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**SPECIAL
GENERAL MEETING**

**A Special Meeting
of the
Veterans Time Trials Association**

has been called for
**Saturday 26 November 2011
commencing at 2:30pm**

In accordance with Rule 2:11:9

**The meeting has been called to provide
the membership with an opportunity to receive**

details from the

Standards Review Party

**of the proposals to replace the existing
Standards Tables prior to being put to the
Annual General Meeting**

The meeting will be held at

**King's Court Hotel
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PRESIDENT'S NOTES

Most of us can recall Max Boyce brandishing a giant leek and proclaiming that – “I was there”; I was recently involved in a similar situation but concerning our own sport. A chance e-mail from a friend mentioned the RAF Five Day Stage Race sometime in the Fifties and I responded by confirming that I had taken part in this unique Time Trialling event. This was quickly countered by the assertion that this stage race was in fact a road race and went on to give details of some riders involved. Now I would concede that my memory is not quite up to the standard that it once was but I'm sure that I would have remembered racing round most of Southern England in the middle of a bunch!

I started to contact former RAF team mates and family members and eventually got most of the details.

The initial idea was for a proper stage race but because of difficulties with organisation

the RAF decided to hold it as a Time Trial hence the RAF Five Day Time Trial Stage Race took place on the 2nd to 6th July 1951. There were seven stages in total over a distance of 374 miles starting at Henlow and finishing at Halton. There were 156 riders on the start sheet but unfortunately I don't have any finishing results. My own race ended at Innsworth when the MO put an end to three days of suffering with a saddle abscess and put me in hospital for four days.

I believe that this event is the only Time Trial stage race ever held in the UK but perhaps I'm wrong? Does anyone know of a similar event? Did anyone out there ride the event?

I think the following remarks, from another competitor, sum up the spirit of adventure that existed in those days!

“.....the necessity of all riders to sleep rough using piles of straw on the concrete floor of the disused station at Bottesford. Catering on the evening of arrival at Newton was passable but breakfast and food for the ride was provided at Bottesford and was appalling”.

What a change to the recent VTTA Championship 10 on the Levens course where I had the pleasure of competing and afterwards presenting awards. The majority of us rolled up in cars, unloaded fabulous state of the art, carbon fibre, multigeared racing machines, sculpted skinsuits and pointy hats. But afterwards the atmosphere was exactly like it used to be – the congratulations, commiserations, leg-pulling, good natured banter and the steady hum of conversation surrounding the sport we love. Long may that continue!

Alan Colburn

SECRETARY



Which would you like first, the good news or the bad? I always opt for the bad news as things can then only get better.

The 2011 VTTA Championship 100 was scheduled for 31 July. It was to be incorporated into the Northumberland & Durham CA and run by a very enthusiastic organiser. Problems arose when the chosen course was plagued by roadworks that were to last for many weeks and an alternative course had similar problems. At this stage, one choice was to ask another club to incorporate our Championship into their 100, but the date of the only remaining 100 happened to clash with another of our championships. So, with the help of Les Dawson, North Group's Chairman, and the local CTT District, the N&DCA 100 was postponed until 4 September and VTTA members were alerted by notices on two websites.

On the new closing date for entries I had a 'phone call from the organiser to say that he had received a total of ten entries for the whole event. Many more riders must have entered, sending their entry forms to the

address published in the CTT and VTTA handbooks, but the organiser had moved house twice since the handbooks were printed. Enquiries at his two previous addresses proved useless as the organiser was told they had not received his mail or had lost it. The organiser had a number of suggestions to solve his (and our) problem, none of which would have complied with CTT rules. Therefore, the NEC had no alternative other than to cancel the VTTA Championship. As far as I know, this is the first time in the history of the VTTA that a championship has been cancelled.

My sympathies are with the VTTA entrants who were denied a ride in the Championship. Moreover, by the time they became aware that their entry had not been received, it was too late to enter another event.

Now for the good news. Andrew Simpkins, the Chairman of the Standards Review sub-committee, and his colleague, Steve Lockwood gave an excellent presentation to the NEC on 10 September. It was interesting, clearly explained and easy to understand. Obviously a great effort has been made by members of the sub-committee to address this subject.

The NEC made the decision to hold a Special General Meeting on 26 November so that all members have the opportunity to weigh the pros and cons of a change to the current Standard Tables. When I say 'all' I mean a maximum of ten per Group, it not being practicable to accommodate all 2600 members! However, if the theoretical 160 manage to be there, it should go a long way to ensuring that members know of the proposals and thus be ready to make an informed decision when the time comes to vote at the AGM at the end of January. I urge all interested VTTA members to submit their names to their Group Secretary without delay. The Standards has been an issue for many years and now is the time to make a decision.

CHAIRMAN AND EDITOR



It's hard to believe, but I have been a member of the VTTA for 41 years. I remember that I couldn't wait to join for it seemed to me back then that everyone of the time trialling fraternity felt the same, at least those approaching 40. Seemingly it's not so now, to judge by the number of veterans in events who are not members of the Association.

If that is so, is it because the bulk of today's veterans are not those who have been time trialling since their teens as we were in the sixties?

To judge by comments at the result board and in the contents of the *Time Trialling Forum*, many of today's younger veterans think the standard tables are not applicable to them, concluding that they have to be over 60 before they can have a chance of winning VTTA awards.

The discussion on this has been going on for many years, reaching near feverish levels in

2010, or so it seemed to some.

Stepped forward Andrew Simkins and Steve Lockwood. They concluded that the subject was worthy of real research. They were joined by others who not only agreed but were qualified to be a part of a 'Review Party' by virtue of their mathematical abilities and their commitment to the VTTA. They were Bill Lloyd of North Lancs and Lakes Group; Mick Fountain, West Group; Geoff Perry, London Group and Frank Kerry, North Lancs and Lakes.

As far as I know, the party has never met but following its inception just after the AGM in February, the emails flowed in abundance and the result of what must be many, many hours of deliberation has resulted in some most interesting conclusions.

The National Committee saw what these conclusions were at its meeting on the 10th of September and were unanimous in their support.

Now is the time to present those conclusions to the members and that will happen, as the notice on page two says, on the 19th of November.

The discussion which will form part of the presentation will, it is expected, tidy up any loose ends and help prepare a final proposal to be put to the AGM on Saturday the 29th January.

Those in attendance will not be asked to vote for or against the proposed changes to the standard tables, that will come at the AGM. The purpose of the gathering on the 26th of November is to try to let the membership know in details just what is to be proposed.

Let us wish then for ten representatives from each Group which is the number hoped for.

It's possibly now or never for the changes to be made and with it perhaps the future of the VTTA.

Jim Burgin

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YORKSHIRE GROUP

By the time you read this, the season will be almost over and it would appear that April was the Summer; still, at least we have enough water to make a cup of tea! On the downside, the bearings on the wind turbines will be in need of replacement; Saturday afternoons must see an increase in power produced by these things!

Now to news of our group riders in National Championships:

In the National Championship 30, promoted by London & Home Counties, Brian Sunter, Condor RC, took third place with 1 13 05 +24 27.

The National Championship 25, promoted by the East Anglian Group, saw a number of our riders compete. Len Grayson, Team Swift, led the way, finishing sixth with 59 00 +26.00, Brian Sunter, Condor RC, was seventh with 55 22 +25 55, Stan Mills, Yorkshire RC, was thirty-second with 59 54 +20 47, Derek Roe, Team Swift, thirty-seventh with 57 39 +20 06, John Baines, Yorkshire RC, seventy-ninth with 1 7 38 +16 06 and Cliff Beldon, Team Swift, eighty-fourth with 1 3 33 +15 22. So our group was well represented.

More sombre news now: I mentioned in the last edition that John Hatfield would continue to promote our 30 in 2012; since then, however, John has decided to stand down from promoting. After running the 30 for 16 years and our 25 before that, he has done more than his share. We cannot quibble about his decision and he deserves our thanks for his efforts over the years.

On now to the 80th running of the classic Andy Wilson 50, held on what must be the best Saturday afternoon of the year, warm, sunny and no wind! In contrast to last year, when only nine riders beat two hours, thirty-five managed it this year, giving some indication of the good conditions. Of the seventy-seven finishers, sixty-three were Vets, the fastest of which was Kevin Dawson who got to within six seconds of the 7-year-old event record held by Mark Atkinson, with a winning 1 41 06. Kevin has won this event once before, but that was 20 years ago when he was 20 and 11 minutes slower! Best of our

group was Carl Saint, Yorkshire RC, who finished fifth in 1 46 38 and led the winning team supported by Ian Fairweather with 1 47 47 and Steve Smith 1 56 01. Ian Peacock, Harrogate Nova CC, was best of the 50-59 group with 1 57 01 and John Baines, Yorkshire RC, best of the 70+ with 2 16 01.

Now to social matters:

Our Rideout Lunch will once again be at Old Otliensians RUFC Clubhouse at Otley on Sunday 23 October, 12 noon to 3 pm. Tickets £11, pay on the day. Book with John Churchman (Tel: 01274 564234). Last year there were only 31 present and John was warned that if numbers are not up this could well be the last, so support the Rideout Lunch or lose it.

Our Annual Lunch will be on Sunday 29 January 2012 at The Bridge, Walshford. Tickets are likely to be £20, available from Mickie Homby in due course. Our guest of honour will be Denise Burton-Cole, my club-mate. Denise was a World Championship medal winner in 1975, long before 'British Cycling' and lottery funding had been thought of. Denise had some very big footsteps to follow, as no doubt many of you will be aware, but she carved out a career of her own winning the British Ladies Road Championship. I'm sure she will be an excellent guest, so let's have a good turnout for our two social events.

Now to our August meeting: I was spot on in the last issue when I said come along and join the dozen who usually attend, because that was the total attendance - 12; this out of a membership of 174 - apathy reigns supreme. Our membership is down by 45 on last year, following the national trend. On the plus side, we have promoters for all four of our current events. Mike Williams will do the 10 on 14 April; Tony Stott, in addition to taking on the job of Secretary, will take over the 30 on 18 August. Andrew Vaughn will do the 25 on Saturday 25 June and Steve Gaunt will do the 10 on 8 September; our thanks to all these four. Next year we are also going to promote the VTTA National Championship 12 hour. It will be incorporated in the Elmet CRC 12, which next year will also be the RTTC National

Championship. Only paid up VTTA members will be eligible for VTTA awards, so lots of help will be required; this year's event hung by a thread due to lack of help. Our entry fees for next year will remain at £8 unless something happens which may cause it to be increased.

Going back to the poor attendance, here's a thought for the other 162: Jack Conroy made a 140 mile round trip from the east coast to attend! We had no proposals for the National AGM or the Yorkshire CTT District AGM, so that was it. The date for next year's meeting is 6 August 2012 at Otley CC Clubroom. Our next meeting is our AGM on Sunday 4 December at Collingham Memorial Hall, 10 30 am. Hopefully, the move back to a Sunday will mean a better attendance – or will it?

Keith Richardson, Leeds Westfield CC, has been in the wars. Riding through Grimston Park, near Tadcaster, he struck a speed hump and came crashing down, breaking his collarbone. Our sympathies, Keith, we wish you a speedy recovery.

Back to racing: I see that in the Elmet CRC 12, David Thompson, Scarborough Paragon, fulfilled his promise of last year to finish fastest Vet in second place with 274.69 miles, beaten by less than a mile by Joel Wainman, Team Swift, who won the event with 275.44 miles. In seventeenth place was Carl Saint, Yorkshire RC, on his trike, with 232.00 miles. In the light of Carl's record-breaking on his trike in recent seasons, it makes John Arnold's ride of 246.15 miles almost sixty years ago look exceptional. If my memory serves me well, due to foot problems John rode in clogs; a far cry from today's £300 carbon shoe exotica!

At the time of writing, I have no idea of the full result of the 25. It must have been a reasonable day; some non-Vet did a 51. The fastest Vet was Steve Gore-Browne, Team Swift, who was second fastest with 52 09. Other fast rides were: Mick Storey, Scarborough Paragon with 56 28 and Derek Roe, Team Swift, with 56 45. Fastest lady was Lucy Sill, Tyneside Vagabonds, with 1 1 24. Our own Mickie Hornby, Team Swift, did her best ride of the season, 1 11 20, coming within a whisker of a national age record. Sadly, I have no idea of the standard result.

