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Jim Gresty, 100 Mile Champion

and

Brian Sunter, 50 Mile Champion with Ann Butterworth

OFFICIALS' REPORTS ▪



PRESIDENT

It is no surprise to me that over the last few decades we have seen more ladies and gentlemen of mature years continuing to get out on bikes – and quite a few still racing in their 70s and 80s. We're lucky to be able to pursue our sport into these advanced years when you consider other sports like football and rugby, although I remember a friend who was most disgruntled to be admitted to hospital for heart surgery and asking the Consultant why this should have occurred. "I've kept to a sensible life style and cycled all my life in an effort to stay fit so why has this happened?" The surgeon just smiled and told him that if he hadn't done that he would have been dead ten years ago!

I was reminded of this yesterday when I was invited to join the Exiles club run in the Vale of the White Horse area – the Exiles are a bunch of guys who all served in the Canal Zone, Egypt and in particular at Kasfareet. I had the pleasure/privilege/misfortune/bad luck (delete as appropriate) of serving at RAF Hospital, Fayid, which was just down the Treaty Road from Kasfareet, and raced against quite a few of the guys there. The Exiles meet two or three times a year for a club run, a pub lunch and, of course, much discussion about the old days complete with photographs of very young looking bike riders!

One of the photos which nearly always crops up is a group of five riders who were the winning break on the last day of the Tour of the Canal Zone at Easter 1953. Now when you think that this happened sixty years ago it is quite an achievement to realise that out of those five youthful, good looking riders (?), four of them were present for the traditional group photo' at the end of the day.

Myself, Brian Gee, Ronnie Calvert and Alex McWhirter were all on parade - tallest on the right, shortest on the left! Lunch was excellent at the Chequers Inn, Charney Bassett, and some of the stories on our table left me wondering if my education had been as extensive as I thought!

However, we had about 14 riders who covered 15 miles at a pace befitting our years and despite some frailties and problems, everyone enjoyed the day and we congratulated ourselves that we could still swing a leg over the crossbar. In our cycling careers, we have all competed, some with success, others not so fortunate but all have benefited – which allows me to conclude with the following:

“ A loser isn't the one who comes last – it's the one who sits and watches “



NATIONAL SECRETARY

Ann Butterworth

For the first time in the 70-year history of the VTTA, the NEC has been forced to make the decision to appoint a paid National Secretary (see page 9). For, despite advertisements and requests made personally by some NEC members, no-one has been persuaded to volunteer to take the post.

This is a situation not just confined to the NEC; it also appears to be a trend amongst the Groups where, in some cases, all administration of a Group is being done by two officers or even one.

I must admit I am surprised that this situation should occur in an association where one has to be at least 40 years of age in order to join. I should have thought that most of our members had been racing for some years by the time they join the VTTA and have therefore benefited from the work put in by club officers, event organisers, marshals, catering staff etc. Obviously they want to continue to race (indeed, the reason the VTTA was formed was to enable older people to continue to race competitively) but surely there are some who would be prepared to do a little non-racing work and 'put something back' into the sport.

Without volunteers, Groups will be unable to continue, making it difficult for you to race as a VTTA member. So please think about it and, if you are able to give a small amount of your time, approach your Group Secretary and ask if you can have a short trial period. You never know, you may enjoy working for the VTTA as much as I have done for the past 20 years.

EDITOR

Jim Burgin



Our President has enjoyed a long and varied career as a cyclist and in fact has only recently decided to 'hang up his wheels'.

Ann hung hers up not so very long ago whilst, although mine exist, they have been tucked away in the shed for a long time now. However, in the time trialling world, you are nothing if you don't ride a bike and so, prompted by Alan's glimpse of the past, I thought it might be amusing to ask the Secretary to join in along with me. Little did I expect such a lovely photograph of Ann which one of these days I will publish in the full colour in which it was delivered to me.

Allan's photograph was taken in 1953, Ann's in 1988 and mine also in 1953.

The NEC meet once a quarter at the Kings Court Hotel, Kings Coughton, near Alcester and earnestly debate the affairs of the Association. The minutes are made available to Group Secretaries and Chairmen and, whilst not perhaps the most exciting reading, do detail the efforts made on behalf of the members to represent the wishes of the majority. If anyone is sufficiently interested and not necessarily able to grab a copy from their Group Secretary, I'm sure the National Secretary would oblige.

On the 7 September, the meeting had to agree to ignore the previous system of sharing the 2014 Championships throughout the country but to go where there were offers to promote.

Steve Lockwood, the National Recorder, told of the spreadsheet he was developing for use by Group Recorders which would simplify their job whilst Alan Colburn updated the meeting on the likelihood of the trophies being on permanent display in the Coventry Transport Museum.

There was much more if anyone is curious.

Appointment of a National Secretary

As noted in *The Veteran*, our current national secretary, Ann Butterworth, will be retiring at the next AGM on 1 February 2014 after just over five years of diligent and tireless service to the Association.

Notices regarding this, posted in the last two editions of *The Veteran*, elicited only two enquiries, each of which resulted in the interested parties deciding the job was too onerous for them and withdrawing.

The NEC consider that the position of General Secretary is too fundamental to the continued existence of the Association to be left to the uncertainty of possible candidates presenting themselves at the AGM and it was agreed unanimously that the creation of an external, paid appointment was in the best interests of the Association and the way to ensure its future stability and continuity.

This decision was aided by the fact that an eminently suitable candidate, Rachael Elliot of the Newbury Road Club, had been approached about the possibility of filling this role.

Following further discussions, Rachael has agreed and is prepared to commence an introductory, unpaid hand-over period commencing in December, followed by a paid appointment immediately following Ann's retirement. The NEC has accepted this, subject to the agreement of Terms and Conditions with Rachael.

To reiterate, the NEC considers the inherent problems of not having a General Secretary cannot be over emphasised and indeed threatens the continued existence of the Association itself and will seek endorsement of its decision at the AGM.



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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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AROUND THE GROUPS

YORKSHIRE GROUP

Here we are again, hurtling into the last two months of the season. As I write this piece, we have just had two weeks of milder weather and sunshine which has almost brought the country to a standstill. It never ceases to amaze me that a few days of sunshine seem to be regarded as a national crisis. Relief will soon be here and we can get stuck into another ten months of foul weather. Our 30, which this year incorporated the VTTA National Championship, was held on a Sunday morning, which was fortunate as the previous day had been appalling; conditions were quite good and some fast times were recorded. The winner, both on actual time and standard, was Bob Pears (50), Bath CC, 1:01:20 +20:46. Our own Brian Sunter (69), Condor RC, took a fine second place with 1:09:31 +19:25. Third place went to Peter Greenwood (61), Clayton Velo, with 1:06:39 +18:38. The team prize went to Team Swift comprising Blair Buss (48), 1:03:52 +17:45, Rob Krygsman (51), the average age of the top ten was 56.

Another event to get a good morning was the Andy Wilson 50. This was the 82nd running of this classic event and it was won by Andy Jackson, Team Swift, with 1:44:11, a fine ride but over three minutes short of the nine-year - old event record set by Mark Atkinson. Two Yorkshire riders finished fifth and sixth, both from Yorkshire RC, Phil Goode 1:50:53 and Carl Saint 1:50:55. The number of finishers continues to decrease, which is sad; 60 this year, down from 69 last.

Our Midsummer 25 this year, promoted by Tony Stott, was blessed with an excellent morning. The winner was Peter Crofts, Southborough & District CC, with a great ride at the age of 74, recording 59:23 for a +16:57. In second place, back to his best, was Derek Hodgins (79), Stockport Clarion, 1:03:16 +16:50. Third place was taken by Blair Buss (48), Team Swift, who also set the fastest time of 52:19 +15:19; he also led the winning team, being supported by Tim Humphries (49), 55:33 +12:17, and Tony

Boardman (57), 58:17 +11:17. The best lady on the day was Karen Taylor (47), East Bradford CC, 1:02:22 +10:27, although it was a close-run thing with just three seconds separating her from Katherine Church (41), Ilkley CC, 1:01:04 +10:24. The actual fastest ride on the day was done by non- Vet Keith Murray (38), Strategic Lions Cycling, who did a blistering 51:23. Once again thanks are due to all the marshals and helpers and to Tony Stott, our Secretary, for the organisation.

On now to social matters: A reminder for our Rideout Lunch, which will be held once again at Old Otliensians RUFC Clubroom at Otley on Sunday 20th October, 12 noon to 3 pm: Tickets £12 (pay on the day). Book with John Churchman (Tel: 01274 564234). Falling numbers over the last few years mean that this function hangs in the balance. It is a good do, so come along and give John your support; he deserves it for all his work for the group over the years.

It is now over a year since Len Grayson, Team Swift, was killed in his own Club's 100. The motorist was finally brought to court and pleaded guilty to careless driving. He received a short driving ban and community service, about par for the course these days. We remain fair game for the motoring fraternity. Despite the perceived upsurge in cycling post Olympics, we still get zero respect from the motoring public.

Another person in the wars is Janet Tate, Leeds Westfield CC. Janet suffered a fall from a sit-up-and-beg bike whilst on holiday in Majorca, injuring her hand; according to husband Bob, she is making a steady recovery. We wish her all the best.

Brenda Littlefair, East Bradford CC, has set another age record at 12 hours when she recorded 179.66 miles in the Team Swift 12 at the age of 77. Congratulations, Brenda.

Now to another quite remarkable performance: Peter Yates, Otley CC, ia the new VTTA National 24 hour Champion. Peter, who is 80, covered 343.04 miles in the Mersey RC 24 for a plus of 140 miles, a new age record, beating the old record by 17 miles, Our Congratulations to Peter on a

wonderful effort.

So to our August meeting: Sadly the attendance hit a new low with just 11 members present, down from 18 last year. What can I say? The name Titanic springs to mind. Tony Stott, our Secretary, who had attended the National AGM, gave us some background to the new performance awards; it appears that the thinking behind these awards is to give riders who can't beat the new standards something to aim at. A new short distance Championship consisting of a rider's best two tens and best two twenty-fives, has also been introduced. Our events for next season seem to be down to three. Mike Williams will continue with the 10 in April for one more year; you have been warned: the date will be 12 April 2014. Tony Stott will promote the 25 on 20 July 2014 and Steve Gaunt the Autumn 10 on 6 September 2014. Bob Tate, after many years of promoting, stood down from running the 30. Our thanks to Bob for his promotions over the years, which have included three National Championships. So that is it! Unless somebody steps forward to run another event, we will have just three promotions next season.

Entry fees will remain at £9. Bob also reminded us that he warned at the last AGM that he will be standing down as Recorder, so we will be looking for a replacement at the AGM: Is there anyone out there who will take it on? Our membership is down again, following the national trend; we are now down to 154, including 16 life members and 12 honorary life members. It was suggested that at our AGM we discuss the new performance awards with a view to putting a motion on the National agenda that they be scrapped. Also we put a motion forward to the CTT District AGM that traffic counts be looked at; it was felt that the traffic on our main road courses is reaching epic proportions and further fatalities must be avoided. Tony Stott, who had just promoted our 25 on the A19, said that he had been unhappy about safety and the volume of traffic. As we have seen in the last two years, the price being paid is far too high. Back to social matters, the Rideout Lunch, as I have stated elsewhere, hangs in the balance and a decision will be taken after

the next lunch. Our Annual Lunch and Prize Presentation will be on 19 January 2014 at The Bridge, Washford. Tickets will be available from Mickie Hornby in due course. Our Guest of Honour will be Billy Holmes. For our younger members, Billy was a star rider in the Fifties and Sixties. He broke competition records at 25 and 50 miles almost sixty years ago, with times that many of today's riders, with all their carbon tackle, would be proud of. He also won the Tour of Britain! So come along and meet a Yorkshire Great. Give Mickie your support. She is concerned as the CTT Champions' Night is the night before our Lunch and she is worried that it may affect our attendance. The date for the Lunch in 2015 has been chosen and it will be 24 January. So that was the August meeting.

Well, that's all the news. The football season has started so the spitting and rolling around on soft grass in agony is in full swing; a far cry from Geraint Thomas riding three weeks of the Tour de France with a cracked pelvis. The Olympic Committee have now elevated cycling to put it on a par with volleyball and basketball, but behind gymnastics. A sport based on somebody's opinion – I give in.

See you up the road.

Malcolm T Cowgill

WEST



After a fitful and very cold start it's wonderful to enjoy a reasonable stretch of really good weather, which looks as though it might persist for a little while longer yet.

Not a lot of news has reached my ears that I can report, and I have done my best to collect whatever is available, but it certainly it has been a bit thin on the ground.

Bristol was named as Britain's No 1 cycling city in 2008 but the local media has done precious little to promote our success and has made no endeavour to increase the number of people using two wheels in the city. In fact it is my opinion that they are largely anti cycling. My attempts to provide them with good cycling news are totally ignored and all they seem interested in is readers writing in and blowing out of all proportion minor niggles about cyclists. Plus continually bringing up old chestnuts like cyclists should pay road tax. They never report the Tour de France, and seldom local cycling, except of course when someone is accused of doping. This always attracts headlines! Their miserable excuse is that cycling is well reported in other publications. We get about 40 pages of football in the local paper each week. I don't suppose the city's two football clubs contribute a penny to the massive publicity they get and yet it must cost a considerable amount to send reporters and photographers all over the country each week.

Despite the reluctance of the media, cycling in this part of the country is definitely growing. Morning and evenings the streets are full of cyclists going to work. At the weekends there are certainly many more cyclists to be seen in the lanes and at the pubs and cafés during the day. It is so good to see a developing cycling culture. But it does take time to evolve, so can we help to develop things in the right way? I think we could, just as they have done in Holland! The trouble is that everyone is in such a rush, we must learn to be patient, it doesn't happen overnight. We must steadily build the infra-

structure in terms of safe facilities, get people to use proper bikes properly and teach them the real skills of what cycling is all about, so that they too can enjoy the pleasures that we get. Get involved in any way you can, do your bit!

With this in mind I am trying to see how we could convert some of the healthy growth in sporting cyclists into our own branch of the sport. This is not going to be easy because time trialling has now become so highly specialised, with expensive, exclusive bikes to be bought in order to compete and then there are only a limited number of events to enter and a definite lack of publicity. We certainly have moved on from when I first started racing on a modified ordinary lightweight, which normally took me to work as well as being used for touring adventures.

Have we shot ourselves in the foot, can we persuade people that they don't need all these exclusive carbon fibre frames and wheels to take part and achieve some worthwhile goals? Just how do we manage to get people to commit themselves to the exclusive club we have now become? How can we create a much bigger public perception of what we do and generate a bit more exciting profile to our outward image? It's not going to be easy especially as the expense of getting into the sport at the junior level is proving to be a real barrier to our youngsters who insist on the latest gear, which constantly needs updating.

I was absolutely delighted to get some very complimentary feedback from Peter Wilson about my last WestVet report. Thanks Peter for your kind words and I really did mean what I said about Janet, she was a real gem and is very sadly missed by us all.

I was particularly saddened to hear of an unfortunate accident in the WTTA 10 at Cricklade a few weeks ago. Derek Pierce, one of our members from Bath, was very seriously injured and was attended by the air ambulance. My information is that after a very critical period

in hospital he is now showing good signs of recovery. Derek, we wish you all the best for a speedy recovery and hope that you will soon be back among us.

