were the only representatives at the National AGM. Dave, attending for the first time, was very favourably impressed, while Bob is always pleased to see his pals from long ago. More importantly, both are keen to carry on. The introduction of new competitions and further change to standards means more work for long-suffering Awards Secretary Tony Clarke; there is also more work for Membership Secretary Mervyn Player; with only half of the group’s 300 plus membership paid up, he has to send out reminders – which should not be necessary.

On a National level, it seems unbelievable that some groups do not have, or are not willing to divulge, details of their members’ ages, dates of birth or joining dates. Does that mean that they do not compete or wish to be HLMs? One 80 year-old said not to write anything about him “as I shall not be able to pull the birds if they know my age!!”

Now for the good news, several new members had been enrolled by mid-February, two of them only 40 this year; they are:

David Howells, West Suffolk Wheelers (61), who has moved from Norfolk and transferred.
Dave Ford, Icknield RC (67)
Andrew Oakley, Diss & District (45)
Tony Pernell, Cambridge CC (54)
Tim and Kathy Wood, Chelmer CC (52, 48)
Dave Kendall, Finsbury Park (40)
Jason Kierman, Wisbech Wheelers (40)

Kathy Wood has had little racing experience, mainly confined to the unpopular Rodings course where she has won the Florence Ransom Rose Bowl for her club’s Open Ladies 25 for two consecutive years but, on her one appearance on the E2, she made an amazing

improvement to beat 58 minutes. Watch this space!

It is also rumoured that Clive Haworth has joined up. He is the son of Bob of Buckshee Wheelers fame, for whom one of the group's trophies is named.

(All this is as the result of a recruiting drive by John Golder). Welcome to them all and we hope they enjoy some good times with the group.

Commiserations to the walking wounded. Hope to see them in action again soon.

"Keep your chin up", as Beryl wrote to when we had a spill off the tandem – it's all a long time ago.

Mary Horsnell

NORTH LANCS & LAKES



Once again we enjoyed the usual good turn-out for the Group Annual Luncheon and Prize Presentation at The Crofters on the A6 at Garstang, with long-term function Organiser Terry Kay insisting that this would be his final one. We were honoured to have VTTA National Secretary Ann Butterworth accompanied by ex National President Jim Ogden on the top table,

alongside our own Chairman John Leach with wife Val.

After the customary convivial cross-toasting, which included a novel toast from Treasurer Hazel Matthews to Keith Tattersall in order to hand over his Honorary Life Membership certificate, the main business began of rewarding our prize-winners for their exploits during the 2012 season. Ann presented the awards assisted by Keith, who also would be stepping down after many years in this role. The main recipient would eventually be Peter Greenwood, although we left Peter to the end of the proceedings as there were a good number of others to be feted beforehand.

It was recognised that the Group had endured a difficult season in 2012 with the long-established Lancashire Road Club 12 hour cancelled and the only 100 in our area having been cancelled twice, as previously reported. Therefore some qualifying requirements had been adjusted for that one season only.

Graham Sheard of the North Lancs Road Club was first up for his two Standard medals, followed by our Group Secretary Derek Black of Wigan Wheelers who received a Standard plaque for his four Standard successes. Jim Harrison, also of Wigan Wheelers had set a new Group Age Record of 26:29 at age 80 and was followed by Sharon Clifford who set a 52 year old Ladies Age Record of 24:37.

Mick Ellerton, riding for Team Swift, had enjoyed an outstanding season at the shorter distances with local Group Age Records for his 51 years of 19:48 at 10miles and 52:29 at 25miles and then National Age Records of 19:26 at 10 miles and 49:52 at 25miles.

Regular award winner Frank Kerry (76) is still setting local age records with a 22:48 for 10 miles,

1:01:25 for 25miles at age 77 and 2:09:30 for 50miles at 76, also with a superb National record of 22:31 at age 77 for 10 miles.

Additionally, Frank had finished second in the Group Points competition and was followed up to the trophy table by son Martin Kerry, who



Ann Butterworth, Peter Greenwood and Keith Tattershall

had taken third in that same Points competition. Next up was Group Vice-Chairman and member of the Preston Wheelers Paul Fleming, who had achieved Standards at 10, 25, 30 and 50 miles and had topped his season off by winning the Group Points competition overall. Barry Preston of West Pennine Road Club, who had claimed Standards at 10, 25, 50 and 100 miles had also finished third overall in the Group BAR competition. Harry Haseley of the North Lancs Road Club had achieved Standards at 10, 25, 50 and 100 miles, finished fourth in the Group Points completion, second in our Group BAR and was winner of the Paddy Maloney Trophy for Best on Standard in the Group 50.

Sue Cheetham of the North Lancs Road Club had four Standard claims which were also all Group Age Records with 10miles of 24:21 at 49, 25miles of 1:05:11 at 49, 30miles of 1:28:41 at 48 and 50miles 2:18:56 at 49. Sue was also fifth in the Group Points competition and, to round it all off, was acclaimed Ladies BAR Champion for last season.

Last up was the major prize-winner of the day and of the 2012 season with Peter Greenwood of the Clayton Velo Club having arguably his best ever season, even at the age of 60. Peter had re-set Group Age Records at 25 miles in 56:13, 30 miles in 1:10:23, 50 miles in 1:52:33 and three National Age records with incredible rides of 19:49 at 10 miles, 1:02:39 at 30 miles and 1:45:36 at 50 miles. Not satisfied with just those performances, Peter was also winner overall of the Group BAR taking the Traders Trophy, winner of the Karrimor Saddle for Best on Standard at 100 miles and also winner of the Dobson Trophy for Best on Standard over three local 25mile events. His final recognition of the proceedings was the confirmation of his Overall First Place in the VTTA National Three Distance competition.

Just a few days before the Dinner, a loyal group of members had welcomed in 2013 by meeting for lunch on New Year's Day at the Plough at Eaves and in doing so continued a 50 year old tradition.

A proposition from Bill Lloyd which had been

passed at our Group AGM in November was introduced by him at the National AGM in February and gained a majority support. It was confirmed that a separate set of Performance Tables would be established which would in future be used for individual Standard Claims.

2013 Group counting events for the local Points Competition have been agreed and are listed in the Results and Diary pages.

It was agreed that as the 100 was also the CTT National Championship event it could possibly have a full field, in which case some of our Group members may have entries returned. Therefore, for this year only, 100 mile events on D or J courses would count for our Group.