Well, that's about it. The Tour de France is over; Mark Cavendish has won another five stages, plus

the green jersey, and his team won £104,000 between them for three weeks hard labour - about a week's pocket money for a half fit footballer! Cyclists are not in it for the money that's for sure. Many years ago, I was marshalling in a 12 and a passer-by asked me what was going on. I told him it was a 12 hour race. "How much does the winner get?" he asked. £5, I told him; he went away shaking his head! Finally, just let's hope Cavendish doesn't go to a team that wears black socks!

See you at the Rideout Lunch.

Malcolm T Cowgill

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EAST ANGLIAN

Pride of place this month must go to Bill Thorncroft, father figure at the Eastern Counties CA, who, all being well, will have celebrated his 90th birthday in grand style by the time this appears in print. Bill is a survivor of the Brentwood Road Club team of the Vic Gibbons era and, what is more of interest to the general public, the Desert Rats. Several more names are added to the honourable list of HLMS: James Shaw, Cambridge CC, and Stan Smith, who has remained faithful to his original club, Viking RC. He and our chairman, also a member at that time, rode their first 25 on E3, the Glendene Novices, in 1948; also "Spit" Godbeer, Southend, who was still racing quite recently but is now resident in France. All were juniors, as was Brian Hinkins, later of Upton Manor CC fame, who, with Peter, was member of their grass track team and was his best man. Brian turned out to support him in the 12 hour recently. Next to join this illustrious band was Ron Sheath, Maldon & District, formerly a well known racing man with Unity CC. Ted Wells, Cambridge CC, is the senior man, still competing at 85, but has had to wait to complete the necessary 25 years of membership in order to receive his certificate. There are also a number of very active 70-year-olds who will be moving up before too long.

New members continue to flock in; here is the latest batch to be welcomed:

Anna Anderson, Colchester Rovers
Andy Tyler, CC Breckland

Colin Lown, Ipswich CC
 Roger Farrow, Great Yarmouth CC
 Paul Barnes, Newmarket C & TC
 Nick Parravanni, CC Breckland
 John Adams, Stowmarket & District CC
 Steve Holmes, Fitch Crono
 Elspeth Knott, Colchester Rovers
 Matt Haigh, Essex Roads
 Roger Graham, VC Norwich
 Paul Lewis, Great Yarmouth CC
 Mark Fairhead, CC Breckland
 Julian Hall, None
 Keith Clarke, Colchester Rovers
 Richard Evans, Chelmer CC
 Kevin Parker, Team Cambridge
 Tony Day, Gravanti
 Jonathan Wilson, West Suffolk Wheelers
 Neil Vaughan, VC Norwich
 Simon Boyle, Stowmarket & District CC
 Mark Lloyd, Colchester Rovers
 Chris Roberts, Great Yarmouth CC
 Jim Boyle, Sleaford Wheelers
 Phil Jarvis, Colchester Rovers
 Richard Parrotte, Shaftesbury CC
 Andrew Ferry, Kent Cycles RC
 Steven Shore, Southend Wheelers
 Chris Tye, Ipswich Triathlon Club
 Steve Irwin, Kingston Wheelers
 Denise Kern, Southend Wheelers
 Simon Carr, Essex Roads
 Claire Lee, Essex Roads
 Nigel Stephens, Finchley RT
 Gary Stevens, St Ives CC
 Graham Painter, Chelmer CC
 Geoff Frost, API Metrow
 Sam & Sarah Williamson, Hemel Hempstead CC
 Gavin Hinxman, Kettering CC (from Midlands)
 Kevin & Denese Hallahan, Wisbech Wheelers

Some of the new members are already established among the prize winners – typical is Graham Painter, who actually entered an event before his 40th birthday and qualified for an award.

The season is drawing to a close; gone are the days when it was possible to ride late into the year in order to keep fit for the Christmas events!

Autumn mists and the safety factor have put paid to that. At the moment we are awaiting the arrival of result sheets for both the 12s plus the Breckland 100. Several national records are to be confirmed. Meanwhile it is only fair to mention the outstanding

winning ride by Nik Bowdler in the ECCA 12; 299.950 miles at 42, giving a standard (the best of course!) of +78.32m. Who says the standards are unfair to younger Vets? Ken Platts, 59, +78.88 seems disappointed with his ride, but it's still a National age group record. He was one place behind Antony Stapleton (3rd) +53.54, who broke Chelmer's club record of 2.654 by Pete Wood in 1970 and also led the winning team backed by John Golder and Graham Painter. The Vets' team also went to Chelmer: Antony Stapleton 53.84 (45), John Golder +55.95 (58), backed by Peter Horsnell +47.76, a VTTA National Record at 81.

Antony, paired with Corinna Francis (not yet a Vet), knocked a few seconds off the National record for 15 miles, held by the Hutchinsons of Anglia Velo on a recent foray into the wild Brecklands and another record fell there when the Essex Roads ladies Gwen Cook and Lea Marshall improved on the National 100 figures set by that famous pair Sue Swetman and Daisy Franks in 1981. It does not seem long ago since Les Lowe was appealing for ladies to establish tandem records and these two have responded nobly to the call! Sue and Daisy sent their congratulations and have promised to come over and see the modern tandemists perform.

When Ray Legg failed to turn up at the start of the 12 hour, everyone said "that is not like Ray". All day Ray was expected to appear, no-one being aware of the tragedy that was already unfolding until the following morning brought news of his collapse at home, from which he did not recover. Ray was Peter Horsnell's regular helper and could not be faulted in that role. In fact, he was always willing to help anyone at any time and his cheerful presence will be very much missed, not least by this Group. He was a kind friend of long standing, as well as a very efficient official, and guided the Essex and Suffolk Border Combine through the last difficult years before its demise in 2001. As President at that time, I was well aware of his worth, if only in this one instance. Now he has gone ahead of us along the road....it's very sad....

Mary Horsnell

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KENT

The Group's 30 mile Championship event for the Charles Robson Cup was held on 15 May on Q30/2 at Kingsnorth. The course had to be changed at very short notice due to road works, and this was achieved with Tony Peachey's help a few days before the event. The event was won by Alan Rowe (De Laune) with a fine ride resulting in a +21.48. Second place went to a visitor to Kent, Edmund Spurgeon (Colchester Rovers), with +20.42. The rest of the honours were:-

Phil Bull	VC Elan	+19:34
Mick Morris	CC Bexley	+15:28
Fastest		
Andrew Meilak	De Laune CC	1:08:33
Team	De Laune CC	
Alan Rowe & Chris Cowlard		+ 28:14
1st Lady		
Kate Bosley	San Fairy Ann CC	1:26:43

The next event up was the 25 for the Aubrey Sheather Shield held on 19 June. Again, road works reared its ugly head and the event had to be re-scheduled from Challock (Q25/8) to Brenzett on Romney Marsh (Q25/12), a flatter, but usually rather breezier course. This change, again at short notice, caused additional work for Clive Nye, the promoter, and Tony Peachey, but the event went off well this notwithstanding.

The event was won by Shay Giles (VC Elan) with +18.00.

Other medal winners were:-

Robert Giles	Rye & District Whs	+15.34
Andy Burrows	Thanet RC	+13.26
John Duckworth	VC Deal	+12.54
Nick Wilson	Rye & District Whs	+12.41
Team of Two:	VC Elan	
Andy Miles/Shay Giles		+29.54
1st Vet Lady on Scratch:		
Angela Nye	San Fairy Ann	1.11.12

It was very pleasing to see a number of younger riders take part, and even more so when they recorded good times. Let's hope they continue to enjoy cycling.

The Group's 10 mile Championship event was held on 10 July on Q10/30 on the Thanet Way. It was a good morning for once, which produced

15 three year PBs the most impressive of which was Pip McVey who improved by 2.48 on his ride the previous day, not bad for a 78 year old! Commiserations to Andrew Macey, Stuart Strutton and Bill Hawkes who were unable to ride due to their recent involvement in accidents. All the best to them for a speedy recovery.

The list of honours is:

Peter Crofts	Southborough & Dist	+9.51
Carole Gandy	Kent Cycles RC	+ 9.25
Alan Rowe	De Laune CC	+9.19
Kevin Gill PCA	Ciclos Uno	+8.40
Alan Brown	West Kent RC	+8.01
Fastest		
Andrew Meilak	Datateam Allstars	20.45
Fastest Lady on Scratch		
Bronwen Ewing	Rye and Dist Whs	23.33
Team of Two	De Laune CC	
Alan Rowe/ Malcolm Adams		+16.10

The Group's 50 mile Championship was held on 24 July on Q50/11. For once the winds coming in from the sea onto Romney Marsh were not strong and some excellent times were recorded.

First was Alan Rowe (De Laune) with +39.57

Phil Bull	VC Elan	+36.23
Robert Giles	Rye Whs	+35.21
Andy Miles	VC Elan	+28.44
Laurie Broad	San Fairy Ann	+26.17
Fastest vet	Andy Miles	1.50.21
Best team was	VC Elan	
Phil Bull and Andy Miles		+1.05.07.

Final event of the results to date was the 10 held on 6 August for the Morris Crowe trophy on Q10/22 at Challock. Alan Rowe (De Laune) confirmed his scintillating form this season by winning with a +8.19.

Kevin Tye

Kevin was also fastest on scratch with 20.28.

The rest of the honours were:-

Mike Coulter		+6.08
Mick Walker		+5.52
Andy Burrows		+5.44
1st Team	De Laune CC	
Alan Rowe & Malcolm Adams		+13.32

In the Group's Wednesday morning 10 series five events of six have so far been held. Carole Gandy (four rides) tops the leader board with +29.04, followed by Mick Walker (four rides

+21.13) and Shay Giles (three rides +19.30).

A number of Kent Group's riders competed in the RTTC National Championship 24 promoted by East Sussex CA over 25th and 26th June. They were:-

Steve Gooch	Rye & District Whs	412.86
		+33.66

Michael Pumphrey	Thornton RC	401.80
		+39.35

Robert Royston	Sydenham Whs	396.59
		+47.53

Alec Mayes	Ashford Wheelers	322.45
		-3.74

Chris Parker	Hastings & St Leonards	308.11
		-43.59

Neil Quarmby	Bristol South CC	288.68
		-84.85

Andrew Nye	Ashford Wheelers	279.49
(Trike)		-44.26

Caroline Nye	Ashford Wheelers	202.01
(Trike)		-102.81

Congratulations to all who took part in this event.

Good news that, after an absence of two years, the Group now has a GP de Gentlemen event again. This will be the West Kent RC event to be held on Q25/20 on 25 September. The Group awards two trophies for this event, one for best on standard, the other for fastest on scratch.

Finally, Geoff Waterfield has become our latest Honorary Life member; congratulations to him on achieving the age of 80 years and 25 years membership of the VTTA.

So, only a few events left now to realise our goals – keep up the effort, but above all be safe.

Ian Turner

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LONDON AND HOME COUNTIES

With the racing boys toned to fitness the Group 10 on 1st June on course H10/10 had Frank Pressing on top with +4.49 from a 26.11 ride, closely followed by Peter Cockbain with +4.48 from 27.27, then Ian Windall 29.06 for +4.44. Best of the two ladies was Gill Reynolds 27.37 for +4.38. Fastest on the day was Paul Holdsworth 22.58 (+3.56). It was a small field with only 21 names on the result board.

On the week end of 5th June in the Oxford City

RC10, there were six group members taking part.

Simon Canning	22.14 +3.28
Danuta Tinn	23.52 +4.33
Tom Cosgrove	24.12 +2.06
Gill Reynolds	25.45 +6.30
Peter Cockbain	25.52 +6.23
Chas Jepson	32.11 +2.44

On the same weekend in the CTT National 25 in Devon on a hard course, Peter Harridge clocked 1.07.11.

In the VTTA National 25 promoted by East Anglian Group, London had 15 riders with Ken Usher on his trike clocking 1.06.46 +26.55 to take second place and the Trike Championship. Kevin Stokes and Geoff Perry took the first on tandem with in 51.09, (+12.37).

Other group rides were David Johnson VC 10, 52.41 + 20.02, Tim Davies Icknield RC 53.37 + 13.53, John Dowling Hemel Hempstead CC 54.35 +18.41, Scott Holmes Hillingdon CC 55.21 +14.43.

Group member Peter Hopkins riding on Tandem Trike with Colin Bunnett has recently set new national records for 66/68 year olds as follows, East DC 10 in late May clocking 24.30 a 59 sec improvement and in the Norwich ABC 25 a few weeks later recorded 1 04.57 a 2:49 improvement on the old record.