Brian Griffiths

WESSEX

There is a blanket of gloom over the Group with the news of the death of Barbara Braithwaite early in August two days after her 92nd birthday. Barbara was a prolific Veteran age record breaker at both Group and National level, gaining some three dozen Wessex age records over the years, no less than twenty-two of which still stand. She had at least eight National record certificates, and her 30 time of 1:32:45 at age 80 remains unbeaten as a lasting memorial to her. A full obituary will follow.

Two of the Group's championships have been held as follows:-

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| 1st Terry Icke | 21:42 | +7.10 |
| 2nd Colin Yeat | 21:38 | +5.26 |
| 3rd Cliff Rowe | 21:39 | +5.25 |

A happy note in the event was that our Lanterne Rouge trophy goes to ever - popular 76 year old, Brian Hall with a not to be sneezed at +1.37.

50Championship

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| 1st Terry Icke | 1:56:58 | +35.20 |
| 2nd Glenn Longland | 1:57:31 | +25.52 |
| 3rd Cliff Rowe | 1:59:49 | +22.18 |

Terry Icke at age 69 is having an amazing season, apart from winning our Championships and taking the best on standard award in each of his many opens, he has claimed for National age records at both 25 and 50 miles. The 25 with a time of 53:47 in the a3crg evening event on 24 June and the 50 in 1:51:03 in the Hampshire RC event on 30 June. I suspect that there is more to come!

Leslie Walkling is also having a record breaking season with Group age 47 ladies' records at 10, 25 and 50 miles. Her time for the 25, 55:21 (just four minutes slower than husband Stephen on

the day) lays claim for a new National record. Steve is also having a very good season, with a stream of high placings including wins in both the Andover Wheelers and Fareham Wheelers open 10s, but not quite reaching age record status.

Our member Nik Bowdler retained his CTT National 12 hour title with a brilliant 293.2 miles on 11th August. In the same event Norman Harvey, covering 192.2 miles, added the Group's age 80 record to that at 50 miles with time of 2:26:51 in the Hants RC event.

Rivalling these as our season's star members must be new man, relatively young Sebastian Ader whose win with 50:12 in his own a3crg club's 25 on 24 June was his eighth open event win of the season. He followed this with yet another win, in the Hounslow & District Wheelers 25 in 51:07.

A golden oldie at age 75 is tricyclist Bob West who soldiers on, seeming always to choose the wrong mornings, but still achieving Group age records at 10 and 25 miles.

Up to now, all of my talk has been short distance efforts but the Group also has heroes (and a heroine) who can last for 24 hours. Witness 55 year old Mary Corbett who steered 42 year old Simon Hall on their tandem to a robust 369.474 miles in the gruelling Championship 24.

It makes me shudder to think about it.

Finally I am bidden by our long-time secretary/treasurer, Ken Blowe (now happily fit and able enough to complete an 18 hole round of golf, even commencing at 0700hrs) to give notice that the Group AGM will be held at the Valley Park Community Centre, Valley Park, Chandlers Ford S053 4ST on Sunday 3 November starting at 10.30 a: Despite our pleas, there have been no volunteers come forward for nomination to fill the posts occupied by Ken and myself. Younger faces are needed because chaps of Ken and my senility cannot last forever.

Peter Warhurst

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SURREY-SUSSEX



The last report finished just before the Group ten on 8 June. I did not get to the event, or the meeting afterwards. The result of the ten saw a clean sweep by Eastbourne Rovers of the two Trophies:

The Stan Harvey Trophy & Medal (Highest Surrey/Sussex Veteran Plus on Standard) went to Matthew Woods (Eastbourne Rovers) with +04:15

The Wilf How Trophy & Medals (Highest Surrey/Sussex Club Veteran Team of 3 on Standard) went to Eastbourne Rovers with a total plus of 9:18 (Matthew Woods 4:15; Stuart Medhurst 2:33 and Geoff Smith 2:30) The Group 30 Championship incorporated in the Lewes Wanderers event on 30 June saw another clean sweep by one club, and fittingly it was the Lewes Wanderers.

Nick Dwyer (Lewes Wanderers) won the Mick Burgess Cup with a plus 15:57 (1:05:55).

The team of three, who receive VTTA medals with a combined plus of 36:14 was Lewes Wanderers (Nick Dwyer 15:57; Tom

Glandfield 10:42 and Alan Lloyd 9:35.

Shaun Kennedy of the promoting club fittingly won the Group 25 Championship incorporated in the Bec CC event on G25/45 on 7 July 2013 for the Aubrey Wenman trophy. His 56:50 gave him a plus of 11:49. There was no Group team of three who finished

The Group 50 Championship hosted by ESCA on 14 July. Once again Lewes Wanderers dominated with Nick Dwyer (Lewes Wanderers) taking the Aldershot Cup with plus 27:32 The team award also went to the Lewes Wanderers with a plus of 65:23 (Nick Dwyer 27:32; Tom Glandfield 20:25 and Peter Baker 17:26).

The last event going to press was the Group 100 Championship in ESCA 100 on 18 August. It was an event fraught with problems. Road works caused one change and then at the last moment more road works caused Bob Harber to rethink the course. With four laps of the A23 part (and 58 roundabouts to negotiate) Geoff Smith (Eastbourne Rovers) ended the day as Group Champion with plus 49:15. The Group Team was Lewes Wanderers (Tom Glandfield 41:55; Michael Turner 29:34 and Alan Lloyd 26:17). For those with internet access you must read Sue Fenwick's piece about her ride, which is on the time trialling forum. For the remainder of the year the outlook is interesting. Not the closeness of the racing but the random and unpredictable nature of road works. Several events recently have had to be amended because of traffic lights and the Group 100 Championship is not immune. There has already been one course change and another looms. The result of this will be after the deadline for these notes so you will have to wait until Christmas to find out what happens.

The final part on the current racing results is

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to mention Paul Jackson, resident of Guernsey, who popped over to the mainland and rode the National 12 Hour. He finished 8th with an impressive 267.82 miles. He has already pencilled in the 2014 National 24 Hour (VTTA and CTT) which is being run in East Sussex once again.

The remaining events for the year are 1 September – Group 12 Hour Championship, which is another new award for us, will be run in the KCA 12 Hour on Q12:

To finish off we have the Group 25 event on 22 September on G25/89 organised by Group Chairman, Keith Wilkinson. This edition of the magazine may be out after the event but just in case if you are not riding, I am sure he would be grateful for offers of help.

It is also time to remind you of some of the social events:

Group AGM is on 24 November at Dial Post (before the SCA lunch).

The Group Lunch and Prize Presentation is on February 3rd at Rowfant House

For those keen to ride a few miles the ESCA Reliability Trial starts at East Hoathly on 17 November.

With my Recorder's hat on may I remind everyone of the various competitions? There is the usual three and four distance BAR as well as the NEW short distance BAR. We don't have a Group Trophy for this but we will be giving a medal to the winner. The rules are quite simple. The Short Distance Competition runs throughout each season and competitors must complete two rides at 10 miles and two rides at 25 miles. After each event a rider will compare his/her actual performance against Standard. The resulting plusses are weighted to ensure a balance between the various events. The Champion is the rider with the highest aggregate weighted plusses.

I will write out as usual after the 22 September 25 but can you please let me have any claims for the competitions back promptly. For those over 70 who have competed in an Open Event YOU need to tell me if you want to be included on the published list.

I wrote or emailed to everyone who had paid for Standard Awards this year. I have had a few replies but may I just mention again that at the AGM in February the NEC put forward a proposal for a new Performance Award

scheme to replace the Standard Medals. This was passed.

The Performance Awards do not require you to achieve or beat the standard time (or distance in 12s and 24s) for your age. You simply need to be within a certain time of your best time in the previous year. If you have no recorded time then you automatically receive a Performance Award for that distance. If you don't want to "compete" for the new Performance Award, Keith will refund you your payment

And finally welcome to the following new members:

Steve Grout (Clapham Chasers); Matt Woods (Eastbourne Rovers CC); Paul Cragg and Andy Eaton (Eastbourne Rovers CC) Edward MacInnes (RAF CA) and Robert Millar

Tim Carpenter

SOUTH WALES



Hopefully, this report will convey some events in South-Wales since May. I say this because the arrival of a second grandchild, found me in Houston, Texas for part of June and most of July. I am told that in my absence I

missed some hot weather, which is very frustrating after so many wet summers. Now it's August, I am back home and it's raining again, notably Sunday 4th August at the Cardiff 100 Miles RCC Open 50 when a sudden downpour saw some of the later starters, including your correspondent, almost washed off the course. Houston in summer was very hot, the daily high is often 38c and any cycling has to be done early, preferably at first light before the heat kicks in. On the first weekend I was invited to join a group of cyclists who meet at Zube Park, 40 miles up Inter-State 290. We rode 65 miles of which the last 20 were in massive heat that seriously affected an un-acclimatised body. At the finish, I sat under an oak tree sipping water and orange juice for over an hour, only then did I feel able to move on. I hung in with training, riding 30 miles out and back along Brays Bayou cycle path every morning from first light, then back with the family for breakfast and the luxury of air conditioning at full blast. Later in our visit I made two more Zube Park rides, by then the heat seemed easier to deal with. I learnt to drink two pints before the start and then drinking as much as possible throughout the ride. With the help of daily stint along the Bayou, I was finally able to ride on more equal terms with the locals.

Back to Sunday, 4th August and the Cardiff 100 miles RCC Open 50, according to the forecast the event should have been completed in the dry; however, competitors from West Wales claimed to have driven through heavy rain, it was an omen of things to come. I requested a late start and paid the price. Many others at the back end of the field were DNF, which is sad because this event had enjoyed good weather during recent years, even when the overall summers had been poor. However, good performances were to be found: the VTTA South Wales 50 Cup was handsomely won by Dave Brice, Bynea CC in 1.56.13 with a +24.41, I would also commend John Shehan, Bynea CC, 2.08.18 with +22.04 and Paul Coleman, Pembroke Velo, 2.03.35 with +17.19. I spoke with Paul at the finish, four minutes down on last year's ride was a disappointment, he is hoping for something better in the WCA 100 next Sunday.

While I was away, our 25 Championship and the Cambridge Cup was held in conjunction with the Ross on Wye and District event on

14th July. Dave Brice was again the fastest with 54.37 +13.37. Paul Coleman produced an excellent 56.05 +12.21 and John Shehan 59.28 +13.16, however; Hugh Davies, PTW, prevailed in the race for the Cup with 58.13 +14.31. Congratulations Hugh, a just reward for much hard training. The numbers were made up by Jeff Adams, 1.01.08, Pete Murrieri, 1.03.15, Ed Hadley, 1.04.43. Sally Harmer, 1.06.38, Ken Squibb, 1.11.32 and last but not least Rob Ibell 1.19.11. I was pleased to see my friend Pete Wilson, Bath CC posting an excellent 1.04.25, +15.41. Had Pete ridden for a Welsh club, he would have won the Cup!

The Cardiff 100 Miles RCC 25 On 6th July saw a few more of our members in action. Mike Broadbent, Bynea clocked 57.31, Stuart Evans PTW 59.26; Clive Chappe Ross and District 1.06.53; Jeff Chambers Bynea 1.12.29 and Derek Morgan Gannet CC. 1.08.01. Hugh Davies was again good value with 57.09 + 15.33.

I have just seen the result of the WCA, Welsh Championship, 100 held 11th August and would congratulate Paul Coleman for posting 4.02.12 +56.31. Paul was hoping for improved form and will be delighted with this result, he wins the VTTA South Wales 100 Cup for 2013. Dave Brice pushed Paul all the way and must be pleased with PB of 4.08.44 + 50.01. Our only other finisher was Dave Unsworth with a worthy 5.16.59 + 28.38. Evergreen Pete Wilson was also on the finishing list with a very good 4.56.26 +67.33 –well done Pete, another worthwhile result for your history book.

For those not wishing to ride the WCA 100, Cwmcarn Paragon CC promoted a 25 on the previous Saturday afternoon. We were back on Usk-Monmouth R25/7, where Alf Engers won the RTTC 25 Championship way back in 1974 with 54.50 on a hard windy day. By comparison last Saturday was benign, with some excellent performances from our members. These are their times as no standard prizes were awarded by the promoter.

Paul Cannon 56.31; Stuart Evans 57.45; Hugh Davies 58.14; John Shehan 59.31; your correspondent 1.01.46; Ed Hadley 1.03.38; Sally Harmer 1.06.05; Ken Squibb 1.10.00; and Jeff

Chambers 1.11.54. I spoke with Sally Harmer at the finish, her time was near to a PB which she was really delighted to achieve in spite of maintaining a busy working life that provides little opportunity to do serious training. I would also congratulate Stuart Evans for posting 57.45, his best result this season. I guess we always have to keep our achievements in perspective and the winner on the day was Ben Anstie in 50.15, a fine ride that took the prize. For the over 40s with no vet awards, it was taking part that mattered.

Final note, we are still looking for any members with computers who might like to help run this South Wales Group. If you interested in contributing please apply to me.
Barry Williams
Secretary/Treasurer VTTA South Wales

SCOTLAND

Introduction

Hello from the French Alps where we're holidaying with both the tandem and solo bikes.

The decision not to race this year has certainly meant that more time has been available for leisure riding and it's been good to get back to both sailing the west coast and doing some cycling other than training and racing. Here in France we've been to the Pyrenees, Ventoux and the Alps (which I last visited some 30 years ago as a whitewater canoeist) and are currently travelling en route to Alsace to take in the Ballon climbs.

Anyway, why am I telling you all this you may well ask? It's by way of an explanation as to why this report will be less detailed and perhaps less well formatted than usual as I only have a very small notepad here with me, and no access to printers/scanners etc. For example I have not been able to include full results of every championship event but by the time you read this our website will have been updated to include the full details of all this year's SVTTA racing, plus there will of course be a full summary of the 2013 season in the next and final magazine of this year.

In addition, as I haven't been at the races this year, the reports are limited to what others have kindly told or sent to me, so in most

cases I have little other than the basic result. Thanks as always go to the regular band of contributors who have sent in copy for the magazine; you know who you are.

Racing News

VTTA 25 National Championship Iain McLeod (Denny RC) and Derek Stewart (Deeside Thistle) entered the VTTA National Championship 25 on 2nd June, organised by (*The Veteran* editor) Jim Burgin for the London and Home Counties Group, with headquarters in Marlow, Buckinghamshire. Iain kindly provided the following report.

The course was out and back, with the first 6.9 miles being on dual carriageway, starting with nearly 2 miles downhill and the remainder being on single carriageway. There are ups and downs throughout the course, many roundabouts and even one pedestrian crossing with traffic lights. Road surface condition varied from good to horrible.

Start time 7:00 am, decent weather conditions - cool, sunny, light wind. There were 84 riders plus one tandem, with not all groups being represented. I found that the "ski slope" was a bit too steep to allow full advantage to be taken, but other braver riders, including the tandem, were reportedly doing well over 40 mph. I enjoyed the race and finished in 1:03:02, which gave plus 13:57 on standard.

Results were being displayed real time in the headquarters hall. This made it clear that Derek Stewart was overdue. Enquiries were made, but no information was forthcoming, so a search party was sent out. Derek had punctured at 18 miles. It took a bit of walking and two lifts from kind hearted spectators and marshals to get him back to HQ. This raises a general point that could apply to all our events - a telephone to be available at all marshal points with a pre-arranged contact for reporting accidents and mishaps.

The Champion and fastest overall was Rob Pears of Bath CC with actual time 50:29 and plus 17:33 on standard. Best team on standard was the Kingston Wheelers CC.