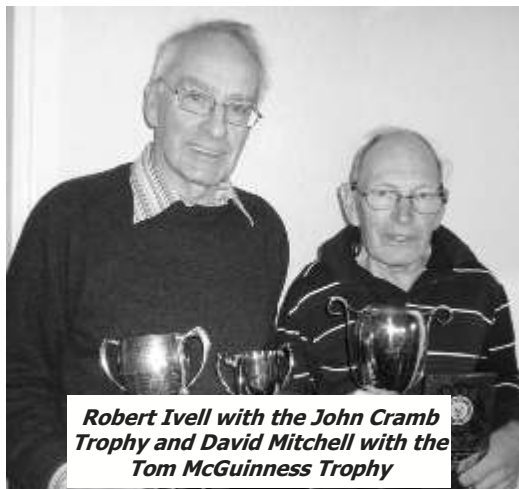
Both the VTTA National 50 and the CTT National 100 will use the versions of the Keswick-Cockermouth courses that use Braithwaite Village Hall at the Keswick end of the A66 as Headquarters.

Just one new member has joined us to date this year and we welcome Noel Healey of the West Pennine Road Club to the Group.

Dave Brown

SCOTLAND

Only a very brief report this quarter, falling as it does in the closed season. With racing about to start anew, there should be more news come next issue. The first Group event of the year is the Boomerang Trophy on 5 May and the full calendar is of course available on our website.



Robert Ivell with the John Cramb Trophy and David Mitchell with the Tom McGuinness Trophy

Social Secretary George Skinner again organised our annual 'do' at McQ's in Bannockburn. The severe winter weather at the time impacted somewhat upon proceedings but thankfully a good time was still had by all that managed to attend, as witnessed by the following report.

The weather put paid to a full function with only thirty-odd members, including guests, attending the Group's annual presentation. Some travelled from as far afield as Forres, Aberdeen and even England, with the rest coming from the central belt. The weather was severe in various locations, keeping members snowed in at their homes.

The meal, as usual at the Tartan Arms, was up to standard and with the depleted number of diners, the service was fast. Organiser George Skinner, with the assistance of Chairman Michael Devlin, got going with the award ceremony.

First to the table was first year member Elaine Lowden to collect her standard medals, followed by Michael for his. Our expat from England, Alec Munro aged 79, received his ten mile standard medal then Jocky Johnstone collected his awards. Jocky's training mate Spider (Tommy) Nugent, another new member, was next up to the table for his medals at 10,

25 and 30 mile standards. Robert Cooper couldn't attend for family reasons so George McLaughlan received his awards on his behalf. Iain McLeod was called to the table for his medals and also received Iain Binning's 3rd handicap medal from the John Cramb event. Sandy Wallace of

same named cycle team was first to collect silver-ware; alongside his medal for 8th on standard in the Archie Speed Trophy, he received the Jackie Connor Road Race championship Trophy and also the Jim Lyon over 60 years RR Championship Trophy. Graeme Cockburn collected his standard plaque and also his plaque for being 3rd on standard in the Bill Lennon and 10 mile events, 9th in the Archie Speed Trophy and fastest veteran in the 30 mile event. George Skinner received his standard plaque from Chairman Michael, then next award winner up to the table was Peter Robertson who had travelled down from Forres with wife Mary. When asked about the snow his reply was 'what snow'. Peter collected his standard medals. The last person to be called to the table was Derek Stewart from Aberdeen. Derek's silver haul was the Archie Speed Trophy, the Pinkie Williams 30 mile Cup, a plaque for 2nd on standard in the 25 mile and Boomerang events, 3rd on standard in the 50 mile event alongside his team award for the 30 mile event. He collected also his standard plaque.

With members having spread out around the hall, it was pleasant to be able to visit each table and have a chinwag which is sometimes not possible with a full room.

Next on the agenda was the raffle, the prizes donated by various cycle shops and friends for which the group is grateful. The prizes were of good quality and numerous.

In all it was a very pleasant evening and the Group wish to thank George Skinner for his organisation and attention to the event.

Members and tandem duo Phillip Jurczyk and George Berwick featured on BBC Scotland's 'Adventure Show' recently, riding in the Snow Roads 300km Audax and giving interviews to camera.

Such was the popularity of the show that this event sold out for 2013 within hours of entries opening.

Law Wheelers held their Christmas lunch at the Last Shift Inn, Braehead, Forth, and the Royal

Albert held theirs at Hollandbush Golf Club, Lesmahagow, both being well attended. MC at the RA was the group's Social Secretary George Skinner, with George McLaughlan representing the Law Vets.

John Thomson, Royal Albert, continues to make good his recovery after a life-threatening accident over a year ago. Although still receiving medical care, he is now back on his bike and cycles around a small safe circuit near to home.

Despite the atrocious weather conditions, the Ivy CC enjoyed another excellent and well attended Christmas meal which was prepared and served up by elected members at their club rooms in Torrance on the 20th December. The evening's events were also enjoyed by the representatives from Denny RC and the Law Wheelers.

Culture vultures John and Johan Thayne were spotted at the Royal Concert Hall, Glasgow, enjoying the delightful singing of the classical Welsh Warbler, Kathleen Jenkins.

Unfortunately for John, he was seated between Johan and her friend, which meant that he got it in both ears during the intervals!

John Byrne, Republic of Ireland and formerly of Glasgow's Euan Mara CC, although no longer allowed to cycle, still remains active having now turned his hand to woodcraft after many years of training youngsters in the craft of metalwork. John and wife Maureen wish all old friends a lovely time over the festive period.

Tommy Bell, Glasgow RC, is back home and recovering from a small operation to his back in December and should by now be back on the bike.

News reaches us also that Dave Duthie (Kirkaldy & District) died recently; he would have been 87 come June. Dave was one of the Group's National HLMs.

Two of our Northern Members are embarking on a feat that the majority of us only dream about: Roger Sewell (Ross-shire Roads), if he competes this season, will have rung up fifty years of continuous cycle racing. Roger still

collects his standard awards and is always near the top in our all-rounder tables. Meanwhile George Grant of Forres Cycling Club just pips Roger, having been cycle racing for fifty two years continuously. It must be the sea air up there that does it! There must be others out there that can claim half a century of racing without a break so please let our Press Secretary know and maybe we can set up a table.

Isobel Smith of Aberdeen has been in hospital for an operation recently. The Group send their best wishes to Isobel for a speedy recovery.

Group benefactor Jackie Connor senior, who presented the Group with the Veterans Road Race Golden Trophy in 1974, recently celebrated his 90th birthday by having his usual cycle run along the A77 passing through Newton Mearns en-route to Fenwick. Come evening he celebrated the occasion, which proved both lively as well as entertaining, in the company of a host of friends he had befriended over the years.