Interestingly, at the Bob O'Dell gathering afterwards in Newton Longville Village Hall three RTTC Champions of the late 70s were seen talking, I guess about the good old times. They were Eddie Adkins, 25 Champion 1977-78-79, Graham West 50 Champion 1976 and Roger Queen 50 Champion in 1978.

As we move into July lots of racing and times, perhaps too many to report.

Whitewebbs CC 10 on F10/20 course Tim Davies recorded 20.08 whilst Roger Porter did 21.58, Dave Rogers 22.37 and Brian Moon 25.57.

On the same afternoon in the Shaftesbury CC 50 John Dowling clocked 1.52.04 +40.02, Simon Greenland 1.57.02 +39.40 and Peter Cockbain 2.03.49 +47.27.

On the Sunday in the Welsh CA 12 hour Howard Waller finished with 248.06 miles on his trike this must have been training for the forthcoming National 24 hour event.

Week ending 9th /10th July we had John Dowling recoding 4.04.17 in the CTT National 100, Peter Harridge 59.46 +14.03 in the Rockingham CC 25. Philip Burgin 25.42 +3.38 in the South Eastern RC 10 and in the Warwickshire RC 25 Tim Davies finished with 54.56 to take second place. Whist in the Farnham RC 25 Paul Holdsworth clocked 53.21 +6.12, Richard Williams 59.52 +20.49, Danuta Tinn 1.00.22 +12.54 and two ladies from the Hounslow, Joanna Wells and Jill Bartlett did 1.05.49 +9.40 and 1.07.11 +8.52 respectively.

In the North Mids 100 on the F1 on the week end of 16/17 July, Dave Johnson clocked 3.58.57 for 3rd place and Tim Davies 4.04.45 for 4th place. Other notable times were Richard Moule 4.39.03, Ralph Dadswell (trike) 4.41.30.

In the North Hampshire RC 10 Richard Williams finished in 23.39 +7.51 and Tom Cosgrove 23.48 + 2.30.

In the Team Cambridge 10 Dave Johnson clocked 20.57, John Dowling and Tim Davies tied with 21.06, Cliff Grant the National Treasurer, recorded 23.11 and Clive Faine 24.20. On the same afternoon in the Oxonian CC 10 Simon Greenland finished in 23.01 +6.19, Peter Cookson 23.57 +5.51 and 81 year old Cecil Hamblton 30.17 +4.55.

On the same weekend in the Mersey RC CTT National 24 Howard Waller finished with a mileage of 411.52 on his three wheels.

In the third of the Group's mid week 10s, promoted by Malcolm Ash on the F12/10 course, top on standard was Les Howell with 24.49 +8.45. In second place was Roger Queen 23.03 +8.27. Other group rides were Richard Williams 23.30 +8.00, Roger Porter 23.48 +6.57, John Pfeifer 26.40 +5.50 and Frank Pressling 25.24 +5.36. there was an entry of 46 with 42 finishers.

On the last weekend of July in the Charlotteville CC 25 John Dowling recorded 55.46+17.30, Richard Williams 59.09 +21.32, Peter Cookson 1.00.50 +15.47, Peter Cockbain 1.01.51 +20.39. In the overflow event Joanna and Jill from the Hounslow clocked 1.03.48 and 1.07.47 with Gill Reynolds finishing with 1.07.55 and Les Morris 1.09.39.

Next morning in the West London CA 25 Dave Johnson clocked 53.35 for third place. Other rides were Simon Greenland 56.05, Richard Moule 58.51, Dave Rogers 1.01.07, Frank Pressling 1.02.42,

Philip Burgin 1.03.07, Dave Devine 1.03.32, Brian Moon, 1.13.37, William Gladwin 1.17.55.

On the first weekend of August on F1 in the Finsbury Park CC 25 Roger Queen was top on standard with +20.33 from a ride of 1.00.08: other rides were Geoff Perry (the National Records Secretary) 59.32, Dave Rogers 1.04.45 and Trevor Parrish 1.10.15.

Group member Nikki Hunt came off her bike while riding the Norlond TCC 50 back in May and was quite badly injured, so much so that she will not be racing for the rest of this season. We understand that she is making good progress and we all wish her well and look forward to seeing her on the start line in 2012.

We welcome more new members as follows:

Paul King; Jill Bartlett; Jane Telfer and David Tompkins.

On the subject of members, Gladys Purdy and Clive Williamson have acquired the status of Honorary Life Members having reached the age of 80 and accumulating at least 25 years membership of the VTTA. The Group now has 33 HLMS and three DLMS.

With almost two months of the season left, thoughts are now turning to the next, and so the seasons pass.

It looks as if the Group's programme of events will be much as before with the early season 10 acquiring a new event secretary but the others, such as Greg Lewis, David Matthews, Chas Jepson, Malcolm Ash, Brian Harris and Rocco Richardson once again promoting on behalf of the Group.

London doesn't have quite as many non-members participating in its events as some but the 2012 End-of-Season 25 next year will see the introduction of a 'VTTA Members Only' event; an exercise which might provide an insight into what difference it makes when only those who have joined may participate in a promotion organised by and for its members.

Along with plans for the next racing season, are those occasions which hall mark the Social Season.

The AGM is the first of those. Some might dispute the title of *social* but that's what it ought to be. One gathers from reading the pages of this magazine

that attendance at the VTTA's Group AGMs are notoriously sparse. That is not how it should be in truth but London, sad to say, is no exception. One can just issue the customary notice, together with the equally customary plea to beg the members to attend and help make it the social occasion it ought to be.

The date of the 2011 AGM of the London and Home Counties Group is **Sunday the 13th of November at Great Missenden Memorial Centre commencing at 10.30**. The customary agenda will be distributed beforehand. It has been suggested that every attendee should have two minutes added to his or her standard as a reward but that could well be against the rules.

A date that does augur a Social Occasion warranting capital letters is the Group Luncheon. The past few years have seen an increase in the pleasure derived from this bean feast as the irrepressible Rocco sets in motion an afternoon of feasting, talking, raffling and prize giving. Rocco will be taking your bookings in due course so make a note of the date:

**Saturday 3rd February 2012 at 12 noon
Aldenham Golf and Country Club
Church Lane, Aldenham**

One more thing: if you are over 70 and raced this year, tell Paul Newby on pnewby33@tiscali.co.uk - that way you'll be sure be included in the list of that distinguished band when it is published later in the year.

That's about all from me, sorry if I missed anybody's improvement.

Take care on the roads and I will see some of you at events as I sit at the edge of the road with the watch.

Peter Tasker

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**MANCHESTER AND NORTH
WEST**

With the season nearing its climax there is plenty of news to report, unfortunately not all good.

Three Group events were held at the beginning of July. The Group 50 was promoted on J4/16 by Peter Hayhurst (Congleton CC) on Saturday 2 July, just two days after his club-mate, Karl Austin had

been killed riding in a 10 on the A50 - a tragedy that has affected us all. Cyclists from all over the north west, many on bikes, attended the funeral on 14 July (see obituary). But the show must go on.

In the 50, visitor Charles Taylor (South Pennine RC) was a clear winner in 1:51:43. The Group's latest member, 40 year old Paul Shallicker (coveryourcar.co.uk) was runner-up in 1:55:34, with Nev Ashman (Manchester Velo) BoS with +28:39 (see Results).

The following Saturday was the Group 25 on J2/9. This was to have been promoted by Dave Allbutt, but tragically he too was killed when riding his bike near Alsager on 19 May (see obituary). Peter Hayhurst and Tony Farrell ensured the event was still held. Confirmation that a breath of seaside air must be good for you was amply demonstrated when the Rhos-on-Sea pairing of Justin McIlveen and Gareth Bowyer filled the first two places, 56:27 and 57:01 respectively. The veterans must have breathed a sigh of relief when Dennis Milsom apologised for his DNS. Frank Kerry ably stepped in to fill the vacancy with 1:05:39 (+19:59).

The Group 30, held on Tuesday evening 12 July, was promoted by Mike Cotgreave. As usual, it had attracted a disappointing entry, this time only 31. At the headquarters the viability of this event came under discussion. It has always been a mid-week event, either afternoon or evening, and neither has been satisfactory. Hopefully, trying a Saturday slot next year will be an improvement. Regular visitor Paul Grindley repeated his usual win, this time in 1:07:15, whilst our Treasurer Jim Gresty (North Shropshire Wheelers) was BoS with 1:11:45 (+24:21) (see Results).

Still in July, on the 16th Ian Ross promoted the M&DTTA 50 using our local course. The event also included the VTTA National 50 mile Championship. A full report will be elsewhere in this issue, but I will report that, this time, Dennis Milsom did ride. Coming into the headquarters afterwards, he expressed some dissatisfaction with his win: 2:19:44. In mitigation, it did merit a plus of 49:00, was a new National Age Record and installed him as the 2011 50 mile Champion. Brian Sunter (Condor RC) rides most of our championships and, so far this year, was placed 8th in the 10, 7th in the 25 and 3rd in the 30. So in the 50, 2:00:14 (+48:31), although close, meant he had to settle for second place this time. Our National Secretary, Ann

Butterworth, presented the awards, the team medals going to North Lancashire RC.

The RTTC National Championship 100 and the M&DTTA 100 were held on consecutive days, 9 and 10 July. Neil Skellern (Congleton CC) rode both – 3:41:43 in Yorkshire and 4:28:25 in Cheshire. In the National, Carl Ruebotham contributed to the winning Team Swift team with his 3:45:20. Another choosing to ride away was ever-consistent Rod Brooks (Warrington RC) recording 4:11:48.

Next day, nearer home, Charles Taylor (South Pennine RC) added the 100 to his 50 win in the M&DTTA event with 3:55:52, ahead of Mark Turnbull (Leigh Premier), 4:00:18 (in his first 100!). Alf Hilton (Congleton CC), not well and below par, still managed 4:09:49. Steve Hargreaves, 4:20:32, led the winning Warrington RC team, completed by Darren Topping (4:22:33) and David Wright (4:25:39). First year rider, Karen Popplewell (Seamons CC) was fastest lady with 4:35:25 and evergreen Derek Hodgins (Stockport Clarion CC) was BoS with 4:56:00 (+91:17). Thereby hangs a tale – Derek punctured and his procedure in such a situation is for Derek to phone Barbara on his mobile for help. However, there was no signal where he punctured and so he just had to wait. Now how's that for 'Reason for delay'? Ian Ross (Nova CC) was DNF with a persistent back problem and Peter Hayhurst (Congleton CC) finished in 5:24:35.

In the Elmet CRC 12hr on 31 July, Tony Boardman was part of the Team Swift winning team, completing 247.99 miles.

The previous day had been hot and sunny for the Cheshire RC 50, resulting in only 39 finishers from a field of 55. Paul Shallicker was the Group's best in 1:57:11 and Steve Hargreaves led the winning Warrington RC Team (again!) 1:58:41, together with David Wright 2:03:55 and Rod Brooks 2:04:53. Dave Fearon (Weaver Valley CC) recorded 2:01:08.

This year the Mersey Roads Club 24hr was not chosen for the Championship, the honour going to (possibly) a one-off promotion by the East Sussex CA. Our Group had no riders in the event, but it will go down in history for the significant National Record performance by Andy Wilkinson (Port Sunlight Wheelers) 541.17 miles. Alan Roberts told me he had helped to prepare the schedule, based on Andy's belief that he could average 22 mph. He actually averaged 22.5 mph for the 24 hours!

A month later, the Mersey Roads Club event on 23 July was won by Philip Kelman (Deeside Thistle CC), who covered 479.19 miles and led the winning team. Group interest rested on Graeme McCulloch (Stretford Wheelers) placed 8th with 419 miles and Darren Berrisford (Stone Wheelers) 25th with 364.203 miles.

The VTTA 25 mile Championship will have full coverage elsewhere, but I understand that Dennis Milsom's entry went astray. The Group had three riders competing. Derek Hodgins 1:01:14 (+25:42), Tony Farrell (Westmead Team '88) 59:07 (+20:58) and Tony Boardman (Team Swift) 57:17 (+16:32).