Thanks due to Jim and his helpers for putting on a well organised event, with a good turnout

of marshals, fine facilities at the HQ and, of course, to the friendly riders and supporters who combined to make this a most enjoyable venture (perhaps not for Derek).

Willie Rafferty 10

The Willie Rafferty Memorial 10 held on 5th June is organised by the St Christopher's CC in memory of one time member Willie Rafferty. Willie's family maintain a connection with the club, and his young grandsons handed out the prizes. The Willie Rafferty cup is awarded to the best on standard. It was won this year, and for the umpteenth time, by David Millar.

Andrew Wilson took over as organiser this year from Michael Devlin (Scotland group chairman). Michael was presented with a bottle of whisky from the club to show their appreciation for the many years that he had organised this event.

There was a good turnout from SVTTA members, including Social Secretary George Skinner, riding what is his "local" course for the first time. The course is out and back on the A77 single carriageway on the south side of Glasgow. Undulating throughout, it is not expected to give fast times, although Jason McIntyre did an amazing 19:56 when it was used for a Scottish National Championship.

Thanks due to Andrew and all at St Christopher's CC for continuing to promote this well organised and enjoyable event. Special mention to Colin Meikle, who had suffered a nasty fall three days previously in a 25. He helped out on the night even although covered in bandages and ointment!

VTTA National 24 Hour Championship

Phillip Jurczyk and George Berwick rode the Mersey Roads/VTTA National 24 hour on the weekend of 20th/21st July where they established new VTTA and SVTTA records for age 70. They also won the VTTA Tandem championship much to their surprise as they had decided to finish over an hour early and left before the results were declared as they felt they had no chance. Their distance was (in Phillip's own words) a very modest 323.14 miles, around 40 miles less than last year partly due to George being well below par as he was on medication for a heart problem and due to go into

Ninewells hospital in Dundee for a procedure the following month.

Track racing

Forres CC's Peter Robinson is having a busy and successful track season. At the British Masters Track Championships held in Newport at the beginning of July he won two gold medals: the 500 metre TT and the 2000 metre pursuit. In October he will be going to the World Masters in Manchester to compete in the 500 metre TT, the points race, the scratch race and the 2000 metre pursuit. In the latter event he hopes to improve on last year's bronze medal.

John Cramb 25 Mile Handicap Championship

In our 25 mile handicap championship held on 15 June, Glasgow Couriers' Jim Cusick was fastest on the day recording 54:54.

See results pages for details

Congratulations to Steve MacLuskie on winning the John Cramb trophy.

Road Race Trophies

The Jackie Connor and Jim Lyon (for the over 60s) road races were contested on the 23rd June with Jocky Johnstone winning the latter.

As I write there remains some confusion as to whether the Jackie Connor trophy was won by Jim Cusick or Jocky, but I'm sure that the boys will have sorted it out amicably by now!

Ben Smith 25 Mile Championship

With 26 of our members having entered the Scottish Cycling 50 mile championship on the same day, 30th June, there was a depleted field for the Ben Smith Trophy, plus three members

DNS - we can only assume due to the early 07.00 start. A strong wind blowing across the Blairdrummond course from the south west didn't interfere with the good times put up by our members. Ben Smith trophy winner Derek Stewart was really pleased as he had been off the bike for three weeks while away holidaying in Russia.

The Reilly 100 mile and Jim Sharpe 100 mile Handicap Championships

This event was held on the Fordoun/

Stonehaven/Stracathro [AB100S/1] course in Aberdeen district on 7 July. After a 7.00 am start in near perfect conditions; it became a bit breezy which made it a bit of a battle over the second lap of the 2 x 50 mile lap course

At half way Perth's Steve Cairns had a 15 seconds edge on Carlos Riise (Shetland Wheelers) with Granite City's Keith Robertson a mere one minute further back

It was always going to be about the finish and it was Carlos who retained the form required to take the win on scratch.

The Reilly Trophy was fittingly won by Shetland Wheelers' Christine McLean with a scratch time of 4:27:24 a +55:16 on age standard at 52..

The SVTTA handicap Jim Sharpe trophy will be in the custody of Graeme Hay, Stirling Bike Club, for the next year with a fine 4:08:52 (net 3.52.11) a mere five second beating on handicap of local 76yr old Derek Stewart.

Carlos and Christine were then to be heading to Bermuda to compete in "The Island Games".

The event was well organised and catered for by Mark and Polly Tandy supported by the Deeside stalwarts.

Times recorded on the day are shown in the results pages.

Pinky Williams 30 mile Championship

Congratulations to Derek Stewart who won the Pinky Williams 30 trophy on 14th. July with +17:39.

The podium places at the event were as shown in the results pages.

Harry Roberts 50 mile Championship

Back in Aberdeen district on the 4th August the Harry Roberts 50 used a new course, a variation on the existing 50 course. This time the start was at the Stonehaven A90/A92 junction with the finish being at the layby just short of the rail bridge over the A90 heading back Stonehaven. This meant that the riders at least had fresh legs with which to tackle the drag out of Stonehaven, rather than it coming at around half race distance.

First on standard and winner of the trophy was, that man again, Derek Stewart whose time of 2:12:12 gave him a +30:56 on standard. Another local man, Norman Skene, recorded 1:59:58 and +23:56 for second on standard. Denny RC's Iain McLeod stopped the clock at 2:16:05 and +23:46 for third place only 10 seconds further back on standard.

Finally.

The Scottish Group were sad to hear of the passing of Betty Duthie and send their condolences to her friends and relatives.

A warm welcome to recent new SVTTA members Gordon Glover, David Johnston and Albert McLellan.

With only one more edition of *The Veteran* due this year I sincerely would like it to be my last, so, pretty please, if you would be prepared to take on this task then please step forward. Failing that then I'll just start rambling on more about my holidays or do as George Berwick tells me he used to do when trapped in this role and start writing about the vegetable garden. And you really wouldn't want that..

Steve Nutley

NOTTINGHAM AND EAST MIDLANDS



Well the weather finally turned warmer and dryer in the latter part of the summer and has brought better conditions for cycling than the last few years.

The VTTA Championship 25 held near Marlow will no doubt be well covered by more informed reports but, I would like to congratulate the trio of riders from South Pennine for flying the flag for the NEM Group. Ken Stevens was placed 8th with a +14:17 from an actual of 01:08:49, Dave Bates 27th +11:34 just under the hour with an actual 01:00:24 and Jeff Bowler 29th +22:25 from an actual of 01:01:45. First year Veteran member Simon Inman Mapperly CC was placed 46th +7:48 from an impressive time of 58:12.

Nottingham Clarion 50 held on the 2nd of June was held in the Vale of Belvoir provided some excellent times with first eleven riders going under the hour mark. Senior Scott Walker MG Décor Team Carbon Bikes was fastest on the day with 01:49:43. Steven Howgill Leicestershire RC placed 11th with 01:59:21, Russell Gent Melton Olympic CC 02:09:21, Michael Wilkinson North Notts Olympic CC 02:14:04, Craig Watson Sherwood CC 02:15:57, David Smith Sleaford Wheelers 02:16:31, Bryan Fenwick Melton Olympic CC 02:16:33, Hilary Johnson Derby Mercury 02:20:53, Kathy Smith Sleaford Wheelers CC

02:24:34 and my team mate Anthony Hardenberg Witham Wheelers CC fell off at the last A52 junction but still managed to finish with a 02:30:34.

The Hinckley CRC Challenge combines two events on consecutive days. The 10 mile TT held on Saturday 22 June saw Geoff Platts MG Décor placed 9th 21:58, Steven Howgill Leicester RC 18th 22:57 and Colin Parkinson South Western RC just behind on 23:05. Russell Gent Melton Olympic CC 25:58, Brian Willis from the promoting Club Hinckley CRC 26:07 with his team mate Neil Dixon on 28:18. Kathy Platts MG Décor 28:36 on what was by all accounts a very hard day.

On Sunday 23 June in the 25 mile TT Geoff Platts MG Décor moved up the order to 4th position with a 57:33 but the conditions appeared be equally hard with a familiar pattern emerging Steven Howgill on 01:00:32, Colin Parkinson on 01:00:52, Russell Gent on 01:06:43 and Brian Willis on 01:11:04. At a guess you all slept well on Sunday night.

Leicester Forest CC 25 on the 8th of June turned out to be a blustery afternoon with Nick ave Lutterworth Cycle Centres RT fastest on actual with a +12:30 from an actual 54:56 with 2nd fastest Geoff Platts MG Décor Team Carbon Bikes hard on his heels with a superior standard giving him a +14:23 from an actual of



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55:26. Carl Parkinson South Western RC had an excellent ride with a +10:34 from an actual 57:40. Other NEM members Peter Lavine Coalville Wheelers. 22nd +8:53 actual 01:00:56, Dave Bates +10:45 actual 01:01:13, Simon Inman Mapperly CC +3:31 actual 01:02:29, William Harrison Witham Wheelers. CC +6:24 actual 01:03:10. Michael Wilkinson North Notts Olympic +4:57 actual 01:03:42, Malcolm Mann Melton Olympic CC +7:49 actual 1:04:31, Nev Bray Coalville Wheelers. CC +6:55 actual 01:05:59, Michael Church 45 Road Club +3:31 actual 01:07:47, Martin Lister Witham Wheelers. CC + 2:16 actual 01:08:05 and Kathy Platts MG Décor. -0:19 actual 01:12:42.

The Belper BC 25 on the 6 July produced some fast times with senior Michael Hutchinson In-Gear Trainvit Trainsharp RT going fastest on 47:05. NEM members Steven Boat Welland Valley CC 58:34, Malcolm Church Fenland Clarion CC 59:03, Michael Wilkinson North Notts Olympic RC 01:01:10 and ladies Hilary Johnson Derby Mercury RC 01:02:59 and Gill Henshaw VC Long Eaton 01:13:22

In the Ferryhill Wheelers 50 on 6 July Clare Ella Born to Bike was placed 24th 02:15:32 with Gail Summerlin South Pennine on 02:47:21. South Pennine Tandem pairing Jeff Bowler and Dave Bates winning the event with a 02:17:18.

Rockingham CC 25, also on 6 July saw Ian Dalton Cherry Valley RT finishing 3rd on standard +14:57 and 4th overall 52:29, Ian Pike Fenland RC had an excellent ride with a time of 53:47. Craig Watson Sherwood CC 58:13, Jo Corbett Team Swift 6th on standard +14:14 but on this occasion just over the hour with a 01:00:55 and Ken Stevens South Pennine RC + 16:41 putting him in 2nd on Standard with an actual of 01:06:25.

On now to 13 July and the North Notts Olympic 25. This was the only 25 mile event held on the A25/25 Cromwell to Long Bennington section of the A1. On a stormy day, Adam Gascoigne Pedal Power Loughborough went fastest on 51:16, with Ian Dalton Cherry Valley RT 52:50. Colin Parkinson South West RC 53:46 with Stephen Howgill Leicestershire RC close behind on 54:04. Mark McCartney Notts Clarion CC 56:57, Russell Gent Melton Olympic CC 59:42, Graham

Green MG Décor 59:46, Craig Watson Sherwood CC 59:46, Mick Wilkinson North Notts Olympic RC 59:56 finishing their under the hour rides in consecutive order. Other times: Bryan Fenwick Melton Olympic CC 01:02:09, Michael Church 45 Road Club 01:03:26, John Needham Alford Wheelers 01:04:13, David York Ratae RC 01:07:53 and Gill Henshaw VC Long Eaton 01:10:53.

Nev Crane Memorial Trophy held by Sleaford Wheelers 14/07/13 received fewer entries than the two previous years, but this did not detract from the interest and the excitement on the day. Matt Botrill www.drag2zero.com smashed his own course record (51:17) set last year by 1:13 to win the event on 50:04. Wendy Houvenaghel Bike Chain Ricci Ltd tried her very hardest to better her own course record (54:17) but in the end was well off last year's pace with 55:36. Jim Boyle Cherry Valley RT had excellent ride with 55:28 with his team mate Ian Dalton on a 56:32. Sean Hunt Lincoln Wheelers CC 58:08 and Bill Harrison one of ten riders from Witham Wheelers CC at 1:02:41.

The Melton Olympic CC 25 on 27 July was held on the new A25/32 course, starting at Flintham on the old A46 going south past Bingham on the new A46 with the return leg travelling north towards Newark and the finishing straight on the old A46 towards East Stoke. First of all I would like to give credit to Melton Olympic Club for taking the initiative and finding the new course and running the event. The event attracted a full field and went smoothly with various opinions of the course; most riders thought it was more rolling than they anticipated. It was a windy afternoon which made it difficult on the exposed sections but, overall my take on the feedback from riders was positive. I personally found the going hard but shaved 32 seconds off my entry time. As with all results they will appear on the CTT and Melton Olympic Website. The leader board included Geoff Platts MG Décor in 4th position overall with 53:41 Geoff also won the 50-59 age group prize, Jo Corbett Team Swift 01:00:58 taking the Ladies prize and Graham Green MG Décor taking the 70-79 age group 01:01:34. MG Décor riders Geoff Platts and Graham Green were in action in the round 6 of the RTTC Time Trial series (Vets Actual) with an

actual of 39:09 and 45:24 respectively.

Four NEM members rode the Burton and District Cycling Association 50 on 3 August. Steven Howgill Leicestershire RC did 01:52:24, and an excellent ride by Russell Gent Melton Olympic CC unlucky not to go under the 2 hour mark with a 02:00:44, hot on his heels Dave Bates South Pennine RC 02:01:13, Michael Wilkinson North Notts Olympic CC 02:06:18 and Jeff Bowler South Pennine RC 02:07:24.

August continued with the Derby Mercury RC 25 on the 10th when senior Matt Botrill Drag2zero was three minutes faster than second place rival Jason Bouttell Teamvelovelocity.co.uk with a stunning 46:10. By all accounts it must have been a reasonable day with the first 99 riders going under the hour. Colin Parkinson South Western RC having another fine season with a 51:35, Ian Pike Fenland Road Club gave another good performance with a 53:10. Dave Bates South Pennine will be pleased with his time 57:35 and a cracking ride from Jo Corbett with a PB of 58:14. Malcolm Church Fenland Clarion also had a good ride 59:29 and finally Gill Henshaw VC Long Eaton 01:10:11.

The Ratae RC 10 on the same day heralded the return to an open event by Ron Hallam South Pennine RC taking 1st place on standard +06:20 from an actual of 26:03 edging Geoff Platts MG Décor into second place on standard +06:07 with an actual of 21:19, Mick Willis Hinckley CRC +05:17 from 21:47, Peter Lavine Coalville Wheelers +4:34 from 22:52. Russell Gent Melton Olympic CC having an excellent season on a +04:59 from 23:43.

At the time of this report Steve Howgill Leicestershire RC leads the Prestige Points competition on 43 points, Chris Pike is second on 38 points and Mick Willis third on 32 points. Special Mention to Jo Corbett and Gill Henshaw

Jo Corbett Team Swift is having a really good season, prior to setting her PB 58:14 riding Derby Mercury's 25 on 10 August. In the same event Gill Henshaw VC Long Eaton set an age record 01:10:11.

Jo achieved another PB of 22:37 on the V 718 at Hull City 10 on the 18 May and in the same event Gill set another age record for a 10 mile of 26:49, only to beat it again at Team Swift's 10 on the same course riding a 26:34 and again on

9 July, 26:02. Gill Henshaw has also set and laid

down a future marker and an age record for the 15 mile counting event on the Yorkshire Cycling Federation V728 course held on 16 June of 41:28.