Shortly after the celebrations, Jackie and his wife were winging their way to Lanzarote to 'recuperate' and spend some time relaxing on the hotel's sun loungers. Unfortunately, the recuperation was not the type that they had

envisaged. Having settled in and now refreshed, both then decided to take a little promenade along the "classical" Spanish pave, which proved Jackie's undoing and resulted in a ride in an ambulance. The outcome of the stumble resulted in full facial injuries, a serious gash to his knee, a broken arm along with a badly damaged elbow, all of which required numerous stitches. So, instead of the sun-lounger, Jackie spent the last four days of their holiday in a hospital bed, and it was from here that he was transferred to the airport for their flight back home still in need of further medical attention. On a more upbeat note, Jackie, when attending hospital, was pleasantly surprised to learn that the person attending to his injuries was a member of the Glasgow Wheelers and also a surgeon at the hospital. Being an 'Old Stager,' and having sustained several injuries during his cycling career, needless to say he finds his current injuries, just like the previous ones, an inconvenience, but is now looking forward to his next run through the 'Mearns'. Jackie would like to express his thanks to the many people who forwarded their well-wishes and hopes for a speedy recovery.

Steve Nutley



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RESULTS AND DIARY

2013 Programme - Lancs and Lakes Group

17 April	25	L2521	13:00	Richard Taylor
12 May	50	L505	09:00	Barry Rimmer (National Championship)
16 June	50	L505	09:00	Paul King (Helmets compulsory)
19 June	25	L256	19:00	Richard Taylor
26 June	10	L105	19:00	Dave Shorrocks (in CTT Handbook as D Black)
14 July	100	L1009	07:00	Mike Smith (Entries close 18 June)
28 July	25	L2525	07:00	Glen Bower
8 September	25	L2524	07:30	Adrian Ibison

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Lancashire RC 12 now sadly cancelled due to low entry

2013 Programme - Notts and East Midlands

30 March	A10/17	Coalville Wheelers	10
27 April	A25/20	VTTA	25
2 June	A50/6	Notts Clarion CC	50
15 June	C50/6	Lincs RRA	50
20 July	A10/14 A	Sherwood CC	10
31 August	A100/4	BDCA	100
7 September	A30/7	Mercia CC	30
21 September	A25/32	VTTA	25

Points: First 10 points down to one for 10th position on standard and 1:02:03 on Scratch
Best five scores to count

Trophies

Ivan Mohan	VTTA 25	27 April
Bert Christian	VTTA 25	21 September
Fred Smith	Notts Clarion 50	2 June
Hermes	BDCA 100	31 August
Joe Baines	Mercia 30	7 September

Group Events

27 April	25	A25/20	14:00	Russell Gent
14 September	10	A10/14A	15:00	Gail Summerlin (inc CDLCA)
21 September	25	A25/32	14:00	Malcolm Mann

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The Association's Trophies

The Jim Painter Cup

Nationally, the VTTA has 21 trophies, all varied and some really valuable in a monetary way. They are contained within a motley collection of boxes, many of which have been constructed by members over the years but almost all are in need of replacement if they are to represent the valuable items contained within them. Now that they are no longer required to be disinterred each year, the possibility of storing them in a museum where they may be safely kept and able to be viewed, is being considered.



From time to time, as a space needs filling in these pages, readers will be shown photographs of the trophies, together with a list of all those names engraved upon them. The histories of the origination and of the people they commemorate are not widely known and it would be appreciated if, following each publication, the Editor could be provided with the background.

There are three trophies dating back to the formation of the Association and we begin with the **Jim Painter** which is awarded to the winner of the 12 Hour Championship.

1943 G W Turner	1944 W S Lewis	1945 E H Strevens	1946 W T Miles	1947 J B Austin	1948 S E Armstrong	1949 C G Baxter
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1957 A C Harding	1958 A C Harding	1959 A C Harding	1960 A C Harding	1961 S E Harvey	1962 A C Harding	1963 C W Hill
1964 J Brownhill	1965 C W Hill	1966 W B Smith	1967 J C Park	1968 C Smith	1969 N Carline	1970 A L Wilkins
1971 N Carline	1972 R Goodman	1973 W Griffiths	1974 C Holland	1975 C Holland	1976 F Davie	1977 H H Hill
1978 H H Hill	1980 P J Woodburn	1981 D I Kellaway	1982 D I Kellaway	1983 G C Smith	1984 P J Woodburn	1985 P J Woodburn
1986 G A Poole	1987 P J Woodburn	1988 P Bennett	1989 P J Woodburn	1990 H Featherstone	1991 P J Woodburn	1992 L Benton
1993 T W Icke	1994 B Haskell	1995 R Hodgkinson	1996 J Blacker	1997 G Longland	1998 O G Blower	1999 B Haskell
2000 I Cammish	2001 T W Coging	2002 C Goging	2003 B Sunter	2004 S Woodrup	2005 M Shacklock +60.70	2006 D Sheppard +64.15
2007 K Platts +82.13	2008 K Platts +80.83	2009 D Shepherd +56.020	2010 K Platts +84.193	2011 B Camfield +65:60	2012 N Bowdler +93:30	

**PETER ROSE
MIDLAND GROUP PRESIDENT**



Peter started cycling when he was eight with his father pushing him along until he got the confidence to go alone. It was a single speed Hercules with rod brakes. He went cycling with a mate after Sunday school and before lunch on a straight handle bar Coventry Eagle with Sturmey Archer gears and rear Hub Dynamo.

Then came the racing bike when he was 17, which his Mum wasn't keen on as it meant cycling with his head down. It was a Stallard with a double chain set and five Benelux Gears. Wow!

Peter joined the Burton Section CTC and did many great rides with them on quiet roads visiting lots of interesting places such as the Meriden Memorial Service. He then joined the newly formed Mercia Cycling Club in 1966 when he was 23.

Just after he was married, he decided to have a crack at time trials. He continued with Sunday rides as part of the CTC, who he has been a member of for 51 years. He was both President of the section and the Derby DA some years ago, organising Reliability Trials and Treasure Hunts. Peter did a lot of touring with his wife,

Margaret staying at Youth Hostels; sadly a lot of them have gone now. His wife still does a lot of cycling mainly shopping as she does not drive.

Peter and Margaret have three grown up children, Paul, Elaine and Nicholas who have continued the cycling tradition. Their daughter cycles to work mainly and their youngest son Nicholas still comes out on CTC Wednesday evening rides. Peter did a lot of rides with him in his early teens also staying at Youth Hostels. Eldest son Paul enjoyed the family rides. He did do a reliability trial and track training on the Salford Park track at Spaghetti Junction long since gone.

In 1983 he joined the Central Vets to do two-ups with Mercia member Ted Forbes, who started racing again when he retired from work at the age of 65. Ted was almost as fast as his partner and once managed to beat Peter in a solo 10 mile TT, so he had no problem following his back wheel. They won lots Standard Prizes and their winnings caused some jealousy. Sadly Ted died in his early 80s in 1992.

That's when Peter joined the Midland Vets to ride solos and team up with Don Eaton for two-ups. Don passed away a few years ago. Together they attended the Annual Dinners to pick up their Standard Medals. He once rode the Oldbury 12 hours without any assistance, relying on himself and feeding stations. He had wanted to do 200 miles but 'only' completed 198 miles having suffered badly from saddle sores. Peter never rode that one again. He was dead chuffed to do a Sherwood 100 in 4 hours 56 minutes in 1972. His favourite distance was 50 miles especially on the K16. He won some handicap prizes in those days. In the 1980s and 90s Peter rode a lot of Audax at 100 and 200 miles. Some of the 200s were epics, especially when it rained all day.