Jim Gresty, aged 66, (North Shropshire Wheelers), together with Congleton CC's Denise Hurst (our Group Secretary) will, we hope, have now completed successfully the ultimate long-distance set piece, Paris-Brest-Paris, which started on 20 August. Jim, as well as preparing for that event, has already posted some excellent times for the Three Distance Competition – 59:27 in the Shropshire CA evening 25, 1:59:06 in the Cardiff 100 Miles RCC 50 and 4:11:39 in the SCCA 100. Jim's ride in the 50 had a +47:09 and was only relegated to second on standard when, yes, that man again, Dennis Milsom posted 2:17:39 for +51:05, beating his own 83 year National Record. Derek Hodgins's (77) counting rides for the Competition are 58:57 (Merthyr CC 25), 2:05:10 (Otley CC 50) and 4:56:00 (M&DTTA 100), which he hopes to improve in the Burton & District CA 100 on 3 September.

An opportunity to ride the fast A25/11 was afforded by the Heanor Clarion (slower than 58 mins) 25 and the Stretford Wheelers trio took advantage. Trevor Bracegirdle, who had done 25:38 on Levans two days earlier, did 1:04:58. George Brown 1:02:21 and Cyril Wynne (at 81, this Group's oldest competitor) 1:09:23. Nev Ashman (Manchester Velo) did 1:02:13 and John Baddeley (Stone Wheelers) 1:04:55.

On 13 August, the Lyme RC 25 was promoted by Barry Charlton on the same course. Putting himself off number one, the 45-year-old's 50:08 was eventually beaten by Charles Taylor (South Pennine RC) by six seconds – 50:02. Amongst the 59 breaking the hour were Mike Cotgreave (67) (Westmead Team '88) 54:42 and Darren Topping (Warrington RC) 57:01. Ramon Hill (75) (Stone Wheelers) 1:12:56 and Wilf Lewis (75) (Altricham Ravens CC) 1:12:56 weren't last.

The Warrington RC 25, held on J2/9 on 23 July, had rather a special winner – one we were to see later on our television screens in the Tour of Poland. Ian Stannard (Team Sky Pro) broke the course record in 50:36, when 'normal' riders complained of a 'hard day'. The Group had three in the top ten. Nige Wood (Wills Wheels) 56:31, Paul Shallicker (coveryourcar.co.uk) 56:55 and Greg Kinsell (Team Mirage) 57:08. Mike Cotgreave was BoS 1:00:27 (+20:14), ahead of Trevor Horton (Warrington RC) 1:01:50 (+18:15). Mike Cotgreave would be an excellent competitor in a Geography quiz – his answer to most questions would be "I've been there". Mike's recent travels took him to a Blues Festival in Byron Bay, Australia, a wedding in Istanbul and riding the 40k cycling part of a triathlon held on closed roads in Germany, where his son did the swim and his friend the run. Mike was back in time to promote the 30.

The Group's roadmen have been busy, mainly in LVRC events. Dave Cuming (58) has had several Age Category placings, but rates the best one to be his 2nd Cat and 4th overall in the hard event Bashall Eaves RR, won by another Group member Robin Haigh (54) (Seamons CC).

The VTTA Championship 12hr was incorporated in the RTTC National 12hr Championship, which was a joint promotion by the WCTTA and LTTCa, with Ruth Williams as Event Secretary. Held on Sunday 14 August (yesterday as I write) I was among the large gathering at the Tilstock Event HQ. Although the last rider had finished by 7.35pm, it was 9.30 before Paul Olsen was able to announce the RTTC awards. By that time, the majority of VTTA members had still not received their provisional mileages and many had left, so their medals could not be presented on the day. However, now, from the web site, it appears that 63-year-old Brian Camfield (Stone Wheelers) 254.76miles (+65.54) will be this year's VTTA Champion. Robin Haigh (54) (Seamons CC) 254.85 miles (+57.36) just edged out Carlos Riise (Shetland Wheelers) 272.24 miles (+57.18) into third place with Group members Steve Hargreaves (47) (Warrington RC) 255.54 miles (+42.09) placed 8th and Dave Fearon (47) (Weaver Valley CC) 251.34 miles

(+37.18) placed 12th. My calculations make Seamons CC the winning Team led by Robin Haigh and backed by John Verbickas (66) 212.73 miles (+27.73) and Phil Holden (64) 214.29 miles (+26.49). As the actual winner was 41-year-old Andy Bason (Team PedalRevolution.co.uk) by covering 302.75 miles, had he been a VTTA member, he would have been a double winner with + 79.44. Multi sports **adventurer James** Cracknell, partnered by Jerone Walters (La Fuga-Sigma Sport) covered 281.00 miles on their tandem.

I started the report hinting that there was bad news to come and it is completed by the shock of Ron Spencer's death on 7 July, which was completely unexpected. Only two days before, I had spoken to Ron about the forthcoming Warrington RC Johnny Helms 2-up. His old friend, Stan Jones, has supplied a heart-felt obituary.

The Annual Lunch & Prize Presentation will be held at Middlewich Masonic Hall on Sunday, 27 November, when Ruth and Bob Williams will be our Guests of Honour. Tickets, priced as last year at £21 will be available from our Social Secretary, Helen Gresty, 7 Balmoral Drive, Market Drayton, Shropshire TF9 1RJ (01630 654943).

Firm news of the BAR and Three Distance Competitions next time.

Be careful.

Jim Ogden

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WEST

The summer and indeed the racing season are rapidly disappearing over the horizon as I sit down to contemplate what to put into this report. It hasn't been too bad weather wise here in the west, but I know certain areas at certain times have not fared so well.

I can't let this opportunity pass without saying a few words of absolute admiration for the mind blowing performance of Andy Wilkinson in the National Championship 24 hour event, organised very professionally by Esther Carpenter, Mike Hayler and their East Sussex CA team. This superb performance must surely

rank as one of the outstanding athletic achievements ever. Two hundred and thirty nine miles more than the slowest competitor competing!

We still express awe and wonder about Roger Bannister's four-minute mile! Andy's ride is in a completely different league as far as I am concerned. Did he get any recognition in the press? As far as I am concerned this was non-existent and was passed off as just a normal weekend cycling event. Even Cycling Weekly failed to acknowledge this incredible performance in an appropriate way.

The media attitude to cycling in general is pretty miserable. How can they be made to realise that our sport is developing and that we want the same voice as other sports in the modern world. So many great cycling achievements over the years have not received due recognition. My French friends tell me that Beryl Burton would have been made a saint if she had been born French, but how many people have even heard of her over here. Tommy Godwin's unbelievable 75,000 miles in a year, averaging 211 miles every day for 365 days is quite unknown to the general public in Great Britain, although the good news is that his fantastic story is at long last being written up for us all to enjoy. More news about this at a later date!

Here in Bristol the local press give massive coverage to city centre running events, with pages and pages of pictures and lists of competitors. A cycling event with equal numbers riding along a similar route generating a similar amount of money for charity, received very publicity. The editor will not give reasons! I have decided that like most of the media, both locally and nationally, they are simply anti-cycling. No daily reports of the Tour de France in our paper but whenever a rider is accused of doping he is splashed across the front page and all cyclists are accused of using drugs.

The 'Sportive' culture appears to be growing at an amazing pace. I can't say I have ridden one of them myself but I have been caught up in them on a couple of occasions whilst out training. To me they all appear to be a pack of poseurs! Correct me if I'm wrong but they all seem to have the latest professional kit and yet the riding that I witnessed was so untidy. They certainly do seem to irk the public not only by cluttering up the roads but because they seem to drop so much litter. Look how strict CTT rules are for time trials and yet these people seem to break all the rules with impunity and

no one ever challenges them as far as I am aware. Can someone tell me that this is this good for the sport if something is not done to curb these people and their behaviour?

I can't find any current racing results on our web page and as no one has passed any on to me I can't include my comments. I organised a tricycle 25 a couple of weeks ago in conjunction with the Severn Road Club on U7. Unfortunately I only received three entries and on the day only two of them rode, both travelling long distances to the event. Next year I shall try to make a weekend of it and offer some kind of incentive to encourage more riders to take part. This isn't the best of courses I know, with some terrible surfaces in places but it's the same for everyone and if Bob Pears can do a '54' on it, then it can't be so bad really.

I am pleased to report that Geoff Lonsdale is still amazingly positive about his recovery from a brain tumour. He is finding the chemotherapy very difficult to cope with at present but with good encouragement from Sue he feels sure that he can look forward to getting out on his bike once more in due course.

I hope you find my contribution readable and not all moans and groans. I shall have to do a bit of ringing round to see what has been happening in the West before the next report is issued unless of course you have some news that you can pass on to me without me having to extract it.

Brian Griffiths

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SOUTH WALES

This column usually mentions the weather and I have to say that to date it's been one of those summers, by which I mean windy and cool, a summer that has never quite arrived. Since May we have been hoping for some settled warm weather, unfortunately, with few exceptions we are still waiting.

With the demise of the Magic Dragon series, we have lost the majority of our evening events, additionally, we have also had some blank weekends, a situation unknown since World War Two - I have to ask, why has this happened? A suggestion is that possibly promoters are no longer prepared to give the necessary time and energy to

run events or perhaps they feel unrewarded or even criticised for their efforts. Especially on occasions when a small administrative error can get them into trouble with the local CTT committee. We need to look into these matters and encourage more promotions, because there are plenty of people out there wanting to ride. On the subject of promoters, I must congratulate my club-mates, Bill Pring and Bob Jones, who have done a fantastic job this year in promoting a two day road race and three open time trials.

Fortunately, we still have racing in South Wales; the WCA 12 Hour was successfully run on 3rd July with young veteran, Paul Coleman, Pembrokeshire Velo, taking the honours with an ultra respectable 267 miles, his team mate, Clifford Jackson, carded a very acceptable 258 miles and Les Thomas, Port Talbot Wheelers, came in with a valiant 231 miles. Conditions were hot and windy and I must commend 79 year old Dennis Beard for hanging in to record almost 170 miles.

Paul Durrant did not finish his 12 hour ride but, with that exception, Paul is having a good season. He was in 15th place in the VTTA National 10 in Lancashire with 22.13 + 9.02, he followed this with WCA 100 in 4.25.13 + 1.31.29 to win The South Wales 100 Cup and rounded off with 2.04.18 + 41.57 in Cardiff 100 MRCC 50 – well done Paul, you are now hot favourite to carry the 2011 South Wales VTTA BAR.

The South Wales 50 Cup in the same event went to Gordon Butler, ending a five year sequence of wins by your correspondent. Gordon clocked 2.14.44 + 43.01, congratulations for this well earned success. The South Wales 25 Cup was held in conjunction with the Ross on Wye Open 25 on 17th July, on this occasion your correspondent was able to retain the trophy with 1.06.01 + 19.37 from Gordon's + 17.38 and Clifford Jackson's + 17.32 – It bodes well that these 3 trophies have gone to 3 different riders. The 10 Cup will be decided in the Pontypool event on 21st August and we look forward to seeing yet another new face in the winning circle. The full detailed South Wales results for this quarter will accompany this article.

I am not usually a fan of Sporting Randonneurs in UK but this year's Tour de France L'Etape du Tour offering, Modane to L'Alpe d'Huez on 11th July sounded really appealing. I entered in the full knowledge that riding the Col du Telegraph, the Col

du Galibier and L'Alpe d'Huez without stopping would be a serious test for a 75 year old. The course included 45 kilometres of climbing at between 5% and 11%. Almost 10,000 riders, started at 7am from Modane on the Mont Cenis pass near the Italian border. It was downhill to St Michel du Maurienne, then left on to the Col du Telegraph, 11 kilometres at average 8%, an amazing experience; en-route I passed two tandems, some on mountain bikes and two one legged riders. Happily, I was able to keep pace with the majority of able bodied riders, making the top in 55 minutes before a brief descent to Valloire and the start of the mighty Col du Galibier. The weather was clear and sunny, I reached the Galibier summit flanked by snow banks at 10.30 and found myself gasping at the view from 2645 metres high, two thirds of bright blue sky and below, the road, a tiny bitumen strip winding steeply down the bare mountainside. To stay safely in the group, it was necessary to descend at 60 kph down to the Col du Lautarat, then for added excitement to progress rapidly through numerous tunnels including one without lights to Bourg d'Oisans, 52 kilometres of descending. After stopping to fill my bottles, it was time to climb the Alp, 16 kilometres, 21 hairpins, steep at 10% in places, in temperatures approaching 30c, it took me 90 minutes to reach the ski-resort, just over six hours in all to finish in about 3000th place. The scenery was unforgettable and the experience, a brilliant record for my memory bank.