David Herd

NORTH MIDLANDS

Editor's Note

Inexplicably, John's report for the last issue was omitted. It was published on the web site and is reproduced here—my apologies to John and to all in the North Midlands Group.

Well, after a protracted winter, our popular 18k Group event in March was cancelled. No, it wasn't the weather but road works.

The week after, the Doncaster Wheelers 10 suffered the same fate with road works on the O10/1 course at Hatfield Woodhouse. An alternative course is currently being used.

So, a stuttering start to the 2013 season for North Midlands riders. The next Group event will be a 25 on 15th of June.

Remember, entries for any 50, 100 and 12 hour event appearing in the CTT handbook will be accepted and incorporated into the Prestige Competition at the end of the season.

The new sprint competition sounds a good idea for riders who prefer to ride the shorter distances. As for the adjustments to the Standards, they are fairer and more realistic to riders in their twilight years. They do offer a chance of picking up a Standard prize to our older members competing in events. Having said that, I'm not sure the new Performance Awards suit the older rider at the moment. Speaking for myself aged 77, to claim a PA for a 10 I would have to clock 28:03; based on last year's claim. Ironically, that's pretty much the same as if the new 2012 Standards were applied. If the revised 2013 Standards were being used to claim a medal, I would only have to do 28:48. As for a 25, the last claim I made was in 2010 with a PB. That means I'd have to clock 1:10:29 with my allowance to claim a PA. For me, that's not going to happen. In contrast, the new Standards give me 1:18:26 for a 25.

Probably, the incentive of trying to beat a previous actual time, with the yearly allowance, will be the future of the VTTA. It should give the younger members an incentive to improve as they hopefully have many years of racing to look forward to. It may not suit us oldies at the moment, but we must look to the future and it will probably work after a settling in period.

Unfortunately, this news missed the March issue deadline. The legendary George Steers celebrated his 90th birthday on the 18th of February this year. He was joined by friends at the Tor Café at Cromford where the proprietors had made him a cake and made all very welcome. Sadly, not long after, George was admitted to hospital with a broken hip after a fall. The last I heard, he was doing okay; best wishes to him for a full recovery.

VTTA North Midlands Chairman John Fitch and Secretary Janet Fitch are standing down at the end of this term: The Group found itself in a tricky situation in 2010 and John and Janet came to the rescue by taking over at very short notice. Any members interested in taking over these positions, please contact John or Janet.

As I write this report I have decided to retire from racing. I had intended to make this my last season but circumstances have resulted in me bringing it forward somewhat. I came back to racing in 2006 after years of riding Audax events. I've thoroughly enjoyed the last seven years racing as a member of the VTTA. I thank the organisation for giving me the opportunity to test myself and pick up the odd prize or two for my efforts. Not forgetting the social side, where the race scene offers the opportunity to meet new friends, chat with old friends, and of course sample the tea and culinary delights on offer after the race. I shall miss it greatly, and I'm sure the temptation will be there to make a 'come back'. I will not give in, as I intend to enjoy my cycling without the pressure of trying to keep 'race fit'. I shall still be involved by marshalling at events etc.

If you have any news that may be of interest to the membership, please get in touch. Safe riding, and mind those potholes, they're getting deeper.

John Scully

John's notes for September follow

At last, we've finished up with a half decent summer. Ultra violet rays have transformed our post winter pale complexions into a healthy tan. There's been some excellent days for racing albeit a bit dehydrating. Our 25 on the 15th of June was bright and breezy with North Midlands members taking the top seven placings. BoS was Andrew Moore of Cherry Valley RT with Alan Cooke a close 2nd, Trevor Mayne 3rd, Alex Deck 4th, Chris Lea 5th, John Martin 6th and George Lascelles 7th.

In the Team Swift 12 hour on the 28th of July North Midlands member Rob Townsend took top spot with 290.12miles. Trevor Mayne also produced a creditable ride with 230.83miles. This event can qualify for the Group's Prestige *Points* competition and BAR.

The Group's 25 in August was a very well run event by John Martin. It produced a course record of 50:39 by Pendle Forest CC rider Jason Bateman. An excellent ride by 71 year old George Lascelles saw him get under the hour with 59:41 which gave him BoS North Mids rider with Trevor Mayne and Graham Huck taking 2nd and 3rd BoS Group placings. There was also good performances by other Group members who achieved their season's best times. A point worth noting is that the new revised Standards gave a good mixture of ages in the top ten.

Our final event of the season is the 10 on the 5th of October organised by Iain McColl.

Sadly, I have to report on the recent death of Derek Harrop aged 82 of Rutland CC. Derek was a member of the VTTA for a great number of years. For those who knew him he was described as a very nice guy and was conspicuous by his long blonde hair. Condolences to family and friends on behalf of the Group.

I will not be seeking re-election at the end of this term so if their is anyone out there who fancies being Press Secretary for the Group please get in touch.

They say, "No news is good news," but in my case as Press Secretary, it means a rather short report. If any member has any news please let me know and it can be shared through these columns. In view of this, I'd like to sign off with a quote from Journalist Richard Lesclide which was published in "Velocipede

Illustre" in 1861:

"The velocipede is one step ahead on the road taken by the genius of man. In place of collective speed – which is brutal and unthinking – it offers individualised speed: rapidly founded on the power of reason. It is able to circumvent obstacles, adapt to conditions, and is subject to the will of the rider."

Good luck for the rest of the season.

John Scully

NORTH LANCS AND LAKES



Frank Kerry, our three times winner of the VTTA National Three Distance Competition, suffered an abrupt end to his season after a nasty accident which was caused when his carbon forks snapped. Frank was out training when he initially thought his front brake was catching but he was shortly afterwards heading over the handlebars at 20mph. He was offered a lift home by a helpful motorist having sustained some painful injuries to his chest and other parts. It was not until after two trips to hospital that the full extent of the damage was known which included small fractures to bones in his shoulder and neck. Frank was particularly disappointed as he had recently felt some form coming through and was focusing on the VTTA National 50 Championship which was still to be held in the North Lancs and Lakes area after the

original postponement in May.

Two Group events have been held since the last copy of The Veteran with Richard Taylor promoting a 25 mile on the Sawley/Clitheroe course and Dave Shorrocks organising his first promotion on the A6/Barton 10 mile course.

The 25 mile on Wednesday evening 19 June was blessed with excellent weather for the course which has one of the best 'Gift Hills' in the country. To counter that there are some quite testing drags on that stretch of A59! Fastest was the 53:46 from Jason Bateman of Pendle Forest Cycling Club beating the 54:24 of non-Vet Ian Stott of Blackburn and District CTC with the 55:12 of Paul Fleming of Preston Wheelers third. On Standard Peter Greenwood of Clayton Velo was unbeatable with his 56:33 ride at age 61 giving him a plus of 14:05. Mick Black of Cleveleys Road Club on his new - albeit a very good-priced secondhand - machine clocked 59:46 at age 66 for a +12:34 with Bateman +12:27 and Fleming close behind with +12:26. In the Ladies Sue Cheetham returned a winning 1:09:50 for a +3-38.

Just one week later came the Dave Shorrocks promotion over 10 miles and like the 25 had a very disappointing entry in the 30s. The in-form Jason Bateman produced a very good 21:17 ride which was 21 seconds too good for the 21:38 Liverpool Century's Paul Grindley with Paul Fleming taking third again with 21:42. When it came to Standards Mick Black came out tops - on that same 'new' fast machine of his! - with a ride of 23:15 at the age of 66 giving him a Plus of 5:08. Frank Kerry was second with 25:45 at age 77 giving a Plus of 4:55. Sue Cheetham was again winner of the Ladies award with a time of 27:07 and a Plus of 1:46.

The new system of our Group Points Competition requires qualifiers to ride at least four of the selected list of 10 events in our area in order to qualify of which at least one has to be either a 50 or a 100. Certainly on that basis our 2012 VTTA Three Distance BAR Peter Greenwood of the Clayton Velo will take some beating after some exceptional rides which include a '1:52' in the Border City Wheelers 50

and a '3:56' in the CTT/RTTC National 100 on the -Cockermouth course. In this latter event our Group supplied the winner of three CTT age category awards with Peter Greenwood (3:56:46) 'E', Mick Black (4:09:56) 'F' and Harry Haseley North Lancs. Road Club (4:47:28) 'F'.

The 100 was very efficiently run by Mike Smith of the Lancashire Road Club and his team with Mike not only Event Secretary but also part-time marshal and later he was presenting the prizes along with Keith Lawton, but in-between was running the all-important after -race kitchen single handed!

One of the 10 qualifying events was the Lancashire Road Club 25 on 28 July but road- works once again intervened and the event will now be run on Sunday 15 September with additional entries welcome.

The West Pennine 25 on the A59 course which was also a counter for our Group Points Competition also had only around 30 entries and will be lost next year with it combining with the VTTA event on that course which our Recorder Richard Taylor also promotes.

The Annual General Meeting of our Group will be held on Sunday 20 October at Winmarleigh village hall starting at 10am with tea and coffee available prior to this.

The Luncheon and Prize Presentation will again be held at The Crofters on the A6 Garstang by-pass. The date is Sunday 12 January 2014 and tickets will be available from our Chairman John Leach, Keith Tattersall and also at the Annual General Meeting.

As reported in the last edition Honorary Life Member Ruth Smith is recovering from a fractured femur after a fall at home and at the time of writing progress is being made but albeit slowly but Ruth is being very capably assisted by another HLM Keith Tattersall.

The Group welcomes just one new member with Dave Connor of Liverpool joining us in May.

Dave Brown

NORTH

First the time has come to announce the date of our next Luncheon & Prize presentation this will be Sunday, 12 January at our usual venue, the Hardwick Hall Hotel, at Sedgfield.

We have a new Group Age Record for a 55 year old at 24 hours: on 20 July, Quentin Field-Boden of the Tyneside Vagabonds amassed 412.69 miles in the Mersey/National Championship event to eclipse the 407.51 miles by John Marshall in 2011 at the same age, our congratulations go to Quentin.

Les Dawson

MIDLAND



Following proposals to change the Series competition for VTTA members in the Midlands from 2013, I am happy to report that mid way through this season, things seems to be going well. So far no complaints, and that is probably true for the weather in July. How could anyone complain about the abundance of lovely warm and sunny days this summer? I rather underestimated the heat for my one and only time trial in July when I recorded 34

degrees on my Garmin. I had expected it to be really nice riding in the warm sun, but I was so red faced by the end, I thought I was going to explode. Only two more events to go and then I will get a category!

For those unfamiliar with the competition, to be eligible riders have to ride any of the K courses in the Midlands, any time in the 2013 season. To get a category, six events need to be completed and the total points gained, determine which category a rider goes in, from elite down to fourth cat. Once a rider has completed six events, it is their best six events to count. The maximum score for an event is 200 points and so far we have two riders, Karl Moseley and Rob Weare, who have the maximum of 1200 points. I'm sure it won't be long before Scott Westwood (1161) joins them to get a full house too.

We now have 56 riders eligible for the Series that is they have ridden at least one K course this season, with 30 having reached category status. Phil Brown has inched away from Mark Mullender in the first category group, and now 23 points separate them (1133 and 1110 respectively). As predicted Richard Coleman has come straight in as a second cat having ridden his sixth race, with 969 points, just over a hundred points behind the leader in this group, Phil Clark (1076). Sue Smith moves up a category to join the men with 963 points, snapping quietly at Coleman's heels.

There are eight riders in the third category with three new riders joining in - Simon Wix coming in with 909 points and Peter Delves with 848. Jon Sadler moves up from 4th cat with 803 points. Top of this category is Matthew Moore just seven points ahead of Wix. Third is Alastair Semple with 893 points and then Annis Moore with 868. David Wood and Sue Semple have just one point between them (858 and 857 respectively).

The last and biggest category sees six new members who have ridden at least six races including Moira Goodway who is straight in at number two with 675 points, only four points behind John Grumbley, fourth category leader. Terry Shough sits in third place with 647 followed by Murray Kirton with 608. Second female in this category, Claire Sadler is just behind him with 602 points. New in are Simon Dighton and Michael Dalton with 589

and 548 points respectively. Sandwiched in between is existing fourth cat Marc Burnham with 559 points. The last two riders to make this category are Paul Guest (440) and Norman Fenn (193).

Other fourth category riders Bob Awcock (443), Karl Davies (400), Phil Gambles (276) and Stephen Cooke (146) all completed one more race in July. No doubt there will be more riders earning a category by the end of August. By the time the next edition comes out, the Series will be completed and I will be able to report on the final category positions, as well as the various trophy winners. Who knows, I may even have another photo from one of the riders and a profile? Good luck for all your races and don't forget to email me your comments about the new Series Competition. Finally I must thank Steve Lockwood for his brainwork behind the scenes, once again.

VTTA Midlands Echelon ran its summer 25 mile event on the rather sporting K34/25 course between Rookhill and Worcester on Saturday 10 August.

There was drama in the week before the event when one of the event officials discovered, while at a nearby club event on the Tuesday evening, the road by the start had been dug up and traffic lights were in place. This had happened since the event secretary had checked the whole route the previous Saturday – a good reminder never to presume a course is free of problems until the last moment! Urgent conversations with the CTT district committee led to an agreement to move the start forward and the finish back to accommodate the roadworks.

When the event secretary measured out the appropriate adjustments it produced the rather pleasing result that the new start and finish on the A422 were exactly opposite each other – a benefit to the timekeepers, Bob Franks and Charlie Barnett, if not the riders who were faced with a short drag to the new finish line.

Saturday afternoon was warm and sunny with a rather variable breeze, which helped on this rolling course. The event was won on actual time by someone not too affected by the drag, Jon Simpkins of www.drag2zero in a very impressive 53.30, over a minute ahead of 19

year old Tom Ward of Team Echelon Rotor with 55:10 and Scott Westwood of Walsall RCC with 55:26.

As for results on standard, Karl Moseley, Stourbridge Velo, found the hilly sections to his liking and posted a plus of 11.52 putting Phil Brown, Walsall RCC into second place with a plus of 11.28. Brown was at pains to explain to the organiser that he had suffered a mechanical in the closing stretches that had left him with a very big gear to turn coming up to the line. However he was gracious enough to say that it may not have cost him the 24 seconds lost to Moseley. Scott Westwood gained third place on standard, as well as actual but individual prizes were limited to one per rider so third prize on standard went to Simon Wix of Evesham Wheelers. Unsurprisingly, Walsall Roads won team prize with Westwood, Brown and Paul Edwards.

The running of the event could not have happened without the expert organisation of our Chairman Alan Simpkins and the kind support from the VTTA Midland committee members and their wives. Alan and Margaret Colburn marshalled the rather busy Worcester roundabout while Steve Jenks and Jeff Matthews pushed off all 53 riders. Sara Simpkins ran an efficient refreshments service and on the basis of donations only, turned in a profit of £23! Also thanks to marshals Colin Williamson and family, and results man Steve Lockwood.

We are planning to run the event again next year as the view from riders was this was a sporting but fair course that made a change to dual carriageways. It may even be the revised start and finish are permanently adopted for the course as a help to safety.

The last counting race in our Midlands calendar has now been completed and the final positions (page 48) for the W E Jones, Bill Massie and Nomads Competitions have been decided with some changes at the top to both the Jones and the Massie competitions after the final event.

The overall W E Jones Trophy for Best Plus on aggregate on Standard goes to Phil Brown by the very narrow margin of eight seconds repeating a similar position in

another quite well known event between Fignon and Lemond (according to our timekeeper Alan Colburn)! Scott Westwood had to settle for second place in front of Rob Weare. There was a final effort from Karl Moseley and Phil Clark, who finished fourth and fifth respectively.