Peter's aim is to ride the Midland Vets events in 2013. His cycling is affected by an irregular heart beat which affects his breathing

especially on hilly courses, however he hopes to compete in the hilly time trials when he is not timekeeping. Peter also suffers from back ache so a 25 is his limit. He leads easy rides with Burton CTC on Sundays and goes on the Mercia Social runs. Some Sundays there are 60 riders turning up at Burton Town Hall who split into three groups - fast, intermediate and

social rides depending on fitness and ability. Although surprised when Andrew asked him to be President, he seems a suitable character to take over from Roger with a long history steeped in the Vets Association and we wish him all the very best in his new role.

Miranda Harris

VELOMAX



The Velomax adverts have been appearing in this magazine for a long time and, as with the other advertisers, we wonder what lies behind the words and the illustrations. **Velomax**, with the brilliant colours which have benefited so much since colour covers were introduced has long intrigued, and so in response to the Editor's request, Don White provides herewith some details.

Velomax is a specialist on-line retailer with the main focus on the sale of Tufo tubulars, tyres and associated products and has advertised in the Veteran for many years.

The brand Velomax was initially used by the proprietor Don White in 1999 on hand built time trial and road frames later expanding to cover complete bikes and components.

After being very impressed with the

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This success caused Don to re-think the future of Velomax and it was apparent that a small business can make more impact with niche products and the decision to focus on Tufo was made.

Don came to cycle retailing after a very successful engineering career in the motor industry, particularly enjoying managing numerous very 'special' unique bespoke vehicle projects at Rolls-Royce and Bentley Cars. In fact the name Velomax was motor industry inspired, initially Vmax was favoured (the automotive abbreviation for maximum velocity) but this name is widely associated with the much celebrated Yamaha motor cycle. With Velo being synonymous with cycling, the alternative name Velomax was adopted.

Some years later, when Velomax wheels became popular throughout Europe, negotiations between Velomax UK and Easton-Sport USA (the owners of the wheel brand) resulted in Don registering the UK trademark Velomax for all cycling components except wheels and tyres with the EU trademark for these categories being registered by Easton. This prevents Velomax from producing 'own brand' wheels and tyres, no great loss compared to the protection of the company name for the future.

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The New Performance Awards Explained

The 2012 Season saw the introduction of the revised Standards Tables which were produced by the Standards Working Party in an attempt to provide a level playing field for all our members. We all know that the old 'Standards' had fallen into disrepute as they gave the older riders such an advantage that, for example, a younger member, or a woman, would have to beat competition record by a huge amount to have any hope of gaining a high place in a national championship event.

After a great deal of analysis the new tables were produced and 2012 saw championships won by the best riders. No longer did the good oldies have it all their way, younger members featured high in the results as well and that can only be good for the sport.

However, the 'New Standards', whilst being excellent for determining the winners of events, are not very good for members who have by tradition sought to beat their 'Standards' on a regular basis. The new tables now reflect, pretty accurately, how performance declines with age and as such it will be almost impossible for members to achieve regularly their 'Standards' as they once did. This problem was identified by the working party but as everyone started from scratch in 2012 it had no effect on Standards Claims in that year, although the problem did need to be addressed for subsequent seasons.

At this year's AGM, a proposal from the North Lincs and Lakes Group was accepted and this separates the traditional 'Standards' claims from overall 'Competition Results'. In order to avoid any confusion, the proposal replaced the term 'Standard Claims' with a new description called 'Performance Awards'. This is important as 'Standards' are used to determine the results of competition whilst 'Performance Awards' reward individuals for their actual

performance during a season.

So how will it work?

The procedure is very similar to the old system in that members will register their intent to claim an award just as they did before, but this time they will know exactly what time or distance they will have to beat in order to claim. There will be no 'Plusses' or 'Minuses' to worry about, just an actual time or distance to beat. The time or distance will, as before, be based on previous claims and riders will get an allowance each year to cater for their decline with age. The allowance will be simple and be the same each year from the age of 40 to 64 and a slightly increased allowance from the age of 65. The allowances for each event will be greater than the decline indicated by the 'New Standards', but they will not be quite as generous as the old. It would be best to give an example.

Assume a male rider aged 56 made a claim last year and he completed a 25 in 1:09:30.

He would enter this time on the form which he would complete to register his intentions with his Group Recorder. He would then add to this time the annual allowance (which in this case would be 25 seconds) to produce a Target Time for the coming season, i.e. 1:09:30 plus 25 seconds gives 1:09:55; if he beats that target he can claim his Performance Award medal. It is that simple. There are no Plusses to worry about and no complicated tables to consult.

If he fails to beat his Target Time then the next season he adds another 25 seconds to give a Target Time of 1:10:20

Performance Awards (PAs) are just like the old Standards only easier to understand and everyone, even riders who could not previously beat a standard, can claim. Every member is

included. These new PAs are so simple, you don't have to worry about birthdays during mid season; you simply carry your age on 1st January for the whole year, just as a Junior does who turns 18 during a year continues as a junior to the end of season. There are no Pluses or Minuses, just actual times. The allowances for each distance are shown on the registration form and filling in the form

should take no longer than a couple of minutes. Once a rider has registered for Pas, he/she will know exactly what has to be done at each distance to claim a medal (or plaque). Gaining PAs will be demanding but achievable and will provide all members with an incentive to continue riding.

Bill Lloyd

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VETERANS TIME TRIALS ASSOCIATION
Targets for Performance Awards
 (for the 2013 season onwards)

Name: **Year** **Age (on 1st January)**

Club: **Group:**

This form should be used to register for Performance Awards. You can use it to calculate your targets for the coming season. Send your completed form with the appropriate fee to your group recorder.