Back home, I made my usual round of visits to our meeting places, the café at Eweny Pottery and the café on Cowbridge common. On the injury front it was good news to hear that Ken Washington, Acme Wheelers, is recovering from a broken shoulder, suffered after being knocked off by the inevitable white van last April: white vans terrorise cyclists, if you see one coming, get out of the way, because they almost never stop. Another long time member, Ken Squibb, Cardiff Ajax, has not been too well and last week he told me that he was about to start chemotherapy for a prostrate problem. He has been keeping active by riding a few events including the Cardiff 100 Open 25 on 9th July, now the doctors have ordered him to rest, to give the chemo time to work. Ken has all our best wishes for a quick recovery.

A final note regarding the Pontypool CC (VTTA

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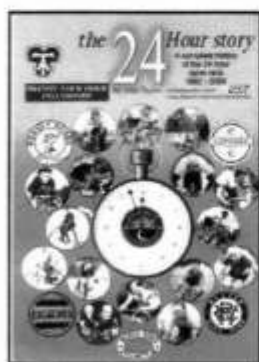


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South Wales) 10 on 21st August, I am told that a lot of members fancy their chances to win this, the season's last Standard Prize and Cup. Among them are former 25 Champion John Pritchard MBE, Stuart Evans, Hugh Davies, Gordon Butler and Paul Durrant. Your correspondent has also posted an entry – it should be interesting!

David Herd

Barry Williams

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NOTTINGHAM AND EAST MIDLANDS

The local cycling community was sad to learn that Ron Hall of Newark Castle CC had died in July, aged 77. Ron was mainly a tester and preferred 10s and 25s, riding both club and open events. He didn't start racing until he was 40 old and was competing during the Ted Guy era; both were club mates and competitors. Ron rode an End-to-End at the age of 70 covering the 1875 miles in 67.5 hours, raising £3000 for Lincolnshire and Nottingham Air ambulance. Latterly, he was always keen to support Newark Castle CC cycling events by marshalling and will be sadly missed. Ron's wife Mary still helps the club and in fact helped with the refreshments at a recent open event promoted by Newark Castle CC. I'm sure that everyone will join with me in extending Mary and her family our sincere condolences.

Gill Henshaw achieved a VTTA age record in the South Pennine RC 25 of +21:52 with an actual 1:10:25 coming 18th in the overall positions. Claire Ella was placed 4th +12:36 actual 58:31 and Gail Summerlin Leicester RC -5:26 actual 1:31:57.

Gill Henshaw won the ladies title in the North Lancashire and Lakes VTTA Championship 10 Mile with +8:55 and an actual of 27:25, being placed a very creditable 16th overall on Standard. In the same event Ron Hallam was placed equal 1st on Standard with Dennis Milsom both having a Standard of +10:51, Ron with an actual time of 24:04 and Dennis 24:55.

Ron Hallam beat the age record in the BDCA 50 by 27 seconds with an incredible standard time of +59:09 (actual 2:05:24). Russell Gent was just behind Ron in the placings, coming 26th with a +39:30 (actual 2:05:26), his team mate Bryan Fenwick recorded a +30:12 and an actual 2:13:38.

NORTH LANCS AND LAKES

The National VTTA 10 mile Championship on the fast Levens course thankfully was blessed with a pleasant evening for weather which suited both riders and helpers. The result (elsewhere in The Veteran) was an amazing tie with Dennis Milsom clocking a time of 24-55 at the age of 83 and Ron Hallam 24-04 at age 80 with both of them producing a Plus of 10 minutes 51 seconds. There were four others who had plusses of 10 minutes or greater with Scotland's Derek Stewart +10-41, Peter Crofts +10-40, George Leslie Dawson +10-22 on his trike and our own Frank Kerry with 10 minutes exactly. Gill Henshaw was Ladies Champion with 27-55 at age 77 for a plus of 8-55 and Team Swift were crowned Team Champions thanks to Len Grayson, Mike Williams and Mike Ellerton. Fastest ride on the evening was a superb 19 minute 49 second performance from Carlos Riise although he could only finish 40th on Standard whilst Tandem Champions were National Clarion pairing of Andy Fisher and Chris Goode.

We should place on record our many thanks to all who made the event a big success especially the Event Secretary Peter Knott.

The next major North Lincs and Lakes promotion was the 100 on the Garstang course. Thanks are due to Bill Lloyd who offered to resurrect this event after a two year gap, but he was not exactly overwhelmed with entries with just 17 names on the Start Sheet. Two days before the event, temporary traffic lights were reported on the course which would have had to have been negotiated 4 times. Bill and myself - as North DC Courses Secretary - put our heads together and came up with an emergency version of the course and the event went ahead. On the morning 14 riders started and 12 finished with Cleveley's Mick Black topping the Standards with an excellent ride of 4-18-22 for a Plus of 93-12 which ensured him the famous Karrimor Saddle Trophy. On fastest Group Vice-Chairman Paul Fleming was best of a trio of 4 hour 2 minute rides beating Gary Brown and Julian Markham with just 23 seconds covering them. Result elsewhere.

There had been another 100 in the North District

only two weeks earlier when Phil Shaw had promoted the North Lancs TTA on a Saturday afternoon on the Keswick based course. Visitor Rod Brooks topped the Standards in this one with a 4:11:06 ride at 66 giving him a plus of 105:40 with Mick Black again in the listings with his 4-20-47 giving a plus of 90:47 and closely followed by the plus 89-10 from the 4-35-57 of Harry Haseley. Not-yet-quite-a-vet Derek Parkinson of the Cleveleys Road Club set a wonderful new North Lancs TTA record at the distance of 3-37-17 to win this event.

The VTTA 50 this year was combined with the Preston Wheelers event with Gethin Butler the organiser and came on the morning after the National 10 on Saturday evening. Mick Black was again Best on Standard with a 2:03:24 ride giving him a Plus of 40-43. Harry Haseley was second in this category and Peter Leonard third (Results elsewhere). Fastest on the morning was one of our rapidly improving members Ian Cox of the North Lancashire Road Club with 1-55-23.

After a Group 25 scheduled for June had been cancelled due to planned road works the Lancashire Road Club 25 was adopted as a counting veterans' event. In this early Sunday morning promotion our 2010 Three-Distance BAR Frank Kerry was Best on Standard with a 1-02-49 giving him a plus of 22-49. Result elsewhere.

The Group's event's programme will be radically revised for 2012 but much of this is still in discussion prior to the North DC Date Fixing Meeting on Wednesday 5th October.

The Group AGM will be held at Cockerham Village Hall on Sunday 6th November with tea/coffee available from 10am with the meeting to start promptly at 10-30. Annual Subs will be taken on this date and Luncheon tickets will be available.

The Presentation Lunch will again be held at The Crofters on the Garstang by-pass on Sunday 8th of January with tickets available from the Lunch Organiser Terry Kay or Keith Tattersall or at the AGM.

We are always happy to welcome new members and we do so to the Joint Membership of Neil Stirling and Ann Nicholson of the Kent Valley Road Club and three single memberships for Simon Phillips and Paul Complin - both Pendle Forest Cycling Club - and Andrew Mullaney of Cleveleys Road Club.

WESSEX

Our first championship event of 2011 at 10 miles was incorporated in the Sotonia CC event on Sunday 17th July. Because of the loss of all courses for 2011 based on the A303 (and with no real ideal course in that area in the future) the club used instead the reverse of an old course on a single carriage way road between Romsey and Kings Somborne. This was never going to produce times anywhere near as fast as in previous years and, inevitably, the entry of thirty riders which included two tandem pairs was very, very disappointing as it was way down on what we have experienced in past years i.e. any number of riders from 120 up to almost 240. Wet weather on the morning in the locality (but not really on the course during the event) meant that there were only eighteen solos plus one tandem who rode the event. Andy Bryson of the promoting club was a clear winner with a time of 22.05 (some ninety seconds slower than his best this year) and Jack Brown +7.20 (26.46) was the best Wessex Group rider on standard with Terry Jefferies (New Forest CC) 2nd +5.47 (24.58) and Tom Woollard (Northovers RT) close behind in 3rd place +5.29 (25.31). Jack Brown led his team mates Ken Rayson and Simon Craig-McFeely to win the team prize for a3crg with +11.17. The Chalky White "Lanterne Rouge Trophy" went to Bob Jolliffe of New Forest CC.

Since Roy Fairchild was unfortunate enough to have had another fall (which may or may not have been caused in a hit and run incident) about ten days before the closing date of his club's promotion at 50 miles and there being no-one in the Bognor Regis CC available to take over the job of Event Secretary at such short notice the event was cancelled.. Although now passed fit to ride a bike again he has been advised not to drive again until a problem with his eyesight has been resolved. All Group entrants were advised of the kind offer to run the Group Championship in the Bournemouth Jubilee Wheelers event a week later so some riders were able to put in entries in time for this but unfortunately there were still only eight Wessex Group riders in their field of 54. On a good, clear morning with little wind at the start James Giffillan

(Team Feat) was fastest with 1.49.55 and another six riders beat two hours. Glenn Longland (Antelope RT) was fifth fastest (1.55.42) giving him +37.33 for 2nd BOS in the Championship only being beaten by Terry Icke (Poole Wheelers) who started a minute behind him and who recorded a time of 1.56.35 for 6th fastest but with a plus of 50.55 was the clear winner of the Wessex Group Championship. David Patten (Bognor Regis CC) was the third placed rider with +35.46 from a time of 2.2.07. No team medals were awarded as no three eligible riders from the same club had entered.



In addition to Roy's continuing health problems I learnt just before I finalised these notes that Roger Cook (Salisbury RC), who has been very successful in the past couple of years in obtaining standards both on a solo and a tandem bicycle, has been unable to ride a bike this year firstly because of an injury incurred skiing and then by a much more serious injury through snapping an Achilles tendon playing squash. He tells me will be in plaster for a few more weeks before he can think about riding again.

Further to the note in the March 2011 issue I am pleased to report that Lionel Veck did get to ride tandem with Peter Dawson in the Hampshire RC evening 10 mile club event on Tuesday 21st June (just a few days after celebrating his 95th birthday the previous Wednesday). Incidentally when he found out that Peter had proposed fitting a motor to the tandem he was adamant that he wanted to do the ride without any such assistance. They finished in a time of 42:23 which they know cannot be submitted for record purposes but their combined age total of 174 years must surely be a record in itself.

The club had arranged for a photographer from The News, Portsmouth, our local evening paper, to be present and there was an almost full page article as well as a photo on page three of the following Friday's edition in addition to a report on South Today's TV early evening programme the day before. I have been unable to find out if anyone actually took a photo during the ride but, by

permission of The News, the photo above shows Lionel on the rear seat with Peter standing at the front of the machine.

Another stalwart of the Group still competing at 81 years of age in kermesse racing in Belgium is Trevor Fenwick. After several good results in the +71 years category events earlier this year he finished second at Gavare on Monday, 27th June over a seven lap course totalling 49 Km.

Terry Icke had had some good results prior to the 50 miles Championship event reported above. He was 4th fastest (1.56.28) in the Wessex RC 50, 10th in the New Forest 32 (1.18.22), 2nd BOS +27.04 (53.37) in an a3crg 25 on 27th June, BOS +9.53 (21.37) in his own Poole Whs. 10, 5th fastest (57.50) in Yeovil CC 25 and subsequently was BOS +26.01 (54.40) in another a3crg 25 on 14th August won by Steve Walkling (51.23)

Nic Bowdler was 3rd fastest (3.35.11) in the EDCA 100 and a member of the CTT competition record breaking team in that same event this after a 10th place (1.47.51) in the Charlotteville CC 50 in which 53 riders recorded times of under two hours of whom Graeme Storzaker was the fastest of four Group riders in that category with 1.53.29 (Steve Walkling 1.53.45, Ray Hughes 1.58.01 and Gawie Nienaber 1.58.09 being the other riders involved) whilst Lesley Walkling recorded 2.02.24 which is a new Wessex Group record.

Nic had earlier finished second in the Hounslow and District 100 with 3.41.38 and was 3rd fastest 50.07 in the a3crg June 25. This event was notable for a very fine ride by John Woodburn to get BOS +27.46

(57.14) at age 74 which time beats the current National VTTA fastest recorded time of 57.38 set by Derek Hodgins in 2009 and, if this time stands at the end of the season, he could hold at least a dozen National age records at all distances up to 24 hours except for 100 miles and 12 hours. In addition Steve Walking (51.07) and Graeme Stirzaker (51.51) were placed in the top ten with Lesley Walking's time of 55.27 over two minutes better than her Group age record last year.