Bob Awcock takes the Bill Massie Trophy for Best Plus on aggregate on Standard for the over 65 years category with a convincing win over Murray Kirton, who finished in second place ahead of John Grumbley.

In the "youngsters" Nomads competition - the under 50 years, Scott Westwood secured his victory way ahead of the next competitor Alastair Semple. A last minute push from Paul Guest ensured third place. Very well done to all riders who took part.

Miranda Harris

MANCHESTER & NORTH WEST



After finally leaving behind that awful season which masqueraded this year as Spring and the havoc it wrought on early season events, we are now basking in Summer sunshine which has brought with it a spate of road works, rallies and pop concerts, none wishing to cohabit with our time trials.

However, that's locally, and nothing ever

seems to prevent the Anfield BC promoting their 100 in May. This year, it was the 45-year old Yorkshireman, John Tanner, winner of innumerable road races, who underlined his time trialling ability by winning in 3:45:45,

almost five minutes ahead of another veteran, Andy Wilkinson. Dave Fearon (Weaver Valley CC) was our man in the top ten, placed 7th in 4:05:10.

Other Group members riding away from our J courses have been prospering well in National Championships. Brian Camfield (65), Stone Wheelers, certainly benefited from a visit nearer his birth place on 2 June to contest the Championship 25, promoted by our National Chairman, Jim Burgin, on behalf of the London and Home Counties Group. Brian's 55:56 (+15:02) was to place him second to Rob Pears (Bath CC).

Staying with Brian, success breeds success and the following weekend he was best on Standard in our Group 50 in 1:59:50 (+28:48).

Moving up to the 100, Brian was placed second in the VTTA Championship with 4:16:07 (+16:22) and led the winning Stone Wheelers tea: Bringing his success up to date as I write, yesterday in the VTTA Championship 12 hour, held in East Anglia in conjunction with the RTTC Championship, provisionally Brian's 264.7 miles could gain him another hard-won vets Championship silver medal.

Returning to the Championship 100, promoted by Mo Cliff for the SCCA. Apart from Stefan Harrison (Stourbridge Velo) 3:58:18 (+53:13) who took the bronze medal, our Group members took all the other awards available. The current Champion is our own Jim Gresty, (North Shropshire Wheelers) 4:18:13 (+65:49) and, as already reported, Brian Camfield was runner-up. Supporting Brian in the winning Stone Wheelers team were Ian Holbrook 4:01:00 (+48:26) and Paul Jennings 5:10:06 (-12:03) for a total plus of 97:45. It's worth noting that 80-year-old Peter Yates (Otley CC) rode the event and his 5:18:45 (+50:51) placed him 4th on Standard. He was to become the National 24 hour Champion the following weekend.

Rod Brooks (68), Warrington RC, is a Group member long noted for his all-round ability. Rod was our only representative in the RTTC

Championship 100, held this year on 14 July on the Keswick/Cockermouth course where he recorded 4:18:11. More recently on 3 August he was one of the 64 riders inside two hours with 1:54:30 in the BDCA 50 held on A50/6. Dave Fearon (Weaver Valley CC) also enjoyed this good day with his 1:51:59. Matthew Bottrill was a clear winner in 1:36:41.

Derek Hodgins (Stockport Clarion) turns 80 this year and admits he has lost some of the enthusiasm that kept him at the top for so long. No more 12 hours for Derek and only one 100 is in his Programme. He is enjoying his less stressful season. Best times so far are 2nd on Standard in the Yorkshire Group's 25 on 21 July, with 1:03:11 and 2:16:53 in the Pennine CC 50 on 4 August.

Jim Gresty (North Shropshire Wheelers), our current National VTTA 100 Champion, admits that he too has restricted his racing this year: no more 12 hours for Ji: However, in the five open events he has ridden, three have resulted in best on Standard, and in the other two he was runner-up. He hopes to improve on the 1:01:34 he did in the Chester RC 25 by visiting the VTTA South Wales event as he did last year. His best 50 is 2:05:34 in the West Cheshire event. Meanwhile, Jim is taking the bike bus to France and plans to ride to Italy and back, doing 1,000 miles in two weeks – not everyone's idea of doing less!

Peter Hayhurst promoted the Group 50 on Saturday 8 June on J4/16. The warm, calm conditions resulted in some excellent times. Regular visitor from the South Pennine RC, Charles Taylor, was fastest in an impressive 1:48:14, two and a half minutes faster than his win last year. As previously reported, Brian Camfield was best on Standard, with Derek Hodgins runner-up in 2:21:15 (+25:04). Dave Fearon (49), Weaver Valley CC, as well as being second fastest, was 3rd on Standard in 1:56:43 (+22:51). Team winners were the Seamons CC trio of Steve Stoddard (+11:59), Neil Rothwell (+8:22) and Richard Meadows (-3:16) for a total plus of 17:05.

Charles Taylor was fastest again in the Cheshire RC 50 on 27 July in 1:49:00, which used the Kings Street course. Paul Shallicker (coveryourcar.co.uk) was our fastest finisher

1:54:37, others being Andrew Tubb (Wills Wheels) 1:58:16, Dave Fearon 1:58:59, Brian Camfield 2:26:16 (2nd on standard with +26:22), Peter Smith (Congleton CC) 2:04:21, Greg Dancer (Stone Wheelers) 2:05:59, David Wright (Warrington RC) 2:06:56 and Steve Stoddard (Seamons CC) 2:07:26.

The Group 50 was the last event able to use our usual circuit. A development on Twemlow Lane has required installation of temporary traffic lights which are threatening to become permanent. The Police have relented and now approve the use of King Street. So the circuit, which will be remembered by older riders, using Penny's Lane, King Street, Middlewich, Byley and the Three Greyhounds, has since been used for 25s, 50s and the one, ill-fated M&DTTA 100.

On the day of the 100, 6 July, a pop concert was held at Jodrell Bank. Although the promoter, Peter Hayhurst, had been assured by the Police that they did not expect to control traffic until after 5:00pm, when Peter visited on the previous evening, he found safety contractors setting up temporary traffic lights on the course. Overnight, Dave Fearon devised an emergency course. On the day, it proved difficult for riders and marshals to assimilate the changes. The first fifty using King Street went well but, after that, course problems resulted in only a proportion of riders actually covering the 100 miles. The event has been declared null and void and will not count in the M&DTTA Points Competition. However, prizes have been awarded, including Rod Brooks (Warrington RC) taking the Veterans award, the Nick Carter Trophy.

The first 25 to use the King Street course was the Altricham Ravens event promoted by Louise Cuming, re-scheduled to 10 August when the original March event had to be abandoned due to snow. With a start and finish on Byley Road (opposite the Three Greyhounds) it proved popular with riders and timekeepers. Visitor Jonathan Hobson (Hope Factory Racing) won the Medium Gear event with the second fastest time in its long

history: 58:50. In the Open event, consistent Simon Bridge (Manchester Wheelers' Club) set the new course record in 52:44 and led the winning tea: Popular visitor Brian Sunter (70), Condor RC, was best on Standard 59:06 (+15:00). The runners-up were Steve l'Anson (57), Buxton CC, 59:43 (+9:51) and David Wright (54), Warrington RC, 59:56 (+8:56). Unfortunately, no lady rode and the immaculate Ada Shelmerdine Memorial Trophy will remain unclaimed.

The following day, Ruth Williams promoted the WCTTCA 12 hour, which is now our local 12, and six Group members achieved their distances. Unfortunately, Dave Fearon was taken ill during the event and was DNF. Dave's wife Caroline, who was helping him, had done a personal best in a 25 on the previous day with a 1:03. Our best rider was Andy Tubb (Wills Wheels) placed 11th with 252.63 miles. Steve Hargreaves (Warrington RC) covered 250.67, Steve Stoddard (Seamons CC) 238.02, Phil Holden (Seamons CC) 223.07, David Steele (Lyme RC) 161.87 and Paul Jennings (Lyme RC) 161.78miles.

The weekend of 20/21 July saw 68 riders complete the Mersey Roads Club 24 hour event, which incorporates the RTTC and VTTA National Championships. A separate report will be included in this issue. However, on a day when two men covered over 500 miles, the achievement of 80-year-old Peter Yates (Otley Cycling Club/Chevin Cycles) in covering 343.04 miles is still outstanding. As well as becoming the VTTA Champion, he also achieved a National Age Record having beaten Ron Longstaff's 2007 distance of 326.76 miles. Only one Group member ran out time: Edgar Reynolds (Congleton CC) 375.49 miles.

There is one more Group event: a 25 that is to be held next week. This is after my deadline and so will be reported next time.

Looking ahead, the Group AGM is at Cranage on Sunday 3 November, commencing at 9.30am

The Group's Annual Lunch & Prize

Presentation is on Sunday 24 November at Middlewich Masonic Hall and the price of tickets is being held at £21 each. Please apply for tickets to Helen Gresty on 01630 654943 or email Helen at mh.gresty@gmail.co: Andy and Jill Wilkinson are our Guests of Honour. It's always a popular event, so get your requests in early.

Apologies to anyone I've missed out. Just let me know what you've done – Harry Hill always did – and my access to the web might fail!

Jim Ogden

LONDON AND HOME COUNTIES



Well what can be said about the remarks that have been made to the Group and the Organiser of the July 10 on the F11/10 course which appeared on the various Cycling Forums? (Ironically the event had to be cancelled at almost the last minute due to the re-surfacing of part the road.) The Forums were set up some years ago so that cyclists of all capabilities could pass on good and bad comments about courses, road conditions, equipment, training etcetera and it now seems evident that things have changed, and not for the better.

We now have outright slanderous remarks

being made about people which could one day end up with a civil court case if the recipient was to decide to take the remarks against him to the court of law.

We all have to remember the event organiser is a fellow cyclist trying to do his or her best in the running of an event for their fellow cyclist, they are not some business tycoon trying to take advantage of the sport to make money, if they were then perhaps some of the remarks/comments would be justified.

At the end of this London Group has lost two good organisers and most likely two events so the riders are their own worst enemy. In addition many are left with a 'nasty taste in the mouth' which we must hope is not permanent.

Now moving on to what has been happening in the last three months on the racing scene.

On 22 of May Greg Lewis rode the Team Swift 10 up north and clocked 21.56. On 29 May on a cold and wet afternoon the Group's second Wednesday 10 was held on the H10/2 and, from a small entry, but 13 finished. Group times were Gill Reynolds 27.29 +2.54; Michelle Ayers 26.23 +2.46; Peter Cockbain 27.36 +1.50; Rob Engers 25.48 +1.06; Brian Moon 28.40 –0.08.

Moving into June we had the ECCA 25 on the second with Jim Moffit clocking 56.04 and Dave Solomon finishing in 1.11.54.

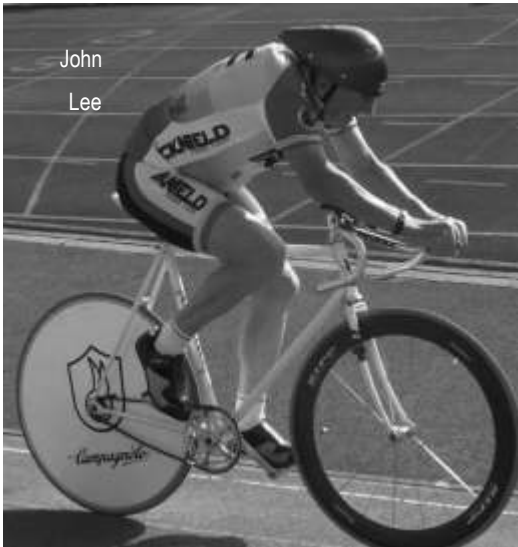
The weekend of 8/9, in the North Hampshire RC 10, Paul Holdsworth clocked 22.38, Danuta Tinn 22.59, Richard Williams 23.43, Peter Cockbain 25.52, Frank Pessling 25.54 and Gill Reynolds 26.19.

On Sunday in the Finsbury Park CC 50 on F1, Pete Lawrence recorded 1.48.41, Tim Davies 1.51.54, John Lacey 1.54.06, Neil Allonby 2.04.51, Richard Moule 2.09.59 and Dave Rogers 2.10.27.

Meanwhile down in the Reading CC 50 on the old Bath Road A4 course Steve Irwin clocked 1.48.39, Howard Waller 2.05.01 and Rob Gilmour 2.08.36. (It must have been an off

day for Rob.)

In the Hemel Hempstead weekend of 10 and 25 we had Steve Irwin record 19.36, Pete



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Crane 1.00.55, Richard Moule 1.01.44 and Trevor Parrish 1.08.37. On 6 July in the Cardiff 25 on the Usk to Monmouth course Steve Davies clocked 57.22 +12.59 and Peter Harridge 58.07 +11.27 and in the Club Corley 10 on F15/10, times were as follows: Dave Johnson 21.55, Roger Porter 22.29, Kevin Creese 22.36, Dave Creese 22.39, Richard Moule 213.10, Clive Faine 24.57, Gill Reynolds 25.30 and Joanna Spragg 26.04.

The following weekend in the WLCA 50 Rob Gilmour came good, finishing in 1.58.55 +26.48. A week later in the Team Cambridge 10 on F2/10, Dave Creese was best with 21.57 and others were; Roger Porter 22.11, Kevin Creese 22.14, Ian Markham 22.29, Alan Crane 22.44 and Gill Reynolds 25.09.

Lawrence 20.17, John Lacey 20.23, Greg Lewis 21.01, John Dowling 21.48 and Geoff Perry 21.53. Ladies Danuta Tinn 21.44, Helen Reynolds 22.10 and Gill Reynolds 25.13.

Next day, in the 25, John Lacey crossed the line in 56.50 and John Dowling 59.53 whilst husband and wife Geoff and Helen Reynolds clocked 59.08 and 1.00.44 respectively.

On the same weekend in LWDC, 'Chris Hart Memorial' 10, Geoff Powell clocked 22.00 and Peter Cockbain 27.05, and a week later in the Newbury 10 the results were, John Dowling 22.08, Andy Wright 22.44, Howard Waller 23.01, and Les Morris 26.20.

On the last weekend of the month on the Saturday in the VTTA East 25 on the fast E course we had over 12 group members riding with Jim Moffit best in 51.18, John Lacey 51.30, John Dowling 53.13, Shaun Campbell 53.30, Greg Lewis 54.15, Roger Porter 55.11, Kevin Creese 55.26, Dave Creese 55.51, Andy Wright 56.06, Peter Harridge 56.08, Richard Davies 56.48 and Dave Wentworth 56.57. Later that Saturday evening in the Whitewebbs CC 10 on F20/10 Tom Cosgrove clocked 21.59, Dave Solomon 24.42 and Brian Moon 26.10.

Next day on the Sunday in the Icknield RC 25 on F1, Tim Davies clocked 55.38, Peter Harridge 1.00.24, Neil Allonby 1.00.52, Alan

Next day in the Verulam CC 25 on F1/25, Roger Porter finished with a splendid 57.02 +18.53; Peter Lawrence 51.24 +18.49; supported by Peter Harridge 58.10 +15.19, Peter Cockbain 1.02.43 +13.52 and Colin Holmes 1.05.55 +11.30.

On that same Sunday, riding his own club's 25, Rob Gilmour ought to have been pleased with his 55.13 +15.44, beating the younger, Nic Stagg 55.15 and, amongst others, Richard Williams 1.01.28 +12.09 and Paul Holdsworth 58.13 +9.37.