A	B	C	D	E
Distance	Year	Time/Dist	Allowance	Target
10 Miles				
15 Miles				
25 Miles				
30 Miles				
50 Miles				
100 Miles				
12 Hours				
24 Hours				

Annual Allowance	
Age 40-64	Age 65 Plus
10 secs	15 secs
15 secs	25 secs
25 secs	40 secs
30 secs	45 secs
50 secs	1 min 15 secs
1 min 40 secs	2 min 30 secs
-2 miles	-3 miles
-4 miles	-6 miles

Notes:

- Insert your name, age on 1st January and the calendar year for the coming season.
- Then complete the table by inserting your previously-claimed times or distances achieved in columns **B** and **C**. If you don't have any previous claims at that distance simply write **NEW TARGET** in column **E** and leave the other columns blank.
- Complete column **D** by inserting the allowance shown in the adjacent table. You can add an allowance for each year since your previous claim. (For 12 and 24 hours you should subtract the allowance to obtain a reduced target mileage.)
- Calculate your new Performance Target by adding columns **C** and **D** and insert this new target in column **E**.
- If you beat your new target then make a claim.
- Birthdays during the season do not count – awards will be based on your age at the start of the year
- All times/distances entered on the form are **actual**. **Please do not enter "plusses"**.
 If you beat any of your targets claim your Performance Awards at the end of the season by completing a



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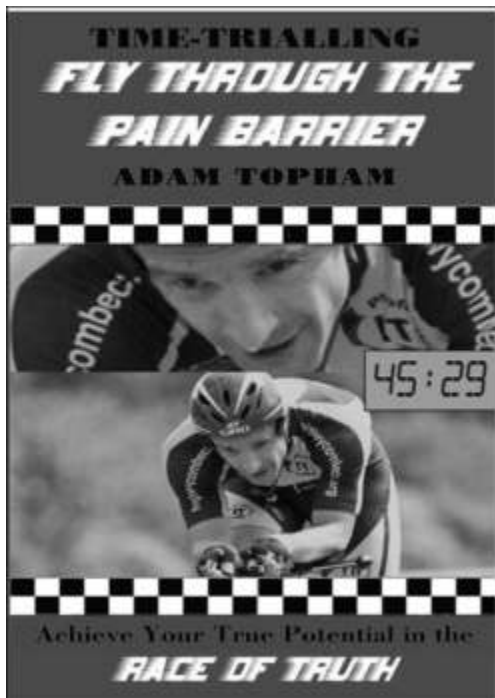
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Distance	Event	Date in full	Actual Time or Distance	Solo, Time or Tandem	Age on date	For official use only
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30 Miles						
50 Miles						
100 Miles						
12 Hours						
24 Hours						

Name of Claimant	Date of Birth
Address	Signature of Claimant
Post Code	V.I.V. Group
Phone No.	
If you are claiming 4 or more standards do you wish to request medals (M) or a plaque (P)? Please enter: M or P	
Club	Signature of Group Recorder

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You must have previously submitted a Performance Awards registration form to your Group Recorder before making this claim.
 Please underline your name on Result Sheet and send, together with this form, to your Group Recorder as soon as possible.
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Fellowship of Cycling Old-Timers

Bob Frank - a Profile

by Miranda Harris (Photo Mick's Dad)



The highlights of Bob Frank's season included a handicap win in the Shirley 50 mile time trial event and finishing the Banbury Star hilly event in the snow! Other achievements were moving up to second place in his age category of the Points Series. Bob enjoyed two weekends away to Usk riding a 10 and a 25 Standard on both occasions.

Bob started racing in 1960 with a ten mile time trial and a hill climb. Little did he know he would be racing over 50 years later, having raced every year since his first year. He is disappointed that no-one persuaded him to keep a diary of his experiences! Bob has been inspired by cyclist Beryl Burton who caught him by 30 minutes on a hundred mile time trial despite being on for a PB that day. Andy Wilkinson is another rider who has impressed

him and Bob wonders if we have seen the best of him yet?

Nearer to home, Bob has been incredibly well supported by his wife Jackie, since their marriage in 1969. Even on the cold wet days, she 'kicks him outside' so as to have some peace and quiet while she keeps the house in order!

Bob trains throughout the winter, increasing intensity in January or February weather permitting. Unfortunately Bob admits the turbo trainer is not for him. In order to support his grand children, who are just starting their cycling careers, Bob takes part in cyclo cross. He finds it helps to smooth off the rough edges developed in the winter. Last summer Bob enjoyed a really good touring holiday in west Wales staying at B and Bs and YHAs. Next year he hopes to visit Southern Ireland so if anyone else fancies touring there, let him know. All you need is mudguards, panniers and some money, and of course, your bike.

'As for the new Standard times,' says Bob, 'it's always good to beat one's standard, even if you don't win a prize.'

NATIONAL SECRETARY

Ann Butterworth announced at the AGM on Saturday (2nd February) that she intended to stand down as Secretary at the AGM in 2014.

Ann stepped in to fill the vacancy left by the resignation of Gordon Pickering in 2007 and in a little over five years has served the Association diligently and with skill – she will be missed.

However, time passes and we must now look for a replacement.

In an ideal world, we would simply wait for the AGM and receive nominations for the post, but we all know that is not likely to happen; witness the absence of nominees in the recent past: Treasurer, National Recorder, Webmaster and Awards Secretary, the last named still vacant and the work carried out by other officials.

To not have a National Secretary is not something that can be left to chance - it is too big and important a job for one of the, already busy, officers to take on, even temporarily, and so a volunteer is being sought with immediate effect. If there is someone who would consider taking on this vital role, would they please contact the Chairman, Jim Burgin at jim@jaburgin.co.uk to find out more.

Should the applicant not have the requisite IT equipment it will be provided. If he or she have their own, maintenance and other expenses such as Internet Security would be paid for, as, of course, would be the use of Broadband and the necessary office stationery.

A recruit stepping in now would have ample time to learn the job before Ann's departure in 12 month's time. A **Job Description** is available from Jim on request.

This is the most vital and thus perhaps the most rewarding of the posts on the National Committee so please give the thought serious consideration.

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AN ONLOOKER'S VIEW OF THE AGM

Delegates attending the VTТА's 70th Annual General Meeting were entitled to feel a little apprehensive; with 30 proposals on the Agenda they must all have wondered whether business could be completed in the allotted three and a half hours.

No particular discourse was evident until item five (even the move to increase subscriptions didn't set the pulses racing).

However, item five sought to make an adjustment to the new Standard Tables and, considering all the brouhaha that had been bandied about since the last AGM, dissent was expected.

It transpired that some mature debate took place and the meeting could be said to have taken note of the words of wisdom expressed by one delegate: "It is a mistake to look back to 1943; this is now, the old tables were accepted as wrong and outdated and we are now considering the new and whether they should be adjusted in the light of a year's experience." And so it was that the modified allowances were approved overwhelmingly.

A move to increase the qualifying age on entry to 50 turned out to be without serious intent and received no support whatever, whilst the by now annual effort to arrange enrolment exclusively via the website spilt the voting to 50-50. Judging by the comments from some, this is not going to go away and membership nationally, including renewals, via the website looks set to be advocated again next year.

Not every entrant to a VTТА event completes the appropriate section on the entry form re their VTТА membership and best standard and it is no longer a rule that they should do so: (Although it would do no harm!)

The Association's Championships will no longer include age band categories or an award for fastest. Although carried, there were a number of votes against the change.

The North Lancs and Lakes Group in the person of Bill Lloyd put forward the idea of a new concept when it comes to the awarding of Standard medals: to be called 'Individual Performance Awards' requiring a whole new set of tables to run in conjunction with the other new set.