John Woodburn has again been riding as many Rudy Projects events as possible and was fastest on standard time in the latest Round Five at Worcester (+5.54) having previously won the 4th Round at Doncaster with +9.14 over 12.95 miles. He is leading this section of the year long programme and looks to be well on his way to winning it again this year. The only other event in South DC he seems to have ridden was the Sotonia CC 25 in June when his +23.14 was BOS (1.01.46 for 7th place).

Graeme Stirzaker started his season late but had three good rides in successive days in the Vectis Roads CC's events over the May Bank Holiday, recorded 4.3.21 in the Hounslow 100 for 8th place, and was third in the Team Axiom 10 in 20.30 some three seconds behind Steve Walking in 2nd place. He followed this up with 53.49 a day later in the same club's 25 mile miles event before winning the Bognor Regis CC 10 with 20.42 and in 9th place 53.55 in the aforementioned a3crg event on 14th August.

The only new addition to our ranks recently has been Michael Boyce (VC Haslemere and Godalming) who has entered the Group's 25 mile event at the end of August. Entries close after the copy date and a report on this and the final Group Two up TTT at the end of September will be in the next issue of The Veteran.

Please note that this year's Annual General Meeting will be held at the same venue as before (Valley Park Community Centre, Chandlers Ford at 10.30 am on Sunday morning, 6th November, 2011. The AGM itself normally finishes about noon so for those who ride out there is a chance to have a drink and/or a meal at the nearby Public House afterwards. It

would be nice to see a few more members at this important meeting and I would ask you to make every effort to attend.

Ken Blowe

MERSEYSIDE

Congratulations to Andy Wilkinson and Dennis Milsom who have both won national titles.

Andy competed in the Sussex 24 hour on 25/26 June and covered an amazing 541.5 miles, breaking his own 24 hour record of 525.07 miles which he set in 1997. Of course Andy wasn't a veteran in 1997 but I make this ride a plus of 168 miles.

Dennis Milsom competed in the VTTA National 10 on the Levens course on 2nd July and was first equal with Ron Hallam with a plus of 10.51 (24.55) another amazing ride at 83 years.

The Birkenhead North End CC 22 mile hilly was held on Good Friday, 22nd April. A late course change due to roadworks meant two laps of the Cuddington hilly course was used on the day.

The winner was Andy Wilkinson in 59.20. Mersey Vets were David Jones 1.09.21; Dave Newton 1.11.31; Steve Thompson 1.20.15; Miles Jenkins 1.20.03; Gary Burns 1.26.48; David Eccleston 1.32.58; Susan Seller 1.33.08.

The 15th of May brought the second 50 of the season in Merseyside with the Mid Shropshire Wheelers promoting their event on the Prees – Shawbirch course. The event was won by Andy Bason, Team Pedal Revolution in 1.46.14.

Mersey Vets' times were:

Arthur Winstanley	+30.46 (2.01.20)
Phil Guy	+29.11 (2.12.14)
Dave Newton	+24.52 (2.04.59)
Dave York	+20.55 (2.13.28)
Dave Jones (fastest actual)	+20.11 (1.57.52)
Jenny York	+19.23 (2.20.51)
Nigel Farr	+17.13 (2.17.10)
Pay Haywood	+17.12 (2.37.57)
Miles Jenkins	+16.34 (2.14.24)
George Aldridge	+13.28 (2.18.38)
Ian Hawkins	+12.36 (2.07.32)
Steve Cornish	+9.57 (2.22.09)
Michael Armstrong	+2.31 (2.29.35)
Dave Fletcher	+0.15 (2.29.36)

Helen Tudor 2.29.00.

A few brave individuals entered the Rhyl CC Mountain TT on 22nd May. Andy Wilkinson won in 1.30.47. Other Mersey Vets were:

Rob McDonald 1.52.09
Miles Jenkins 2.07.29
Suzanne McDonald 2.14.06
Susan Seller 2.34.01

Saturday 28th May Newport (Shropshire) CC promoted a 10 on the Waters Upton course. The event was won by Andy Wilkinson in +6.14 (20.40). Other Mersey Vets were:

Dennis Milsom +8.55 (26.51)
Phil Guy +5.19 (24.57)
Tony Harvey +4.46 (22.47)
Jenny York +3.51 (26.11)
David Eccleston +2.24 (30.38)
Barry Ralphs +2.22 (30.56)
Ben Griffiths +1.59 (32.07)
George Aldridge +1.40 (25.33)
Stephen Ireland +1.18 (32.48)
Dave Fletcher +0.25 (27.34)

Monday 30th May was the Anfield 100, and after such wonderful weather earlier in the season the organiser and riders were really disappointed with the conditions, cold and raining, and the prospect of over four hours in the saddle for most participants. A number of riders didn't start, and many didn't finish. Andy Bason, Team Pedal Revolution was the winner in 3.41.07. Mersey Vets who finished were:

Arthur Winstanley +61.37 (4.27.14)
John Flynn +49.39 (4.39.12)
Dave York +49.10 (4.42.08)
Andrew Clarke +48.22 (4.33.13)
Nigel Farr +42.19 (4.48.59)
David Jones +40.45 (4.15.29)
Ian Hawkins +20.12 (4.40.31)
Simon Higgins +16.37 (5.02.35)
Michael Armstrong +13.00 (5.13.24)
Miles Jenkins +3.20 (5.20.37)
Roger Squire 4.58.29

Wednesday 1st June Oswestry Paragon CC promoted a 10 mile event on the Welshpool course. Andy Bason, Team Pedal Revolution and Dave Griffiths, Paramount CRT tied for first place in 20.55. Mersey Vets were:

Dennis Milsom +9.18 (26.28)
Tony Harvey +4.44 (22.49)
Jenny York +4.08 (25.54)

Mick Ward +3.57 (28.03)
David Blake +1.09 (31.06)
Dave Fletcher +0.09 (27.50)
Helen Tudor +0.08 (27.25)
Robert Griffiths 30.44
Mel Griffiths 31.45

Saturday 4th June was a 10 at Rainford promoted by Liverpool Century RC. The winner was Simon Rushton, Phoenix CC in 20.49. Mersey Vets were:

Arthur Winstanley +5.53 (22.32)
George Aldridge +5.33 (24.01)
Peter Crutchley +5.29 (26.31)
Ben Griffiths +4.55 (29.11)
Herbie Roberts +4.38 (28.24)
Stephen Glenwright +3.01 (24.06)
Simon Higgins +2.20 (25.26)
Pete Booth +2.08 (29.37)
Julie Harrison +2.06 (26.46)
Michael Armstrong +1.15 (27.10)

Sunday 5th June Chester RC promoted their open 25 on the Prees/Espley course. Andy Wilkinson came out on top:

Andy Wilkinson +17.00 (52.33)
Phil Guy +13.38 (1.04.07)
John Flynn +10.40 (1.03.09)
Nigel Farr +10.21 (1.04.01)
Mick Ward +10.07 (1.11.46)
George Aldridge +9.20 (1.06.43)
Dave Newton +9.17 (1.02.54)
Miles Jenkins +8.34 (1.04.09)
Dave Smith +6.36 (1.14.05)
Ian Hawkins +5.44 (1.01.46)
Stephen Ireland +5.00 (1.21.56)
Dave Short +4.11 (1.16.30)
Malcolm Tudor +3.31 (1.21.29)
Steve Thompson +2.32 (1.12.23)
Susan Seller 1.18.58

Shropshire Cycling Clubs Association promoted their first evening event, a 25 on Tuesday 7th June on the Shawbirch/Tern Hill course. Once again Andy Bason, Team Pedal Revolution was the winner in 52.00. Mersey Vets were

Dennis Milsom +24.04 (1.06.51)
Phil Guy +13.46 (1.03.59)
Tony Harvey +12.14 (58.53)
Mick Ward +12.08 (1.09.45)
Neil Boyle +11.06 (1.08.59)
Pat Haywood +9.45 (1.14.37)
Dave York +8.43 (1.05.39)
Barry Ralphs +7.30 (1.17.30)

Jenny York	+6.24 (1.06.19)
Malcolm Tudor	+5.45 (1.19.15)
Dave Fletcher	+1.36 (1.10.35)
David Blake	+1.29 (1.21.01)
Helen Tudor	+1.21 (1.09.46)

Saturday 11th June a 10 at Rainford promoted by Phoenix (Aintree) CC. The winner was Simon Rushton of the promoting club in 20.59. Mersey Vets who competed in the event were:

Arthur Winstanley	+6.00 (22.38)
Peter Crutchley	+5.36 (26.24)
Bill Fairclough	+5.30 (25.15)
George Aldridge	+4.31 (25.03)
Julie Harrison	+2.53 (25.59)
Stephen Glenwright	+2.49 (24.18)
Michael Armstrong	+1.52 (26.33)

Wednesday 15th June was the date for the WCTTCA 10 at Pulford. Keith Murray, Ferryhill Wheelers CC took the honours in a time of 19.53.

Mersey Vets were:

Dennis Milsom	+11.05 (24.41)
Phil Guy	+6.19 (23.57)
Peter Crutchley	+6.07 (25.53)
Ben Griffiths	+6.06 (28.00)
Herbie Roberts	+6.04 (26.58)
Tony Harvey	+5.45 (21.48)
Pat Haywood	+5.38 (27.24)
Stephen Ireland	+5.30 (28.36)
George Aldridge	+5.10 (24.24)
Peter Booth	+3.38 (28.07)
Miles Jenkins	+4.37 (23.35)
John Flynn	+4.07 (24.31)
David Jones	+3.53 (21.49)
Malcolm Tudor	+3.43 (29.35)
Paul Howarth	+3.29 (23.01)
Ian Hawkins	+3.14 (22.52)
Stephen Glenwright	+3.11 (23.56)
Susan Seller	+1.36 (28.54)
Roger Squire	+0.34 (25.20)

Saturday 18th June Mid Shropshire Wheelers promoted the first Open 10 on the Waters Upton course. Andy Bason, Team Pedal Revolution was the winner of this event in 20.52. Mersey Vets were:

Dennis Milsom	+9.28 (26.18)
Phil Guy	+5.10 (25.20)
Mick Ward	+4.11 (27.49)
Jenny York	+4.01 (26.01)
Barry Ralphs	+3.44 (29.34)
Dave Smith	+2.47 (28.43)

Ian Hawkins	+2.27 (23.39)
Dave Fletcher	+0.04 (27.42)
Mel Griffiths	32.46

Sunday 19th June Rhos on Sea CC promoted a 10 on the ST Asaph/Abergele course. On its day this course is as fast as the D10/19 at Pulford. Three Group trophies were up for grabs in this event The Oscar Dover Cup for the best plus on standard, won by Phil Guy, North Shropshire Wheelers with a +6.16 (24.14); Gareth Bowyers, Rhos on Sea CC won the Derek Ireland Cup for fastest on actual in 20.56 (+4.58); and Susan Sellers won the Hilda Dover Cup for best lady plus on standard +0.19 (30.11). This was a good result for Gareth who only joined the Group on the 15th June, and for Susan Seller who has ridden just about every time trial in the Mersey area this season. Congratulations to both. Other Mersey Vets were:

Arthur Winstanley	+6.06 (22.32)
Peter Crutchley	+5.37 (26.23)
Ben Griffiths	+5.14 (28.52)
Herbie Roberts	+5.13 (27.49)
Tony Harvey	+5.06 (22.27)
George Aldridge	+4.52 (24.42)
John Flynn	+4.39 (23.59)
David Smith	+3.57 (27.33)
Paul Howarth	+3.48 (22.42)
Stephen Ireland	+3.24 (30.42)
David Jones	+3.09 (22.33)
Bill Fairclough	+3.01 (24.58)
Ian Hawkins	+2.56 (23.02)
Pete Booth	+1.31 (30.14)

Tuesday 21st June the SCCA promoted their Open 30 from Shawbirch to Tern Hill and back.