The crescendo continued to build with the mid-week A3crg 10 in which Gill Reynolds clocked 25.58 +13.04 and John Dowling 21.46 +11.07. Then on the last weekend of July in the Charllotteville 10, Nic Stagg's name came to the fore when he finished with 21.12. Paul Holdsworth followed with 22.19, Richard Williams 22.42, Adrian Feek 23.47 and Les Morris 26.38.

On the same Saturday in the Norlond TTC 10 which became 6.5miles due to road works, Peter Lawrence finished in 13.10, Peter Harridge 15.05, Ian Markham 15.11, Richard Moule 15.23, Alan Crane 15.58, Clive Faine 16.03, Colin Holmes 16.19 and Joanna Spragg 17.11 whilst on the Sunday the long-distance men rode the CC Breckland 12 hour; Tim Davies covering a magnificent 276.608 miles

and Neil Allonby 237.360miles.

Into August and we have Tim Davies clocking 52.21 in the Derby Mercury 25 on the A52 and down in Wales, again on the Usk/Monmouth road, Peter Harridge 56.18. On the same weekend Peter Cockbain was also in Wales, riding the Cardiff 50 in which he clocked 2.14.59 +20.44.

A few days later, on the 7 August, the Bath Road (A4) at Knowl Hill witnessed the last of the Wednesday afternoon events to be organised by Brian Harris. Brian has certainly done his turn, having been the organiser for over 10 years. The event had a small entry of 30 riders but a lot more finishers than on the earlier Wednesday afternoon on the same course. Danuta Tinn 23.41 +5.02 was best of the group with Nic Stagg 21.39 +4.20, then Gill Reynolds 26.21 +4.02, Paul Holdsworth 22.58 +3.43, Peter Cockbain 26.01 +3.25 and Michelle Ayers 25.49 +3.20.

On the same day in the ECCA 10 Roy Porter crossed the line in 23.58, then on the Saturday up north Greg Lewis clocked 21.12 in the Bridlington CC 10.

The following weekend in the CTT Championship 12 John Lacey recorded 272.6miles and John Dowling 240.4miles

On the same day but 70 miles apart in the Oxonian CC 50, Alan Simmonds did 2.00.48 +21.31, Howard Waller 1.59.56 +19.38, Nick Stagg 1.58.23 +18.09, and Dave Rogers 2.15.14 +7.05. And then on F1B/25 in the Beds Road C.C 25 Dave Creese finished in 58.16, Kevin Creese 58.29, Geoff Perry 58.55, Alan Crane 59.53, Richard Moule 1.01.24 and Joanna Spragg 1.07.27.

Finally in the Chronas R.T 10 on F2/10 on 17 August Geoff Perry 21.56, Dave Wentworth 23.18, Richard Moule 23.57, Peter Cookson 24.03, Clive Faine 24.49, Gill Reynolds 24.49, Colin Holmes 26.01 and John Hassell 27.43 who, riding in the CTT 24 hour covered 317.76 miles.

After a four year lay off from racing, 84 year old John Lee of Icknield RC decided to attack the 20 year old National Age Records of the late Stan Miles on the outdoor track at Welwyn Garden City at the end of August and early September. His training programme for these attempts started back in early March with turbo and road work.

On 29 August with good conditions he recorded the following times: 5Km; 9:03.7, 5 miles: 14:32.01, 10Km: 18:01.64 and 10miles; 28:55.345. A few days later, on 2 September, again with excellent conditions, he covered 21.43 miles in the magical hour and in doing this recorded 36:27.35 as he passed the 20Km mark.

More new members to welcome: Alan Crane, Philip Ashbourn, Stephen Warwick, John Lacey, Martin Winter, Neil Allonby, Paul Williams, Ian Marshall, Katja Rietdorf, Ed James, Adam Quilter and Doug Bentall. That amounts to 47 so far this year. Total membership 217 from 199 this time last year.

Notices will be going out shortly to inform everyone about the AGM to be held at Great Missenden on the 10 November with your attention drawn to the Annual Luncheon and Prize Presentation at Aldenham Golf Club on the 29 January 2014.

In addition to the usual election of officials when nominations are sought for all the officials and Committee Members, there is the existing vacancy for Social Secretary and someone to promote the week-day 10 on Thursday 6 August 2014.

Well that's all from me keep those pedals turning in this warm weather, be it racing, club riding or just pottering the lanes. Take care on the Roads, ride with your head up.

*Peter
Tasker*

The bicycle is just as good company as most husbands and, when it gets old and shabby, a woman can dispose of it and get a new one without shocking the entire community.

Ann Strong 1895.

EAST ANGLIAN



New members continue to join; here is the latest list to be welcomed:

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| Christine Cooke | 54 | CC Breckland |
| Douglas Williams | 50 | Colchester Rovers |
| Julian Pegg | 49 | CC Ashwell |
| Vince Freeley | 73 | Finsbury Park CC |
| Dean Lubin | 43 | Ciclos Uno |
| Mary Twitchett | 53 | Cambridge CC |
| Gerald Barton | 63 | West Suffolk Whs |
| Wendy & | 41 | |
| Keith Dorling | 54 | Bishop's Stortf'd CC |
| Leon Thompson | 54 | Ipswich BC |
| Michael Martin | 48 | CC Ashwell |
| Carl Whitwell | 41 | St Ives CC |
| John Morgan | 49 | North Norfolk Whs |
| Steven Neill | 48 | King's Lynn CC |
| Ruth Middleton | 40 | Ciclos Uno |

Meanwhile, there have been a number of resignations and, perhaps worse, in spite of reminders, some twenty-five have just let their membership lapse, which shows either forgetfulness or a mere lack of courtesy. The total loss is fifty-seven, balanced by forty-seven newcomers so far in 2013; all is not lost!

Congratulations to those who have achieved the status of Honorary Life Membership; these should number seven at the end of the year. Peter Gale, a resident of Harlow and member of Bishop's Stortford CC, was racing until 1988 and is still cycling regularly with the

local CTC group. He was recently spotted at a SPOCO event having just left the CTC at their elevenses; the Bishop's Stortford can always rely on him for marshalling their Open Hilly.event.

Graham Thompson, of North Road fame, is a well known London North CTT official and was assistant secretary for club events for some years before handing the baton to Vince Freeley. He is still to be seen riding around the lanes a remains involved not only with the North Road Hardriders events, but also the Tuesday evening SPOCO type time trials on the F7 course.

Rod Walker, former Royal Navy man, must be one of the best known East London riders. He has just celebrated his 90th birthday – and is still riding his bike? Of course!

EA VTTA Geri Lang 25 - a very fast day on the E2!

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| Eric Marsh | Ciclos Uno | +22 16 |
| Helen Reynolds | H Hempstead | +17 14 |

40-44 Lee Turner Le Fuga-Sigma51:45

45-49 Dave Green RAF CC 50:30

50-54 Kevin Tye Velorefined 48:51

55-59 Jim Moffat Virgin Active 51:18

60-64 Ken Platts Cambridge CC 52:37

65-69 Reg Smith Velorefined 52:57

70-74 Ron Back W Suffolk Whs 1:00:28

75-79 Tony Panting W Suffolk Whs
1:07:37

80+ Eric Marsh Ciclos Uno 1:02:00

For the third time Scratch fastest was Kevin Tye, Velorefined Aerosmiths with 48:51.

First team on standard: Velorefined Aerosmiths (Kevin, Reg, Mark Hill) with +51:46.

The Geri Lang Memorial Cup: Eric Marsh, Ciclos Uno, with +22:16.

A stunning record-breaking ride done by Barry Charlton on a trike, a new competition record of 53:37, beating his own record by 41 seconds!

John Golder, promoter, notes "A big thank-you to every DNS who notified me, enabling all the reserves who turned up to get a ride."

A fine ride of 1:02:00 by Eric Marsh on his new machine set up a group record for 83, taking out four records back to 79, while Eddie Fone has established 33:22 at 86 – the late Norman Eldridge was senior man here with 34:08 at 87. Peter Baumber continues to add to his palmares in spite of competition from the youngsters like 40 year old Jim Burgess who has made such a good impression both with firsts and BoS. However, Ron Back, for long a mainstay of West Suffolk Wheelers, got the better of them all with BoS in Barry Freeman's Waveney Valley 10. He was over the moon to take his first VTTA trophy at 74, the more so as this was the Ron Fisher/Jack King (Kingfisher) Memorial Shield; both were personal friends and stalwarts of the group and the Essex and Suffolk Border Combine, of which Ron was the last Chairman; they were highly regarded as officials in East Anglia and beyond.

Flagship event on Eastern Roads is the Eastern Counties 12 hour, but the result is delayed and only provisional times are available. This report is from the Group's Newsletter:

National/VTTA/ECCA 12 hour Championship

Our highly experienced 12 hour promoter John Cotee made his last 12 hour promotion not just the ECCA also the National Championship, but the VTTA National Championship too. What a high to go out on! Good weather blessed the event on 11 August and there was a very tight race between Nik Bowdler, Team Pedal Revolution, and Steve Berry, Team Swift.

Results are subject to formal ratification by the National Committee but are currently shown on the CTT website as Nik's 293.57 winning over Steve's 292.69 and Michael Broadwith, Artic-SRAM RT in third with 282.49.

East Anglia's Ken Platts, 61, was fourth with a superb 275.06, which won him National Veteran Championship title with a plus of 90.49. The women's event saw Jill Wilkinson, Port Sunlight Wheelers, clock up a superb 260.78 miles, despite going off course at Little Chesterford where three marshals were yelling at her to come back; she lost five minutes, so it would have been 261 miles.

Chelmer CC took the team award, with Peter Horsnell, 83, 195.91, Ann Shuttleworth, 46, 244.2 and John Golder, 61, 252.96. Pete's and Ann's rides were national age records. Chairman Peter bravely carried on to complete the event, in spite of the sciatica which has plagued him all season kicking in after 50 miles, and was particularly pleased to see three 80-year-olds entered, proving his belief that life need not

end at that age! Worthy of mention was the tricycle ride of former Chelmer member, 46-year-old Jane Swain, beating the existing records at 43 and 44, by former Mildenhall Rally organiser Vera Staines, now domiciled in Holland. Missing from the line-up this year was club captain Antony Stapleton, who was nevertheless present all day on the course acting as Ann's soigneur and mentor, thus contributing to her great results. She is absolutely flying this year and has taken three women's age records at age 46: a 58:19 (25), 2:01:11 (50) and 244 miles (12



Ann Shuttleworth

hour).

Terry Anderson writes: "After the event, John was presented with the RTTC Certificate of Honour in recognition of his 20 years of 12-hour promotion work and much other work too. As always, the event was only possible because of the dedication of the 60+ volunteers who turn out to marshal, man feeds etc. The 12 is not included in the ECCA Marshalling System where duties are allocated to Clubs dependent on the number of entries they had in the previous season. After 20 years, John is standing down and Dave Nock will be filling his shoes next year and hopefully will be able to rely on the same band of willing volunteers. This year there are only six 12 hour events nationally and we understand that the Breckland event may be in doubt for next year. ECCA make a considerable loss each year on the 12, but it remains our intention to continue running it whilst it still receives a reasonable entry and we can muster the necessary manpower (and womanpower of course)."

Sue Rogers adds: "One rider, sadly, became a road traffic injury casualty on the A11 in the morning. Michael Church, 45 RC, was in collision with a car and was taken to Addenbrookes Hospital. Fellow 45 RC member Sarah Brooke, a former event photographer before she swapped hard shoulders for still life and nature photography, reports just over a week later that Mike has been released from hospital and is at home with Liz and their dogs. Sarah says Mike has five broken vertebrae, seven broken ribs and a broken scapula, plus some horrendous bruising. She adds that he is very happy to be home and will be receiving regular visitors throughout his recovery. Best Wishes to Michael and Liz for Michael's speedy and full recovery."

Former Essex boy Brian Camfield returned to his old haunts and maintained his record of placings in national events this year; in this, he was assisted by one-time clubmate and old pal Colin Manakee, kingpin of the Glendene, but pride of place must go to Ken Platts, who would dearly love a top 12 place in the BAR 40 years after he first achieved this honour.

Since Eric Angell retired to take up admin

duties, that striking white skinsuit has been missing from the time trial scene; that gap was filled recently when a ghostly figure appeared in the early morning gloom of the 12 hour and was later identified as Chris Hopkinson, now sponsored by Rat Race – not sure what the connection is?

Another once familiar face, this time seen through the mist of the EDCA 100, was that of Dave Pitt, who was well pleased with his ride, after a two-year comeback, having "retired" in 1991. No result sheet yet of this event either. Maybe because we don't have e-mail – have you ever felt air -brushed out, as we seem to have missed several this year and I am indebted to those who have helped me to fill the gaps. With over 300 members, most of whom are competing far and wide across the country, it is quite impossible to chronicle all their achievements; so please let me know if you or some other deserving person would like a mention, preferably something other than racing results as this was the original intention of these columns.

Finally, I must commend the retiring National Secretary, Ann Butterworth, for service beyond the call of duty. She has been a staunch aide to our worthy Chairman and together they have managed to steer the ship through turbulent waters. Have a happy "retirement", Ann, and thank you from us all; it has been good knowing you.

Mary Horsnell

MERSEYSIDE

It doesn't seem so long since I was wishing everyone a successful season, achieving all your goals, and here we are it's nearly over.

I have just spent my annual sojourn at Shawbirch Island. I usually do some marshalling there for the 24 hour, on the Saturday afternoon. The riders come to Shawbirch twice, and it is always interesting to see who makes it to Shawbirch both times, and who has been turned back at Esplay. This year,

because it has been such a nice summer, Geoff and I were both sunbathing in our folding chairs, cups of coffee from the service station on the island (and a small snack to keep us going)!

If it wasn't for the traffic noise and that at intervals we have to stretch an arm out, and write down a number and time, it would be a really pleasant way to spend an afternoon. I often wonder what motorists think of us as they drive past, but learnt a long time ago not to make eye contact with them: you only open the door for ribald comments, complaints about cyclists on the road, people laughing at you. I find it easier if I don't acknowledge them.

Our stint is normally over by about 6pm, thankfully someone else comes and marshals there overnight. As I make my way home in the car I am always amused to see all the activity connected to the event. Support cars in field gates, lay-bys, anywhere they can get. Sometimes riders sitting eating and drinking whilst the support team looks on. At Esplay and Prees Islands, people set up camp for the night. Camper vans, caravans, tents, picnic tables and chairs, pergolas, all pop up. It is a sight to behold.

Motorists must wonder when the barbeque is going to kick in, or maybe even when the band will start!

It is all repeated on a smaller scale a couple of weeks later for the 12 hour. I was at Shawbirch again, this time with Bryan. We took over towards the end of the second circuit round Shawbirch, pointed a couple of riders the right way before the 'last man'

marshal came to say that's it. We settled down in our folding chairs in the sun, expecting about an hour's break before we saw the first rider on the third and final circuit. But no, here was the last man marshal; he had met another rider coming towards us as he drove back to Esplay, well off the back of the field. So our relaxing afternoon was disturbed as we had to jump up and run back to our allotted positions to see him round the island. Needless to say we didn't see that rider on the third circuit.



I'm never quite sure what to say on a Monday morning when asked at work what I did at the weekend. "Oh, I had a great time; I drove to Shawbirch and spent a couple of hours sunbathing on the traffic island". Imagine my horror when approached by one of the directors who took great pleasure in telling me he had seen me there on Sunday! (And of course I had ignored him; I never make eye contact with motorists). I have to admit, I don't understand what

makes anyone want to ride a time trial for 12 or 24 hours. My longest distance was 50 miles, I only did it twice (punctured on the start line in one – a lucky break), but I do admire the people who do enter, and even more those who finish.