The case for and against was argued at some length and was eventually carried – the Standards Working Party now have the job of producing the 'Performance Tables'.

The expected witticisms followed the proposal to change the reference to 'Ladies' within the VTТА rule book and elsewhere to 'Women' but the change was approved overwhelmingly.

The Association now recognises records at 15 miles so look out, all those who ride this oft overlooked distance – time to make your claims.

A new Championship is to be introduced: described initially as a 'Sprint Distance Competition' is to be named the 'Short Distance Competition'.

It will be based upon the best two 10 mile plusses and the best two 25s. A lot more work for the Recorders one imagines!

Unsurprisingly there was little change with the content of the Association's officers (still no Awards Secretary). However, Ann Butterworth dropped a bombshell when she said that she would not be seeking re-election in 2014. One can only imagine the infighting that will now ensue as candidates battle to fill this prestigious vacancy.

Two or three prizewinners were present to receive their medals and photographs of trophies and Jim Burgin was delighted to be given the Ted Bricknell award for services rendered.

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A LITTLE BIT OF CYCLING HISTORY

by Peter Warhurst

The shortest beating of a national RRA record, pro rata to distance is the five second beating of the London to Portsmouth and back tandem bicycle record on 26 September 1955. I know because I was sitting on the back seat of the tandem! I think at this distance in time it is not unduly immodest to talk about it.

On the front was Graham (Ginger) Winkworth. Graham was 21 and I just 23; almost certainly the youngest RRA record breaking tandem pair.

We were (are) members of the Southgate CC in north London. We were both just average club members, not greatly fast in time trials but both having exceeded evens for a 12; quite an achievement in those days. The Southgate had a number of older members with an interest in long distance record breaking. In particular the late George Martindale, who was for 25 years honorary treasurer of both the national RTTC and RRA, and the late Goff and Geoff Turner, identical twins who were for many years producers of the RTTC championship videos.

It seems that they had long had their eye on the Pembroke to London tandem record; indeed in about 1947 a Southgate pair had made a failed attempt on it. Graham and I were persuaded to get together on a tandem to discover whether we 'nicked' on the machine. The Turners gave us use of their tandem, which they had purchased for £15 during the 1939-1945 war. It was really only a pseudo racing machine, equipped with steel Endrick wheels shod with Dunlop Sprite tyres. There was a 50 tooth single chainring giving a top gear of 96; double rings were only just coming onto the market in 1955, and in any case we had no money for such luxuries. We did, however, splash out on an early Campag 5 speed gear, controlled from the rear to save the expense of a long cable.

Graham and I found that we could ride comfortably together and seemed to have the knack of going up long hills without undue distress, so were easily persuaded to put in a schedule for an attempt on the Pembroke to London (242 miles) ride. We did plenty of long rides together in training, including riding the course to Brecon (160 miles) and back the weekend prior to our attempt which was on 5 September 1955.

At no cost to ourselves, we were driven to Pembroke on the Saturday by George and the twins and set off from Pembroke Castle at, I believe, 7am, scheduling to beat the then record of 11 hours 34 minutes by 19 minutes. Graham and I certainly nicked and were always up on schedule – 31 minutes maximum as we approached London and reached the finish at Marble Arch in 10 hours 44 minutes. In those days timing of straight-out records was to the nearest minute. On reflection we thought the ride something of a doddle with only occasional stress up some of the long climbs.

With this under our belts we realised that we had something of a talent for tandem riding so looked around quickly to find another 'gettable' record to go for before the end of the season. We settled on the hilly 140 miles of London to Portsmouth and back, held since 1935 by the Australian professionals Milliken and Stuart in 6 hours 1 minute and 12 seconds, because it appeared to be the simplest to organise in the short time available for an attempt on 26 September. No opportunity for a preliminary ride to get to know the course, just a weekday



drive over the route in the Club president's posh car.

On the 26th the alarm went off at 2am to allow us to be driven to the 16th mile stone (near Chobham) on the A3 Portsmouth road for the 4am start. This ungodly starting time was to allow for a traffic free ride through Kingston and Putney to the Hyde Park corner turn before proceeding to Portsmouth. The weather for the ride was neutral though I suspect a slight following wind picked up as we approached the finish. We were very lucky with the weather on both of our rides, because as amateurs there could be no waiting around for the right wind.

Despite a harmless tumble at Hyde Park, caused by the oaf on the back pushing too soon out of the turn, we more or less held our schedule to the Portsmouth turn. In order to avoid the climb of the Hogs Back, we had elected to go through the centre of Guildford and Godalming, rather than on the A3 round the By Pass, a decision which almost caused our undoing.

It was after turning in Portsmouth that we first began to have doubts as to a successful outcome, especially as we staggered up Portsdown hill having to avoid eye contact with a group of cyclists near the top. We seemed to pull ourselves together for the long haul through Petersfield (no by-pass there then) to Hindhead ready for the five mile plunge down its hill. I think we were about six minutes down and without much hope, but our schedule had been made out for an even pace, not taking into account the minutes to be gained down the hill. We were told later that we dropped the following car because it could not corner at 55mph. So at the bottom as we turned off the A3 to go into Godalming, having decided that we still had a chance of getting the record. Then – calamity! In Guildford as we found ourselves riding out of the town on the Woking road instead of dragging ourselves up the cobbled hill of the London road. No time for recriminations, just a quick discussion while still pressing hard on the footrests as to whether to turn back and find the correct road or to carry on the Woking spoke which we knew would take us to the A3 on the by-pass where a right turn would take us back towards the proper route.

Because we could not be certain of finding the London road if we turned back we opted to carry on and decide our fate when we reached the 24th milestone, i.e. with eight miles to go. I worked out that if we had twenty minutes remaining there we might still do it. So it was that our helpers waiting for us to emerge from the Guildford road at the then AA roundabout were amazed to spot us coming from the by-pass. We were told later by a local clubman that our diversion had added a mile and a half to the route. My cheap watch did in fact indicate just twenty minutes at the 24th milestone. That meant huge effort needed to power to the finish never knowing if we'd make it in time and grovelling up the few remaining short hills. As we arrived on the long straight approaching the 16th milestone Graham shouted that the crowd – all 15 of them – were waving madly, suggesting that we still had a chance.

That instigated by far the hardest sprint of our lives to learn that we were five seconds inside record – a time of 6 hours 1 minute 7 seconds! Something we'll never forget.

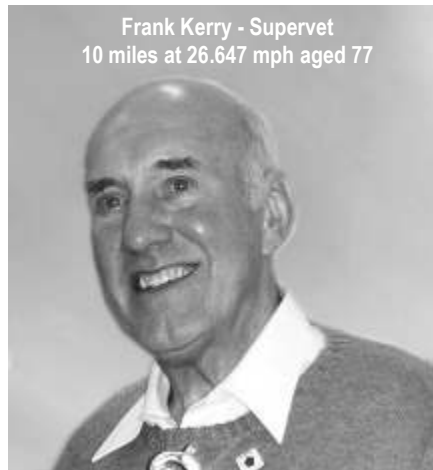
That fact that John Woodburn was sitting on the back of the tandem which 21 years later knocked spots of both of our records in no way deprived Graham and I of continuing to relish our moment in the sun!