Continuing his domination of cycling in Shropshire Andy Bason, Team Pedal Revolution won again in a time of 1.03.50. Mersey Vets were:

Jenny York	+12.20 (1.20.17)
Mick Ward	+11.45 (1.26.31)
Dave York	+10.26 (1.18.48)
Pat Haywood	+10.21 (1.30.53)
Barry Ralphs	+8.37 (1.33.23)
Ian Hawkins	+6.55 (1.14.05)
Malcolm Tudor	+4.53 (1.37.07)
Dave Fletcher	+0.07 (1.26.30)
Helen Tudor	1.26.45

Saturday 25th June saw Prescott Eagle promote a 10 on the Rainford course. Gareth Bowyer won the event in 21.06 (+4.48); however the Mersey Vet with the best plus on standard in the event was .

Arthur Winstanley	+6.05 (22.33)
Bill Fairclough	+5.26 (25.19)
Peter Crutchley	+5.26 (26.34)
George Aldridge	+4.29 (25.05)
Justin McIlveen recently joined	+4.10 (21.20)
Geoff Chaplin	+3.40 (27.35)
Paul Howarth	+3.18 (23.12)
Stephen Glenwright	+2.45 (24.22)
Julie Harrison	+2.19 (26.33)
David Short	+2.17 (29.28)

Wednesday 29th June Dysynni CC promoted a 10 on the Welshpool course. The event was won by James Emery, Mid Shropshire Wheelers with a time of 21.49. Mersey Vets in the event were:

Dennis Milsom	+9.23 (26.23)
Tony Harvey	+4.28 (23.05)
Jenny York	+4.14 (25.48)
Dave York	+3.30 (25.22)
Malcolm Tudor	+2.08 (31.10)
John Parkes	+1.33 (29.42)
Dave Fletcher	+0.50 (27.09)
Helen Tudor	+0.10 (27.23)
Mel Griffiths	31.42

Apologies to anyone I have missed, or if I have your time wrong.

Mo Cliff

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SURREY-SUSSEX

The outstanding event this summer in the south has been the National Championship 24 hour Time Trial incorporating the VTTA National Championship 24 Hour Time Trial on the 25th and 26th June promoted by the East Sussex Cycling Association.

The event and assistant secretaries Esther Carpenter and Mike Hayler successfully organised a memorable weekend. Mike is no stranger to 24 hour events having promoted the RTTC National 24 hour in 1999, the last one in the south, and previously the Brighton Mitre Centenary Year 24 in 1994.

There were 96 entries of which 80 finished, this alone is remarkable in view of the fact that there has been a tendency in latter years for longer distance time trials to have gone out of favour. It is however worth noting that 86% of the riders were veterans, in particular one of the riders George Berwick of Edinburgh RC aged 70 doing over 300 miles, it being his 50th 24. This event still presents

a challenge to the extent that another rider, Stuart Jago aged 54 of Worthing Excelsior, did over 391 miles despite his right leg being paralysed from the knee down.

Andy Wilkinson of Port Sunlight Wheelers won the event with an outstanding ride of 541.17 miles adding 16 miles to his record previously set some 14 years earlier. He took the 2011 RTTC National Championship Trophy and 2011 VTTA National Championship award with +167.64m. on standard.

The Group was well represented by:-

David Shepherd of GS Stella 3rd with 483.93 miles 2nd on standard. with +118.74m. also first in the 2011 East Sussex Cycling Association awards. Andy Payne of GS Stella 4th with 464.67 miles 3rd on standard. with +91.14m. and second ESCA award.

Peter Moon of Eastbourne Rovers with 443.63 miles and 3rd ESCA award.

Chris Martin of Lewes Wanderers with 419.55 miles.

Peter Baker of Lewes Wanderers with 379.99 miles. Geoff Smith of Eastbourne Rovers with 349.62 miles.

Richard Thomas of Eastbourne Rovers with 345.47 miles.

Ann Bath of Kingston Phoenix RC with 319.99 miles and Ladies 2011 VTTA National Champion.

Horry Hemsley of Lewes Wanderers with 275.29 miles and 2011 VTTA National Championship award in the 70 -79 Age Group.

Peter Moon and Geoff Smith also rode the Mersey Roads Club 24 hour on 23rd and 24th July and completed 370.179 (23rd) and 353.275 (29th) miles respectively.

Earlier this year in the ESCA 23.92m- Two up TT on 3rd April- Alan Robinson with partner Clive Jackson both of Central Sussex CC were first on age standard with +12:02. Geoff Smith/Stuart Davis (Central Sussex CC) and Robin Johnson/Jay Chisnall (Brighton Mitre) were 2nd and 3rd with +10:07 and +5:46 respectively. Steve Dennis with his partner Alan Macinnes both of East Grinstead CC were first with 0:52:44.

Looking back at the short distance events, riders in the Group have had success in 10s e.g. the East Sussex Cycling Association event 16th April, highest vets on standard were:-

Alan Robinson of Central Sussex CC first with

+06:40

Harry Featherstone of Eastbourne Rovers second with +06:34

Geoff Smith of Eastbourne Rovers third with +06:13
Peter Tadros and Nick Dwyer were first and second on scratch with 20:43 and 20:54 respectively.

There was quite a battle between group riders in the Sussex CA 10 on 30th April when Harry Featherstone was first on standard with +07:20 and Mel Robertson second with +07:12, whilst it was even closer between Nick Dwyer and Peter Tadros for fastest in the event, Nick 20:19 and Peter 20:21.

Following on from this in the Kingston Phoenix RC 10 on 7th May, Alan Robinson was again first on standard with +06:48, Geoff Smith (20th fastest) was third with +05:29.

In the Surrey/Sussex Group 10 on 4th June (event secretary-Dave Cox) Alan Robinson once again was first on standard, +06:55 and John Randall second +06:20, Harry Featherstone third +06:17, Paul Valks fourth +05:09. Eastbourne Rovers took the team award with +15:12 – Harry Featherstone, Geoff Smith and Alan Symonds. David Motton of Redhill CC was fastest with 22:32, Jeremy Wootton second and Michael Valks third with 22:53 and 22:59 respectively

Later in the South Eastern RC 10 on 9th July we had a number of riders taking part and on standard they were first John Randall aged 80 (48th fastest) +08:15, third Geoff Smith 06:26. Other riders in order of finishing were Michael Valks (10th), Paul Thatcher, Stuart Payne, Keith Wilkinson, Bryn Tully and Bob Stapley. Bob has made a comeback after an operation and we hope he returns to his previous form.

Coming to the distances which could qualify for the Group BAR awards 25, 50, 100 miles and 12 hour taking the 25 first we have :-

Bec CC 17th July, which included the VTTA Surrey-Sussex event. Mel Robertson was first on standard with +18:29, John Randall second +16:26 and Geoff Smith third +15:34. Their times respectively were 59:51, 1:12:28 and 1:01:37. Steve Dennis was 1st with 52:33.

In the Brighton Excelsior CC 25 on 31st July, Mel Robertson was again first on standard +18:19 with Martin Aldridge (East Surrey RC) third +12:53.

Looking now to the 50: in the Sussex Cyclists'

Association event on 5th June. Mel Robertson was first on standard +39:55 with a time of 2:00:42 and first in the 60-64 age group. David Shepherd was first in the 50-54 age group with 2:02:57. Other Group riders in order of finish were Peter Moon, Jeremy Wootton, Tony Reeves, Andy Payne, Mike Levett, Geoff Smith, Stuart Payne, Bryn Tully and Robin Johnson.

Then in the East Sussex CA 50 on 10th July there were 15 Group riders, Mel Robertson was first on standard +39:24 and Harry Featherstone second +36:59. The winner was Nick Dwyer with 1:50:09 and third on standard +34:14. Additionally in the fastest 10 were Peter Moon, Peter Baker and Michael Valks.

The latest 50 to date was the Anerley BC event on 7th August, which included the VTTA Surrey-Sussex Group Championship. Mel Robertson wins the Aldershot Cup with his +41:50. The VTTA team medals go to Eastbourne Rovers - Geoff Smith +35:26, Peter Moon +23:48 and Andrew Stobbart +7:11. Steve Dennis was fastest with 1:45:20, Shaun Kennedy was 10th with 1:57:06 and 11 other Group riders finished. It was quite a chilly, fairly windy, cloudy morning felt by me as a spectator on the course.

Looking at the SCCU 100 on 24th July at which I was an onlooker on a considerably warmer day than the 50 there were 13 Group riders who finished. Our fastest was Nick Dwyer with 3:58:57 followed by Shaun Kennedy 4:07:03 and David Shepherd 4:09:55. Julian Jenkinson (veteran second on standard) of UTAG-Yamaha.com won with 3:42:04. Mel Robertson of Worthing Excelsior was third on standard whilst Nick Dwyer of Lewes Wanderers was 5th with 3:58:09 and 2nd in the LW Team.

Twelve hour results are awaited but we have no Group riders in the RTTC Championship on 14th August, the next one as far as Group riders are concerned could be the Kent CA 12 (including the Kent Group Championship) to be promoted by Esther Carpenter our Secretary on 4th September.

We welcome the following new members:-

Richard Thomas of Eastbourne Rovers CC
Chris Martin of Lewes Wanderers CC
Mark Newton of Bec CC
Andy Payne of GS Stella
Michael Valks of Sussex Nomads CC

Paul Deen of Epsom CC and
Tony Reeves of GS Stella.

The Group AGM will be held at 10:00am on Sunday
20th November in Handcross Parish Hall and we
would like to see many of our members attending.

Ray Dare

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NORTH

This year our membership now stands at 110, last year it was 109, and in 2009 it was 113, fortunately we keep getting new members, enough to keep our numbers up, but there are many local over 40s who have not joined, please spread the word. The same people keep winning the Group Trophies and we need more competition to spread things around. It does seem however that the new members whom we have this season could see a number of new names on the awards list this year, and the Standards scene looks promising.

Regarding our Group events, entries have held up reasonably well though the weather has up to now been rather variable, our first event attracted 56 entries in total, 28 of these were VTTA members, the first three on Standard were, first Pete Manners +6:59, second Terry Bashford +6.01 and third Dave Herbert +4.17.

Sadly one of our Honorary Life Members, Mark Nixon, aged 81 from Carlisle, passed away in March.

Congratulations to Keith Alderson, Cleveland Wheelers, on winning the Jubilee Cup for best North Group rider on Standard in the Teesside District 25 miles Championship which was promoted by the Cleveland Coureurs on 5th June.

Is this the ride of the year? John Marshall, Ferryhill Wheelers, amassed 407.51 miles in the RTTC Championship 24, a Group age record at 55. Well done. Also Arthur Puckrin our endurance expert completed the Mersey 24 for the second year in succession this time with a mileage of 307.358 (last year 307.717)

Our Group was represented in the National Championship 10 on the 2nd of July by nine of our riders. Les Dawson (85) riding his tricycle was 5th on Standard with a time of 29:16. which was a National Age record. Peter Manners (73) did an

excellent 23:10 for ninth place and a Group age record. Mary Dawson (82) did 30:07 for 29th and equalled the National age record which she already held. Dave Herbert (66) managed 23:35 to finish in 30th place just one second behind Mary. In the Actual Fastest section we had excellent rides by Tim Humphries (47) with 20:56 closely followed by Steve Fullerton (43) in 20:59. Nev Martin (52) completed the course in 21:16 and the in form Stephen Rhodes did 22:17. Colin Chandler, Darlington CC's second entry finished with a time of 27:31. In the Tandem Championship Andy Fisher teamed up with Clarion clubmate Chris Goode to take first place with 20:14 giving a plus of 3:59.

The weekend of July 9th and 10th saw 12 of our members migrating south into Yorkshire to ride in the RTTC Championship 100 on the Saturday and the Yorkshire Vets' 25 on the Sunday morning. In the 100 Martin Gibson completed the course in 4:04:20 (2:03 down on last year) to take 29th place. Paul Dawson did 4:49:07 followed by Terry Walsh 4:57:22. Arthur Puckrin recorded 5:18:32 and Phil. Everitt 5:22:44; congratulations to all. The following morning nine of the group enjoyed what may turn out to be the 'Morning of the Year', despite the torrential rain which drenched part of the course. Fastest of our group was Ian Peacock with 56:35, (Group age record) then came another Ian, Hutchinson 58:36. One more group age record for 73 year old Peter Manners with 1:00:38, he just pipped Ted Scurr who did 1:00:44. Next was Peter Tuckwell in 1:01:13 getting back to form; Frank Elders a great ride in 1:03:17. Keith Alderson was enjoying his ride so much that he added a bit on at the turn and still managed 1:05:41. Joe Short (aged 75) and showing good form did 1:09:25. A battle royal took place between Albert Harrison (78) and young clubmate Gavin Russell, with Gavin just prevailing in 1:10:37 to Albert's ride of 1:10:43. Finally two National Age Records, and their fastest rides for three years for Mary Dawson 1:16:42 and 1:15:14 for Tricyclist Les Dawson. Congratulations to all the wet but happy members.