As I write this, preparations are under way for the final local 25 at Prees, the hill climb season will start, closely followed by winter club runs.

I hope you all achieved your goals, and will be claiming your Performance Awards. I look forward to seeing you all at the AGM in November (small chance of success) and the prize presentation in January (much better chance of success).

CHAMPIONSHIP 50

Jim Ogden

This year the VTTA 50 Mile Championship used the scenic Lake District course L505 (Keswick to Cockermouth) and was promoted by the North Lancs & Lakes Group as part of the NLTTA event. On the date in the Handbook, 12 May, road works had caused it to be cancelled and re-scheduled for Bank Holiday Monday 26 August. This enabled some six extra entries to be included while some of the original entries were a year older - more problems for first-time promoter, Barry Rimmer. However, 35 from a combined field of 77 chose not to start, including 15 VTTA members. From the results they will have seen that they missed a good day when every veteran earned a plus.

Although entries received were from a wide geographical area, from Scotland to Guernsey, all the medals were to go to members of northern clubs. Starting number 4, Brian Sunter (Condor RC), was an early finisher, so had a long wait until number 70 Peter Greenwood and number 76 Mike Westmorland had finished, before it was confirmed that he was the Champion. Only one team qualified for the Championship, the North Lancashire RC. So it was the best three of their five entries who formed this year's winning team:

Our retiring National Secretary, Ann Butterworth, presented the awards, with Brian Jones of Kimroy Photography taking the photographs, which included one of our new National Champion resplendent in jersey, cap and sash.

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|-------------------|---------------------|---|--------|
| National Champion | Brian Sunter | Condor Road Club | +36:57 |
| 2nd | Peter Greenwood | Clayton Velo | +32:51 |
| 3rd | Mike Westmorland | Border City Wheelers | +32:29 |
| Team | North Lancashire RC | David Hargreaves Ian Cox, Rod Goodfellow | +71:15 |

The individual awards are "Preliminary" at the time of writing pending a CTT decision on the eligibility of one of the competitor's machines.

CHAMPIONSHIP 100

Steve Lockwood

Previously champion at the longer distances, winner Jim Gresty, North Shropshire Wheelers, with a plus of 1:05:49 resorted to riding a shorter way home beating Brian Camfield, Stone Wheelers, by over four minutes. Stefan Harrison, Stourbridge Velo, was third. The winning team, by default, was Stone Wheelers (Brian Camfield, Ian Holbrook, Paul Jennings).

Many thanks to Mo Cliff and Shropshire Cycling Clubs Association for a well-run event.

The full results follow on the following pages

CHAMPIONSHIP 24

20/21 July 2013

As usual, this year's VTTA National 24Hr Championship was incorporated in the RTTC National Championship and, as in most years, this was organised by Jon Williams and the Mersey Roads Club. Months of planning and checking – and probably praying for no last-minute road works necessitating a change of course – goes into an event of this magnitude and one can only admire the amount of effort put in, not only by Jon but by a multitude of people who helped.

In a field of 91 solos, twenty-one were VTTA members and all three tandem pairs were members.

The riders started on Saturday afternoon in scorching sun and must have been grateful when it cooled down a little overnight. Sunday morning brought perfect weather: not too hot and a slight breeze.

This year the results were calculated in record time, with only a few needing amendments later. Jim Ogden announced the award winners and Ann Butterworth presented the medals. The most remarkable result was that of Peter Yates who can claim a National Age Record. Unfortunately, Peter had not been able to stay to be presented with his awards, which was understandable after riding over 343 miles at 80 years of age!

At the National AGM on 1 February 2014, the National Champion will be presented with a photograph of the C W Cooke Cup inscribed with his name and all award winners will be presented with engraved medals.

Three tandems finished and it has been suggested that all three set new records—doubtless Geoff Perry is giving the claims some attention.

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|-------------------|---|--------------------------------------|---------|
| National Champion | Peter Yates | Otley CC | +142.88 |
| | The C.W. Cooke Cup, Gold Medal, Champion's jersey, sash & cap | | |
| 2nd | Ray Retter | North Devon Wheelers | +131.86 |
| 3rd | Ishmael Burdeau | Twickenham CC | +129.27 |
| Team | Royal Navy and Royal Marines CA | S Childs, S Edwards, B Kilgannon | +254.19 |
| Tandem | Phillip Jurczyk George Berwick | West Lothian Clarion Edinburgh RC | +32.82 |

CHAMPIONSHIP 12

Barry Quick

This year's competition was incorporated within the National 12 hr Championship held on the popular E2/12hr course on 11 August. The event also included the Eastern Counties CA and the East Anglian VTTA Group Championship, quite a handful for organiser John Cottee and his team. Fortunately they were well up to the task and handled everything with their usual calm efficiency. John was running this event for the last time this year after a 20 year stint and in recognition of his hard work for the ECCA over the years he was presented with a Certificate of Merit

One of the competitors, Michael Church of 45 Road Club, was unfortunately involved in an accident with a vehicle and was taken to hospital. It appears his injuries, although serious, will not

be permanent and we wish him a speedy and complete recovery.

The weather was dry and sunny but a blustery wind caused difficulties for everyone at some time or another. Despite this some excellent mileages were recorded. Ken Platts completed an excellent 275.06 miles to be first on Standard whilst Ann Shuttleworth declared herself delighted with her 244.12 miles, a distance I and many others aspire to achieve. The age spread amongst the top ten suggests that the new standards are achieving their aim of creating a more level playing field.

The team award was won by Chelmer CC comprising Peter Horsnell, John Golder and Ann Shuttleworth who amassed a total plus of 195.33 minutes.

A big vote of thanks to John and his team of more than thirty helpers for organising such an excellent day's competition and entertainment and congratulations to all competitors and prize winners on their achievements.

The individual awards are "Preliminary" at the time of writing pending a CTT decision on the eligibility of one of the competitor's machines.

| Name | Club | Age | VTTA Group | Dist. | Std +/- |
|----------------|------------------------|-----|-----------------|--------|---------|
| Ken Platts | Cambridge CC | 61 | East Anglia | 275.06 | 90.49 |
| Brian Camfield | Stone Wheelers CC | 65 | Manchester & NW | 264.57 | 87.08 |
| Nik Bowdler | Team PedalRevolution | 44 | Wessex | 293.57 | 86.52 |
| Ray Retter | North Devon Wheelers | 67 | West | 247.49 | 74.01 |
| John Lacey | Hemel Hempstead CC | 49 | London & H/C | 272.76 | 71.89 |
| Peter Horsnell | Chelmer CC | 83 | East Anglia | 195.91 | 70.34 |
| Mark Sanders | Mid Devon CC | 54 | West | 264.02 | 69.34 |
| John Golder | Chelmer CC | 60 | East Anglia | 252.96 | 66.79 |
| Paul Jackson | VTTA (Surrey & Sussex) | 47 | Surrey/Sussex | 267.82 | 64.52 |

CHAMPIONSHIP 100

| Name | Club | Group | 50 | 100 | Standard |
|-------------------|------------------------|---------------------|---------|---------|-----------|
| Jim Gresty | North Shropshire Whs | Manchester & NW | 2:04:36 | 4:18:15 | + 1:05:49 |
| Brian Camfield | Stone Wheelers | Manchester & NW | 2:05:05 | 4:16:07 | + 1:01:22 |
| Stefan Harrison | Stourbridge Velo | Midlands | 1:55:54 | 3:58:18 | + 0:53:13 |
| Peter Yates | Otley CC | Yorkshire | 2:31:47 | 5:18:45 | + 0:50:51 |
| Gerry McGarr | Gloucester City CC | West | 2:01:54 | 4:18:17 | + 0:50:32 |
| Ian Holbrook | Stone Wheelers | Manchester & NW | 1:56:53 | 4:01:00 | + 0:48:26 |
| Arthur Winstanley | Phoenix CC (Aintree) | Merseyside | 2:03:29 | 4:17:42 | + 0:46:55 |
| Rodney Goodfellow | North Lancs RC | North Lancs & Lakes | 2:24:30 | 4:57:32 | + 0:44:19 |
| Paul Jackson | VTTA (Surrey & Sussex) | Surrey-Sussex | 2:04:27 | 4:11:29 | + 0:42:04 |
| Steve Boat | Welland Valley CC | Notts & East Mids | 2:09:05 | 4:26:05 | + 0:34:52 |
| Andrew Simpkins | Solihull CC | Midlands | 2:10:38 | 4:32:55 | + 0:34:26 |
| Chris Yates | Otley CC | Yorkshire | 2:09:51 | 4:30:17 | + 0:33:04 |
| David Parkes | Coventry RC | Midlands | 2:15:47 | 4:36:50 | + 0:29:07 |
| John Flynn | VC Halton | Merseyside | 2:11:59 | 4:38:25 | + 0:27:32 |
| Jenny York | Mid Shropshire Whs | Merseyside | 2:25:27 | 4:58:22 | + 0:22:14 |
| Keith Nield | Chester RC | Merseyside | 2:30:54 | 5:17:48 | + 0:14:15 |
| Dave York | Mid Shropshire Whs | Merseyside | 2:24:15 | 4:53:10 | + 0:12:47 |
| Helen Tudor | Oswestry Paragon CC | Merseyside | 2:30:24 | 5:02:09 | + 0:11:28 |
| Ian Casson | Birkenhead Victoria CC | Merseyside | 2:26:47 | 5:00:30 | + 0:08:19 |
| Paul Jennings | Stone Wheelers | Manchester & NW | | 5:10:46 | - 0:12:03 |
| John Baddeley | Stone Wheelers | Manchester & NW | 2:49:11 | 5:53:48 | - 0:34:15 |

NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP 50

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|-----|-------------------|--------------------|----|---------|---------|-------|
| 1 | Brian Sunter | Condor Road Club | 70 | 2:33:22 | 1:56:25 | 36:57 |
| 2 | Peter Greenwood | Clayton Velo | 61 | 2:25:43 | 1:52:52 | 32:51 |
| 3 | Mike Westmorland | Border City Whs CC | 68 | 2:31:18 | 1:58:49 | 32:29 |
| 4 | Michael Black | Cleveleys RC | 66 | 2:29:29 | 1:59:48 | 29:41 |
| 5 | Brian Camfield | Stone Whs CC | 65 | 2:28:38 | 1:59:41 | 28:57 |
| 6 | Nigel Haigh | Strategic Lions | 42 | 2:16:32 | 1:47:51 | 28:41 |
| 7 | David Hargreaves | North Lancs RC | 66 | 2:29:29 | 2:02:51 | 26:38 |
| 8 | Karl Moseley | Stourbridge Velo | 49 | 2:19:34 | 1:53:44 | 25:50 |
| 9 | Paul Fleming | Preston Whs | 48 | 2:19:09 | 1:53:26 | 25:43 |
| 10 | Chris Yates | Otley CC | 56 | 2:22:49 | 1:57:32 | 25:17 |
| 11 | Ian Cox | North Lancs RC | 43 | 2:16:59 | 1:52:10 | 24:49 |
| 12 | Simon Lester | Cleveleys RC | 61 | 2:25:43 | 2:01:57 | 23:46 |
| 13 | Peter Yates | Otley CC | 80 | 2:49:02 | 2:26:32 | 22:30 |
| 14 | George Nowland | Ribble Valley CRC | 64 | 2:27:51 | 2:06:56 | 20:55 |
| 15 | Jamie Carson | Chorley CC | 47 | 2:18:43 | 1:58:12 | 20:31 |
| 16 | Rod Goodfellow | North Lancs RC | 74 | 2:38:23 | 2:18:35 | 19:48 |
| 17 | Harry Haseley | North Lancs RC | 71 | 2:34:30 | 2:14:50 | 19:40 |
| 18 | Jocky Johnstone | Icarus Racing | 71 | 2:34:30 | 2:16:06 | 18:24 |
| =19 | Allan Renyard | Guernsey Velo Club | 71 | 2:34:30 | 2:16:14 | 18:16 |
| =19 | Andy Smith | West Pennine RC | 47 | 2:18:43 | 2:00:27 | 18:16 |
| 21 | Brendan McCabe | Aberdeen Wheelers | 50 | 2:20:00 | 2:03:55 | 16:05 |
| 22 | Martin Kerry | Lancashire RC | 52 | 2:20:54 | 2:05:32 | 15:22 |
| 23 | John Leach | Rossendale RC | 68 | 2:31:18 | 2:16:18 | 15:00 |
| 24 | Sue Cheetham | North Lancs RC | 50 | 2:31:12 | 2:16:53 | 14:19 |
| 25 | Richard Durham | Team Swift | 59 | 2:24:29 | 2:11:18 | 13:11 |
| 26 | Alex Munro | Lancashire RC | 80 | 2:49:02 | 2:40:43 | 08:19 |
| 27 | John Baddeley | Stone Whs CC | 67 | 2:30:22 | 2:23:24 | 06:58 |
| 28 | Stephen Moorhouse | Nelson Wh | 55 | 2:22:19 | 2:17:06 | 05:13 |

Clothing Stock at 2 September 2013

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| Short Sleeve Jersey | L | | 25.00 | 5.00 | 30.00 | 25.00 |
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| Stuart Edwards | Royal Navy & Royal Marines CA | 48 | 458.06 | 346.89 | 111.17 |
| John Payne | Leigh Premier Road Club | 41 | 457.88 | 369.12 | 88.76 |
| Alex Pattison | Angus Bike Chain | 66 | 371.34 | 284.12 | 87.22 |
| Edgar Reynolds | Congleton CC | 65 | 375.49 | 288.63 | 86.86 |
| Quentin Field-Boden | Tyneside Vagabonds CC | 55 | 412.69 | 325.85 | 86.84 |
| Ray Retter | Noth Devon Wheelers | 67 | 358.26 | 279.44 | 78.82 |
| David R Parkes | Coventry RC | 58 | 392.80 | 315.94 | 76.86 |
| David Steel | Hereford Wheelers | 66 | 336.60 | 284.12 | 52.48 |
| Kevin Munt | Alton CC/Owens Cycles | 55 | 371.45 | 325.85 | 45.60 |
| John Hassall | Bossard Wheelers | 68 | 317.76 | 274.59 | 43.17 |
| Michael Pumphrey | Thornton Road Club | 53 | 375.23 | 332.06 | 43.17 |
| Brian Kilgannon | Royal Navy & Royal Marines CA | 59 | 341.01 | 312.44 | 28.57 |
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| Sean Childs | Royal Navy & Royal Marines CA | 42 | 480.08 | 365.63 | 114.45 |
| Stuart Edwards | Royal Navy & Royal Marines CA | 48 | 458.06 | 346.89 | 111.17 |
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| Phillip Jurczyk | West Lothian Clarion | 68 | 323.14 | 290.32 | 32.82 |
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| Jane Swain | Willesden CC | 46 | 349.60 | 327.27 | 22.33 |
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John Cramb 25 Mile Handicap Championship

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|-----------------|-------------------|---------|-------|-------|
| Steve MacLuskie | VC Glasgow South | 58:07 | 08:32 | 49:35 |
| Robert McGraw | Deeside Thistle | 1:04:21 | 14:03 | 50:18 |
| Norman Skene | Granite City R.T. | 58:16 | 06:26 | 51:50 |