I would add that the opening of the Hindhead tunnel, from which cyclists are banned, probably renders further attempts on the Portsmouth records unfeasible.

COMPETITORS OVER 70 - (Super Vets)

Following on from the piece on this subject in the December issue, the National Committee considered the continuance of the idea of a list of those over 70 still racing; it was suggested that perhaps riders over 70 were almost commonplace within the VTTA. Not so! The meeting decided that, regardless of the increasing numbers, and ages, of those still racing and, in many cases turning out extraordinary performances, the maintenance of the register should continue.

However, in keeping with other efforts to clarify procedures and allocation of duties, it was decided that all those over the age of 70 who have ridden a Class A event in the current year should notify their respective Group Secretary with accompanying proof (result sheet for example). In turn, each Group to include within its December report for *The Veteran*, those thus qualifying. The list to appear in the December issue of the magazine.



Frank Kerry - Supervet
10 miles at 26.647 mph aged 77

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Bill Duffin

1923 - 2012

William Gilford Duffin, known to everyone as Bill, was born in Humberstone, Leicester, on 15 August 1923. He took up cycling seriously in his middle teens, having exchanged his new 'sit-up and beg' bike for a second-hand racing machine from a colleague at the British United Shoe Machinery Company, where he was an engineering apprentice.

He joined the East Midlands Clarion Cycling Club at the age of twenty and became the top track rider in the East Midlands. He performed successfully at the highest level of competition around the country, even beating Tommy Godwin on a couple of occasions!

Those who knew him during this period reckoned that Bill was so good at grass track riding, and winning the ubiquitous canteen of cutlery for the first to cross the line, that he would review the prizes on offer and then ride for the place to which his preferred item had been allocated.

During the Second World War, Bill, as an apprentice, was not called up; however, when his apprenticeship ended towards the end of the war, he did his National Service as a Bevin Boy working down the pits in Coalville.

Around 1953, Bill and his late wife Sheila decided to emigrate to Canada. Here they enjoyed a very high standard of living not available in war-ravaged Great Britain and led a hectic social life. It was this easy life, maybe, that made Bill and Sheila reflect on what was really important and led to their becoming very committed Christians.

They returned to Britain around 1956, partly to share their new-found faith with others, with the intention of returning to Canada after a few years. They never did. Instead they became involved in promoting evangelical Christianity in their native Leicestershire, where they brought up their children.

Bill joined the Ratae Road Club and made a valuable contribution as the club coach, helping many young cyclists learn their craft.

Bill's career as an engineer ended at the age of 59 when he and Sheila put their life's savings into a fruit and vegetable business in Market Harborough, which they ran successfully. When they gave up running the business Bill came out of retirement as a racing cyclist. He still had a keen eye for the prize money, with his time trialling success in the 'vets on standard' category almost making him a professional! It was also in this period that he re-joined the Ratae RC following a spell with the Leicester Forest, and in 2011, at the age of 87, Bill recorded a 28:36 for a 10 mile time trial on the A10/20 at Tuxford; a new UK age-related record!

Bill also enjoyed social riding and was a staunch member of the Wednesday run to Margaret's café at Redmile in the Vale of Belvoir. One 'emigrant cyclist' from East Anglia recalls his first encounter with Bill. This occurred at Redmile when he lent Bill £5 because he had forgotten his wallet!

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However, in more recent years Bill preferred to ride out alone to the watering holes used by the various social rides that take place on different the days of the week; although he never rode on a Sunday.

Members of the Ratae Wednesday run would often be greeted with "Oh, Bill was in yesterday" at cafes such as Sweet Hedges, Rockingham Village Store and Catthorpe Farm Shop. On his 85th birthday he did a solo 'birthday ride' to Kenilworth, overshooting by five miles, and so clocking up the round 90 miles, which would have been his target for 2013!

Unfortunately, Bill was knocked off his bike in 2011, and never recovered full fitness, although it was Bill's cancer that eventually led to his demise. He died on 7 December 2012 at the Harley Grange Nursing Home following a short period in the Oncology Department at the Leicester Royal Infirmary.

A number of cyclists from the Ratae RC and other clubs joined his family and friends on 18 December for the interment at Wigston's Welford Road Cemetery and the Service of Thanksgiving for his life at the Glencroft Church.

Bill was truly a cycling legend and will be missed by many in the cycling world.

Geoffrey Lonsdale

Geoff was a retired aircraft engineer with a love of cycling and has died at the age of 64 from a brain tumour. From his early teens Geoff had a passionate interest in cycling, which would last him all his life.

He and his brother took cycling holidays together, staying at youth hostels. At the age of 18, Geoff rode to Cleeve Hill Youth Hostel, near Cheltenham, where he met a like-minded young lady from Coventry.

There followed a long distance courtship, involving plenty of cycling, until Sue moved to Bristol in 1970. They were married a year later at Rugby.

Geoff and Sue were active members of the Cyclists Touring Club in Bristol; but once the children arrived, club life took second place to the needs of a young family.

Geoff worked as a draughtsman for the Guided Weapons Division of British Aerospace. He later transferred to the Aircraft Division, later Airbus U.K. Drawing boards gave way to Computer Aided Design, and Geoff adapted to the new system, designing electrical connectors.

The purchase of a small caravan enabled the family to enjoy cycling holidays in lovely countryside at no great expense. Geoff also enjoyed time trialling.

He joined the Clevedon and District Road Club and competed in many events, most of them on a tricycle. He reluctantly gave up racing after a fall from his trike, but still devoted a lot of time to the sport; marshalling for time trials and serving on the time trials committee. This involved long tricycle journeys to venues, in all sorts of

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weathers.

For many years Geoff has handled the onerous task of organising the marshalling for End to End record attempts through the Bristol area.

After retiring in 2009, Geoff and Sue realised their ambition to cycle to Woking in Surrey, where their daughter Claire lives. Over the next eighteen months, holiday destinations ranged from Wiltshire and West Wales, to the Scottish Highlands and even Berlin.

All too soon, however, serious illness intervened. For two years, Geoff suffered the effects of an aggressive brain tumour and the subsequent treatments. The tumour beat them all, and Geoff began to decline swiftly. He passed away peacefully at the Bristol Royal Infirmary on January the 22nd

The funeral took place at Canford Crematorium in Bristol.

Our deepest sympathy goes out to his wife Sue and children Claire and Alan.

Brian Griffiths

Roger Queen

7.09.1943 - 12.12.2012

It is with deep sadness we report the passing of Roger Queen after he suffered a cardiac arrest whilst out riding his bike. Those who knew Roger found him a quiet, unassuming man who never said a bad word about anyone.