Ben Smith 25 Mile Championship

| | | | | |
|------------------|----------------------|----|---------|--------|
| on standard | Derek Stewart | 76 | 1:03:35 | +14.06 |
| on standard | David Millar | 67 | 58:43 | +14.01 |
| on standard | Graeme Cockburn | 48 | 57:49 | +09.49 |
| Team on standard | Deeside Thistle C.C. | | | |
| Derek Stewart | Robert McGraw | | | +21.59 |
| Fastest veteran | Graeme Cockburn | | 57:49 | |

The Reilly Trophy

| Name | Club | Age | Time | + Or -- |
|------------------|----------------------|-----|---------|----------|
| Stewart Mitchell | Deeside Thistle | 73 | 5:15:40 | + 22:41s |
| David Mitchell | Perth United | 67 | 5:31:59 | - 10:15s |
| Derek Stewart | Deeside Thistle | 77 | 5:01:57 | + 52:07s |
| Graham Jones | Edinburgh R.C. | 48 | 4:28:09 | + 26:24s |
| William Bunyan | Dunfermline C.C. | 56 | 4:29:20 | + 34:01s |
| Christine McLean | Shetland Wheelers | 52 | 4:27:24 | + 55:16s |
| Randle Shenton | Team Swift | 55 | 4:24:36 | + 37:32s |
| Graeme Hay | Stirling Bike Club | 44 | 4:08:52 | + 41:37s |
| Steve Beech | Sandy Wallace Cycles | 63 | 4:20:27 | + 53:16s |
| Norman Skene | Granite City RT | 58 | DNF | |
| Carlos Riise | Shetland Wheelers | 48 | 4:00:34 | + 53:59s |
| Ian Wilson | Deeside Thistle | 45 | 4:25:24 | + 26:07s |

Pinky Williams 30 Mile Championship

| | | | | |
|------------------|------------------|----|---------|---------|
| on standard | Derek Stewart | 77 | 1:17:12 | + 17:39 |
| on standard | Iain Grant | 42 | 1:03:42 | + 16:27 |
| on standard | James Cusick | 48 | 1:06:24 | + 15:13 |
| Team on standard | Glasgow Couriers | | | + 31:40 |

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FINAL POSITIONS

| | | | | | |
|-----------------|------------------------|-------|------------------|------------------------|-------|
| | <i>Jones</i> | | Colin Williamson | Solihull CC | 3.25 |
| Phil Brown | Walsall RCC | 71.54 | Alison Bagnall | Team Echelon-Rotor | 2.54 |
| Scott Westwood | Walsall RCC | 71.46 | Moira Goodway | Banbury Star CC | 2.37 |
| Rob Weare | Leamington C&AC | 69.47 | Adrian Manning | Stourbridge Velo | 2.34 |
| Karl Moseley | Stourbridge Velo | 50.08 | Andrew Gardner | Coventry RC | 2.25 |
| Phil Clark | Rugby Velo | 49.34 | Andrew Dalloway | Walsall RCC | 2.15 |
| David Wood | Wyre Forest CRC | 47.05 | Sue Smith | Stafford RC | 1.59 |
| Richard Coleman | Stourbridge Velo | 43.54 | Mark Shelton | Wrekinsport CC | 1.37 |
| Simon Wix | Evesham Wheelers | 31.57 | Steve Walker | Leamington C&AC | 1.36 |
| Mark Mullender | Walsall RCC | 30.29 | John Griffin | Elizabethan CC | 0.26 |
| Alistair Semple | Stafford RC | 29.25 | | <i>Massie</i> | |
| Paul Guest | Worcester St. Johns CC | 27.01 | Bob Awcock | Coventry RC | 26.15 |
| Bob Awcock | Coventry RC | 26.15 | Murray Kirton | A5 Rangers CC | 23.43 |
| Susan Semple | Stafford RC | 25.19 | John Grumbley | Coventry RC | 8.20 |
| Simon Dighton | Beacon RCC | 24.52 | Andrew Gardner | Coventry RC | 2.25 |
| Murray Kirton | A5 Rangers CC | 23.43 | John Griffin | Elizabethan CC | 0.26 |
| Annis Moore | Stafford RC | 22.18 | | <i>Nomads</i> | |
| Mike Dalton | Bromsgrove CC | 21.12 | Scott Westwood | Walsall RCC | 71.46 |
| Matthew Moore | Stafford RC | 19.52 | Alistair Semple | Stafford RC | 29.25 |
| Gary Shuker | Walsall RCC | 18.30 | Paul Guest | Worcester St. Johns CC | 27.01 |
| Andrew Simpkins | Solihull CC | 14.20 | Susan Semple | Stafford RC | 25.19 |
| Terry Shough | Worcester St. Johns CC | 13.00 | Simon Dighton | Beacon RCC | 24.52 |
| Karl Davies | Stourbridge Velo | 9.51 | Annis Moore | Stafford RC | 22.18 |
| John Grumbley | Coventry RC | 8.20 | Matthew Moore | Stafford RC | 19.52 |
| Peter Delves | Coventry RC | 7.34 | Alison Bagnall | Team Echelon-Rotor | 2.54 |
| Mark Burnham | Coventry RC | 3.53 | Adrian Manning | Stourbridge Velo | 2.34 |
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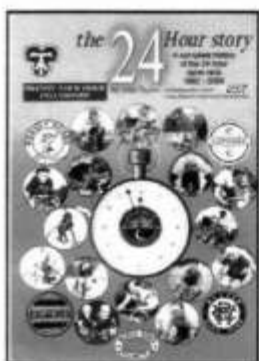


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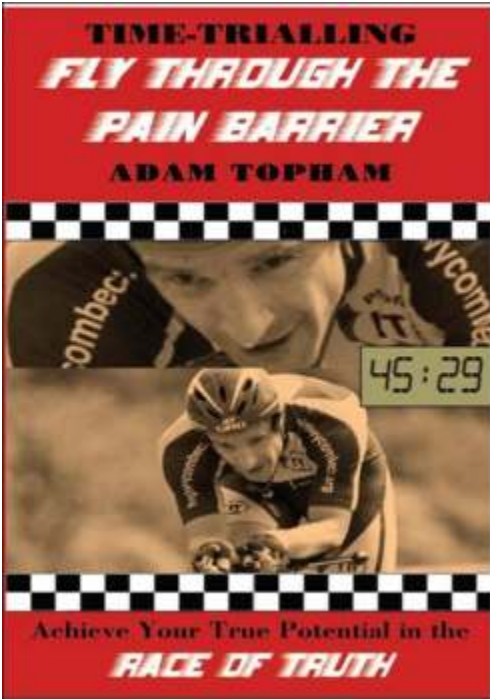
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OBITUARIES-

Eric Moore

I first got to know Eric when a new cycling club was formed in Cornwall by a man named Roger Sothcott. The club was given the name Kernow CC and started with just a few members, but ended up with about 100, a lot of whom were time triallists.

Eric was made a Life Member, which is a great honour; he was also a member of the West Vets and VTTA Cornwall.

He almost always raced on a fixed wheel bike with a gear of 86, he told me he had raced on the Mid-Devon cobblestone course and always rode out to the event on a Friday, raced on the Saturday and rode home on the Sunday. He once rode to Gloucester and raced whilst he was there.

In a 25 mile time trial, he got under the hour with a time of 58 minutes. Eric won many cups, medals and shields. They say in sport you only get out of it what you put in and he certainly did that.

Eric also did some reporting for a local radio station, talking about local mineral tramways that cyclists would use. A favourite place to go was a cycle hire shop in Devoran and a transport café where he had a meal.

Eric had a fall at home and had to go to hospital for a hip operation, but there were a few other problems and his health slowly got worse. He finally passed away in hospital at the age of 91 on 21 June. My deepest sympathies go to his two daughters Sally and Sue, his grandson Nick and his children.

Eric will be missed by so many people.

Kristian Pixton

Peter Land

Peter was born in 1928 and joined the East Anglian Group in 1998.

Peter joined the Mid Devon Cycling Club in 1943 and the Ely and District CC when we moved to March. In the early days, he and his friends learnt how to service their own bicycles through necessity, building up a strong social network involving co-operation and shared responsibility for the smooth running of their club and the various associated organisations.

Peter retained his love of the sport, understanding the discipline it demands. He always volunteered to act as an observer when required and was an extremely loyal person.

Our thoughts and sympathies are with Peter's wife Wyn, his family and friends.

Alan Brooks

1928 – 2013

It is with deep sadness that I report the passing of a dear friend and long-serving club-mate Alan Brooks. Alan joined the Middleton CC in August 1945 and went on to become a Life Member of the club. His interests were mainly time trialling. He competed from 10 miles to 12 hours with success. For him, his best distance was 100 miles and, quite a few years after becoming a veteran, he did a personal best of 4:20:18. He also rode on the old Fallowfield track in the 1950s.

He did extensive touring with his wife Hilda who was to die within a few weeks of Alan.

His contribution to his club included ten

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years as Treasurer and many more years as Auditor and Racing Committee Member.

Alan worked as a draughtsman, staying in engineering all his life. He was an Honorary Life Member of the VTTA, having joined on his 40th birthday. He will be sadly missed by his club-mates and his many friends.

*Jack Ramsden
President, Middleton CC*

Lilian Heald

Lilian Heald, Honorary Life Member of the VTTA, died aged 92 in March. After joining the South Lancashire RC as a teenager, her life's work had been her involvement in fostering cycling in the Manchester area. She was a founder member of Manchester & District Ladies Cycling Association, one of five still remaining and all aged over 90. She was also involved with the Manchester & District Time Trials Association.

Together with her late husband, Les, in recognition of their outstanding service to the Road Time Trials Council, they were each awarded a Badge of Honour in 1994, a badge Lilian always wore with pride. Until quite recently, she would be in attendance at event headquarters in Cheshire and at social occasions. She was a close friend of Eileen Sheridan, who has supplied some of her beautiful engraved glass pieces for M&DLCA awards.

Lilian was one of the now few remaining of her generation who, by their work and dedication, enabled the rest of us to follow our sport of time trialling, and this was appreciated at her funeral on 11 March 2013.

Jim Ogden

John Arnold

John Arnold, who was born in Scarborough on 20 May 1929, died aged 83 on 21 March 2013. He is survived by his twin sister, Irene, who still lives in Yorkshire.

A member of the Middleton CC, John set more National Records on three wheels than anyone else in the history of time trialling. Although his membership of the VTTA had lapsed, he would attend the Manchester & NW Group's annual Lunch & Prize Presentation until curtailed by ill health. He used to bring to the Lunch a Throw-away camera and subsequently sent me the photographs of prize winners together with stamped envelopes for me to forward, as he did not know their names or addresses.

His 457 miles in the Championship 12Hr in 1953 smashed the RTTC Trike Competition Record by an incredible 35 miles. Although placed second in the event, which was won by Nick Carter, in those days trikes were not eligible to win Championship awards. That they are now is thanks to John Arnold. He was awarded the RTTC Bidlake Memorial Plaque in recognition of this achievement.

John teamed up with Albert Crimes in 1954, and together they went on to set tandem-trike records: five Northern RRA records, 13 RRA records and also six Competition Records from 100 miles to 24 hours.

Their 1954 End-to-End record ("with Albert in front where I can see him") covered the distance in 2 days 4 hours and they went on to set the thousand-mile record of 2 days 13 hours. At that time their records were the fastest that had been done on any machine. For a tandem-trike

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their record still stands after 60 years.

John was asked to sign the Golden Book of Cycling in recognition of his outstanding achievements.

John Pardoe has written a comprehensive appreciation for the Tricycle Association's gazette from which I have extracted the relevant facts.

Jim Ogden

Roy Swinnerton 3-05-1925 : 4-03-2013

Roy started his club cycling career with the St Christopher's back in 1939 and his wife Doris shortly afterwards in 1944. They married in 1950, the same year Doris was elected club president. Doris also participated in the formation of the Lyme RC and was elected president in 1956.

Roy had a great passion for cycling and family life, taking over the family business in 1952 from his father Ted. Roy and Doris went on to create a legacy in cycling in Stoke on Trent and the UK. As well as being an excellent grass track racer, Roy also went on to become National Team Mechanic at the 1972 Munich Olympic Games and Track Team Manager, Commonwealth Games in 1974 in New Zealand, as well as attending various World Championships as Team Mechanic.

Roy was prolific and almost unbeatable on the track as anyone who's seen the beautiful trophies won by him on display in the shop. Among them are the Michelin Perpetual Trophy, the Brooks Bowl, the BSA Trophy, and the Granta Trophy, and also National half-mile grass championship at the Michelin sports in the 1950s.

Roy also had a deep family life with his wife Doris and their seven children, all of whom went on to compete at both National and International levels both on the road and track, cementing the Swinnerton family name in UK cycling history. Throughout the 50s, 60s and 70s Roy and Doris also attended and helped to organise every local cycling event across North Staffordshire.

In 1970 Roy and Doris were asked if they would be prepared to run a cycling section for the City of Stoke Athletic Club. Stoke ACCS was formed and was to become one of the most successful clubs. Stoke AC can boast members competing in the Tour De France, the Ladies Tour De France, World Championships, National Championships both Road and Track and many Divisional Championships. Competing in many countries of the world: Germany, both East and West, Holland, France, Czechoslovakia, Canada, Belgium, Italy, Denmark, Norway and even Palestine to name but a few.

In 1990, Roy retired from the family business, but was regularly seen on club rides and out on his bike and enjoyed spending time with his 22 grandchildren, who have also started to follow in Roy's wheel tracks, with two national achievements, the national sprinters' league 1st place and national sprint title in their third generation.

Roy joined the VTTA in May 1967 and became an Honorary Life Member.

Taken from the CTT Web site

OBITUARIES-

Barbara Braithwaite 1922 -2013

Barbara died peacefully in hospital three days after her 91st birthday with her family at her bedside. Her daughter Carol had come to England from Australia and her son David with his wife Jane had travelled from Yorkshire to celebrate Barbara's birthday. They had all enjoyed a picnic at one of Barbara's favourite places in the New Forest.

Barbara started cycling shortly after leaving school. She began time trialling and racing on the track and almost immediately was winning awards. Her racing history was legendary. When the VTTA was formed women were not included, but as soon as that situation changed Barbara joined and started setting age records both in the Wessex section and nationally. Her tally was approximately three dozen Wessex records of which eight were National. Twenty-two of her Wessex records still stand as does one of her National Records. Her records spanned a period of 35 years the last one being set nearly 70 years after her very first race. She set records over distances of 10 miles to 12 hours when at the age of 57 she covered 215 miles.

Racing was only part of Barbara's life. She was an avid tourist, being a member of the CTC, she regularly rode with the local groups and joined in many foreign tours as well as holidays in the UK. Her favourite areas were the mountains. Many of her miles were spent with her life-long friend (Chalky)

Tony White. Some years after Tony's death she joined a CTC foreign tour led by Eric Neal, this initiated another friendship which lasted until her death. Eric was also with her at the end.

Outside of cycling Barbara had other interests; she was a swimming teacher and a life saver coach and devoted a considerable amount of time as a volunteer helping handicapped children in the pool. She also helped in the classroom of a local school for handicapped children.

In addition to all that Barbara studied calligraphy and did courses in canoeing.

Over the years Barbara was a member of several cycling clubs in the Southampton area: her final club the Sotonia Cycling Club awarded her honorary Life Membership in 2002 in recognition of her outstanding racing career.

The funeral was attended by approximately seventy friends and family. In accordance with Barbara's wishes many of the cyclists were dressed in club kit and other friends were asked to wear coloured clothing.

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