He started his cycling days with the Luton Wheelers in the 1960s, clocking a 1:16:30 for his first 25-mile event. That was the only time he was outside evens. Once he got the hang of it, he was rarely outside the hour and usually inside 2 hours for 50-mile events.

In 1972 and 1973, he was a member of Luton Wheelers National Championship 25-mile winning teams. He later joined the VC Slough, winning two National Championship 25-mile Team medals, three National Championship 50-mile Team medals and won the National 50-mile Championship outright in 1978 with 1.53.46.

Also in 1978, Roger broke the Competition Record at 30-miles with 1.02.07 leading the VC Slough to three team competition records in the same event. He also finished in the top twelve of the BAR and Roger was known as "The King of the North Road" as when he entered a 25-mile event, people were only left the crumbs.

Roger's racing tapered in the 1980s due to family commitments, but he never lost contact, always helping out, and when the Icknield Road Club promoted the National 50-mile Championship, Roger presented the prizes.

In 1998, Roger joined the Icknield and started racing again, helping the club to win three Veteran National Championship Team awards ; one at 10-miles, and two at 30-miles, as well as many more Open team wins, and in 2003 Roger was the London Veteran Champion.

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Roger was an inspiration to all riders and when he was a member of the team, everybody tried that little bit harder.

I first met Roger in 1963 at the Good Friday track meeting at Herne Hill when he was a young man just starting out and we were both spectators. I finally had the pleasure of riding in many teams with him in the Icknield and together sharing a pint afterwards.

Roger was held in very high esteem which showed by over 200 people attending his funeral, 30 of which were Icknield Road Club members.

I will miss you my friend....

Our condolences go to his wife Joan and all members of the family.

*John Lee
President Icknield Road Club*

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Russell (Russ) Mycock

proud father and cycling nut

After a fairly long battle against the big C, our dad passed away recently; he will be sadly missed, but fondly remembered. Our dad loved his cycling and he passed that on to us, me his son and my sis too.

Dad was a lifelong member of Leek Cycling Club and travelled the length and breadth of the country, riding and racing, and nothing could ever quite replace his love for cycling. Even if he did hate every 'hill' bigger than a pimple. One of my favourite stories was of the weekends in Blackpool – ride up there on a Saturday, go out on the town 'dancing', race on Brock on Sunday morning, then ride back to Leek.

We have found records of each of his races dating back to 1951, with his time noted, plus the course and the winner's name and in many cases the start list too. He still holds the club's 100-mile record and competed in over 600 events.

He wasn't as active in the race scene over the last few years but him and his mate Kev still managed the ride out to the Spinneys, up until the cancer started taking hold.

From sweeping corners, to stewarding the 11-Lane-Ends on the Gunn Hill course, to rides in the Cheshire Lanes, to racing here, there and everywhere, cycling was his life, so we wanted to let everyone who may have known him know what has happened.

Finally, I really do have to thank Team Sky, Mark Cavendish and Bradley Wiggins because I know my dad was well happy to be finally cheering on some Brits on cycling's biggest stages.

Ian Mycock

Jim Reilly

14.06.29 - 03.02.13

With the passing of Jim Reilly the Scottish cycling fraternity have lost a good friend. A long time member of the Bel'isle Road Club with his brothers Lyle and Peter, and then latterly with the Douglas Cycling Club; Jim lived for cycling and would be seen out at most road races, for Jim was a massed-start man riding with the best of them. Married to Irene and with two sons, he was also a family man going on cycling and camping holidays. He liked nothing better than heading for the Continent in search of the sun. If you met Jim at a race, he would be in a group all talking cycling for Jim loved the bike. For a time, he and Irene took up skiing and would head up to the Cairngorms at week-ends then, at age fifty, Jim joined the Scottish Group in 1979

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and rode the Group's events or helped-out. With retirement and sons grown up, Jim and Irene got out on their bikes more often and met up with old friends for cycle runs and coffee breaks, always finishing at the cycle shop in Campsie Glen especially on Wednesdays. Two years ago, Jim had a heart bypass operation and was soon back on the bike. Latterly Jim was admitted into Knightswood Hospital, Glasgow, where he passed away.

His friends gathered at Clydebank Crematorium on 11 February to pay their last respects.

The Scottish Group wish to convey their sincere condolences to Irene and sons Martin and Steven.

Ray Dring

1929 - 2012

I am very sad to announce that a member of Melton Olympic CC, Ray Dring died on 09 December 2012 aged 83 years. Ray was a member of a number of cycling clubs including, East Midlands Clarion, Ratae RC, Leicester Forest RC and together with his wife Eileen were competing members of the VTTA, both winning medals at various times.

Ray's first love, particularly in the summer months was mountain and rock climbing. In the 1950s he climbed the Matterhorn without the aid guides; so strong was his passion for climbing in those days he would see a mountain and just have to get up it.

Ray and Eileen were more recently known for their general support of cycling events including time-trials and road racing. Ray was a rider and founder member and latterly a supporter of Velo 99 and regularly riding his bike for leisure up until October 2012.

Ray was an accomplished local builder to the area and it was sadly working with asbestos that eventually caused the sudden onset of mesothelioma that claimed his life.

Ray's funeral was held at Loughborough and his body was carried to the crematorium on a Motorbike and Sidecar accompanied by a colourful array of friends and ex-club mates in club clothing. His sons Ian and Craig both gave citations at the funeral which was very well attended. Ray and Eileen's son Neil, who was also a cyclist, sadly died of cancer a few years ago; he is remembered by a memorial Velo 99 road race each year.

Ray was a warm, humorous, colourful character and he will be sadly missed in the cycling scene around the Leicestershire, Rutland District and the East Midlands. Our sincere condolences go to Eileen and her family.

David Herd



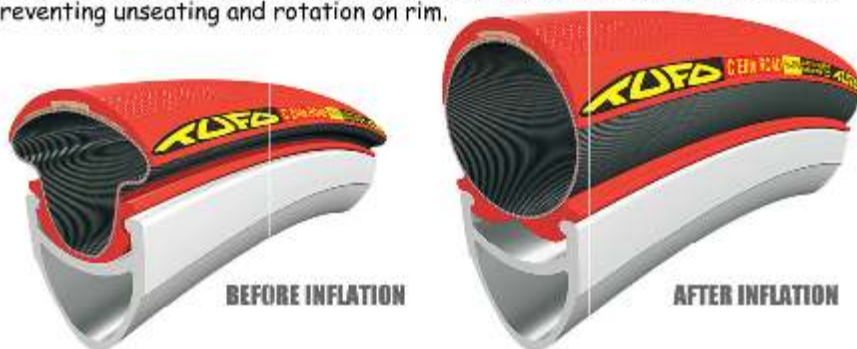
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