In the Adept Precision 25 on 23rd July in a howling gale, two of our Vagabonds, Bob Boak and Richie Case riding tandem, returned a creditable 59:04 which compared very favourably with the 52:33 done by the speedy Clarion pairing of Andy Fisher and Chris Goode.

Three members of the group entered the Elmet 12:



Ian Peacock, Albert Harrison, and Gavin Russell. Ian retired at 150 miles with knee trouble. Albert and Gavin also failed to finish. However two of our members started and finished in the RTTC National Championship 12. Danny Winthorpe of the Tyneside Vagabonds covered a provisional distance of 212.36 and Arthur Puckrin, Cleveland Wheelers did a provisional 204.90 miles, congratulations to both riders.

Our Annual Luncheon and Prize Presentation is once again to be held at the Hardwick Hotel (Sedgefield) on Sunday 15th January with tickets priced at £18.00 which is the same as 2011. I would hope to see a good number of our new members in

attendance so that we can become better acquainted, also it would be rewarding to have the majority of our Prize Winners in attendance to collect their awards and receive the plaudits of the members and friends for their efforts during the season.

Another moan, our event promoters are finding it increasingly difficult to get helpers and would be in dire straits if it were not for a number of non-members being pressed into service, please rally round and offer your services.

Les Dawson

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NORTH MIDLANDS

Well, that's a good slice of the racing season behind us. I hope our racing members have realised their goals or at least been satisfied with their efforts.

We've had a bit of a mixed bag of weather this summer as per usual but I suppose the lack of rain has kept us out on the road. Some of our members are definitely hitting their targets with age records: Kevin Dawson's been busy by achieving a National and Group age record for a 50 with a time of 1:40:14 for a 41 year old. He then attained a Group age record for a 25 with a 51:46. It doesn't end there, a week later in another 25 he was a few seconds faster, beating his own record. On the 13th of August in the Bridlington CC 10, he broke his own Group age record with 18:52 second to Hutch who won with 18:11. Unfortunately he lost his National age record for a 10 in April to Andy Bason's 18:29.

Forty-seven year old Trevor Mayne of Birdwell Wheelers has achieved a Group age record with a 19:52 in a 10.

In the Group's 30, 63 year old Alan West of Kiveton Park CC got a Group age record with 1:05:10 and in the same event Rob Townsend of Sheffrec CC, achieved a Group age record with a 1:03:10 at the age of 41. Rob's time was also a course record. In contrast to these great achievements the event disappointingly only attracted 34 riders. This event was held on our new course on the A1 which a small stalwart group of our members have worked hard to bring to fruition. So, it is particularly disappointing, bearing in mind that many riders expressed a strong desire to get a course back on the A1.

Remember to inform Barbara Scott, our Group Recorder, if you think you've attained an age record. Incidentally, Barbara is due to go into hospital in September for a knee operation so I'm sure I can wish Barbara all the best on behalf of the Group.

Two weeks previous to the 30 the Group held its 25 with a much better turn out, over 80 riders finishing. Again this was on the new 025/3 course which had to be tweaked a bit to give a more desirable finishing line. BOS was Ron Hallam, South Pennine RC with +25:18 clocking 1:03:18. Fastest was Ian

Cammish, Planet X, with 51:27. The 30 and the 25 events both qualified for prestige points.

Still with the racing scene, the Midweek Series, held in June and July, once again failed to attract much interest. In spite of the efforts of Clive Tomblin and Neil Howarth, both of Sheffield Phoenix, it was again very disappointing.

The Elmet 12 on the 31st of July saw three of our members chasing Prestige Points. Alan Jones of Yorkshire RC took the 10 points, finishing with a distance of 215.92 miles. Alan Sides and Wayne Fuller both of Rotherham Wheelers didn't finish. Winner was Joel Wainman, Team Swift, with 275.44miles.

The next event in the Group's Prestige Points Competition was the YCF 100 on the 14th of August. Three of our members were vying for points in this event and a good ride by Neil Howarth gave him the 10 points. Alan Jones picked up 9 points and Alan Sides 8 points. With two events to go George Lascelles of Rutland CC leads with 27, Neil Howarth Sheffield Phoenix on 24 and Tony Keyworth of Kiveton Park CC with 23.

At the Group meeting held on the 17th of May, Event Organiser Gordon Scott, told the meeting Stuart Smith of Stocksbridge CC and two others had shown an interest in becoming Timekeepers. The meeting agreed it was good to have some up and coming younger members having a go. Gordon expressed his concern of getting enough marshals for the Group's events. Gordon also proposed to replace the VTTA North Midlands Blog with a web site. It was agreed and subsequently, with lots of input from Alan Jones, it is now up and running. The old Blog site still exists but only as a reference to earlier posts. Why not pay a visit to vttanorthmidlands.co.uk and catch up on the latest news and air your views by joining the forum? Finally, George Morris informed the meeting that recently June Welch had passed away. For those of you who remember, June, and her husband Bill, kept the White House café at Blyth for many years. Bill was involved in the Group in its formative years and was well known and liked by the cycling fraternity.

We have several new members to welcome into the fold, they are:

Chris Lea - Buxton CC
Robert Holmes - Sheffield Phoenix CC

Mike Howell - South Elmsall SCC
Dave Clarkson - VTTA North Midlands
John Surtees - Team Swift
Mike Lamb - Kiveton Park CC
Bob Waterhouse - Rotherham Wh CC
Anthony Nash - Scunthorpe Poly
Bob Smithson - VTTA North Midlands
The Membership now stands at 161.

Incidentally those over 80 who have been a member for more than 25 years should contact Barbara Scott with their details if they wish to become Honorary Life Members.

Sadly, I have to report that George Steers has been in hospital again following a fall which broke his hip. He had to have it pinned and the last I heard it was likely George would be attending a re-hab clinic in Sheffield. I'm sure members will join me in wishing George a speedy recovery.

Finally, it's that time of year again when our Social Secretary, Alan Sides, will be concerning himself with the Group's Annual Luncheon in November. It was agreed at the meeting in May, following a proposal by George Morris, to invite Keith and Joyce Webb as Guests of Honour. That will mark the end of yet another season. It's frightening how quickly they go. Best of luck for the rest of the year and keep safe.

John Scully

SCOTLAND

I would guess that by the time that you read this the 2011 racing season will be all but over, with perhaps just the Tour de Trossachs and its Bill Lennon Trophy remaining to be contested before season's close.

We don't seem to have had much in the way of summer weather at all, certainly not here in Fife, where we have been racing in the rain more than in any of my previous seasons. Splashing through puddles has become the norm this year, but at least the reduced friction can lead to fast times! Despite the conditions there have been some notable performances from Scottish veterans.

Congratulations to George Berwick on

completing his 50th and 51st 24 hour time trials, the former solo and the latter on a tandem. I gather that at his 50th at the National 24 quite a celebration was laid on by the organising club to mark this considerable achievement.

In the same event in which George completed his 51st 24, Deeside Thistle's Phil Kelman took the overall honours recording an impressive 479.192 miles, so close to the 20 mph average speed.

That other Deeside Thistle rider, Derek Stewart, impressed yet again with his win in the VTTA 25 Championships, while at home he continued to Hoover up the SVTTA trophies with apparent ease. In his home town of Aberdeen, Derek has rightfully become something of a star, with much coverage in the press in both the local papers and on television.

Amongst the women Christine McLean has not had it all her own way this year with 10, 25 and 50 mile Scottish titles going to ERC's senior Jessica Wilson -Young, while Inverclyde Velo's Patricia Baird has put in some really strong performances, including the win in the Scottish 100 Mile Championship.

In chatting to Jim Harris at one of the Blairdrummond races, we discussed the difficulty of writing these articles and mentioning one's own achievements without 'blowing your own trumpet'. Suffice to say that the highlight of my own season has been becoming Scottish 100 Champion at Invergordon, on yet another very wet day. In a post race interview with Ed Hood I was asked about my future goals and couldn't really think what to say. I now realise that I should have said that my goal is one day, just the once, to beat Derek Stewart on standard – well, we can all have our dreams.

At the races - SVTTA

Law Wheelers hosted the SVTTA 10 Mile Championship for the Jim and Betty Train Trophy on 22nd May. The event was run on the re-measured Cambusbarron course, which now starts approximately 150 metres back from the original start location at the lay by. Derek Stewart was first on standard and retained the trophy for a further year.

Derek Stewart

+09:10

Jocky Johnston	+07:45
Steve Nutley	+07:27
Fastest veteran	
Steve Nutley	21:11
Team	
Sandy Wallace	+14:29
Steve Nutley	
Gordon Johnston	

Times of SVTTA members were as follows:

Frank Gammell	25.35 +5.55
Charles Gillie	25.08 +2.51
Michael Devlin	29.26 +2.34
Alister Speed	25.44 + 0.58
Robert Cooper	27.09 + 5.06
Tom Cummings	27.54 + 2.36
Neil McFarlane	25.33 + 5.42
Iain Binning	25.50 + 4.40
Jenny Nicholson	26.17 + 4.28
Mike Ferguson	25.06 + 3.19
Ian Humphries	22.29 + 6.37
Sean Gray	23.31 + 2.23
Steve Nutley	21.11 + 7.27
Alan Solway	23.45 + 6.03
Jocky Johnstone	24.15 + 7.45
David Gibson	21.24 + 5.56
Gordon Johnston	26.00 + 7.02
David Pritchard	24.03 + 4.22
Tom Gordon	21.30 + 5.24
Derek Stewart	24.08 + 9.10
Graham Hay	22.16 + 3.38

Our 25 Mile Championship was run on 18th June on another wet and windy day, using the out and return course to Buchlyvie. The road surface near Arnprior continues to deteriorate and avoiding the myriad potholes was not made any easier by the standing water on the road. Trophy winners were that man Derek Stewart once again and Inverclyde Velo's Patricia Baird.

Open Event

Jim Cusick	54.26
Steve Nutley	54.34
Alan Thomson	54.49
Andy Torrance	55.29
Graeme Cockburn	57.27
Keith Nettleton	57.47
Fastest Lady	
Shelly Farrar	1.01.53

SVTTA Prizewinners

Ben Smith Trophy on Standard

Derek Stewart	1.02.12 +22.28
Jocky Johnstone	1.02.06 +19.47
Steve Nutley	54.34 +19.15
John Cramb Handicap Trophy	
Patricia Baird	1.04.51 49.40
Steve Nutley	54.34 50.11
Mike Ferguson	1.03.22 50.18
Team on Standard -- Sandy Wallace Cycles	
Steve Nutley	+19.15
Steve Beech	+14.53
	+34.08

Full results of SVTTA members as follows:

Jim Cusick	54.26
Steve Nutley	54.34
Graeme Hay	58.21
Brendan McCabe	58.48
Ian Wilson	1.01.08
Shelly Farrar	1.01.53
Jocky Johnston	1.02.06
Derek Stewart	1.02.12
Alan Solway	1.02.17
Steve Beech	1.02.18
David Pritchard	1.02.33
Eric Easson	1.03.12
Mike Ferguson	1.03.22
Stuart Easton	1.03.35
Patricia Baird	1.04.51
Frank Gamwell	1.04.56
Charles Gillies	1.06.16
Errol Bennie	1.08.27
Katherine	1.10.52
Isobel Fletcher	1.12.46
Michael Devlin	1.14.48
Alastair Lawson	1.15.14

On the 17th July the SVTTA 30 Mile Championship returned to its ancestral home of Stirling after a one year sojourn to Aberdeenshire due to roadworks on the course last year. Thanks to Iain McLeod for this report – sadly I was laid up with a cold and missed the event.

"Weather was mild with not much wind, intermittent rain and wet roads. One rider (Steve Cairns, Perth United) hit the road at a roundabout and ended up with a few cuts and broken aero bars. Fortunately, there was a marshal nearby who was able to drive rider and bike back to race HQ.

The Pinky Williams trophy for best SVTTA member on standard was retained by Derek



PINKY WHITE MEMORIAL

Stewart who is not just an exceptional cyclist: his good looks and cheery nature have got him involved in working with Aberdeen City council in promoting activities for the 50+ age group. You can spot him dancing, dining, modelling and cycling on documents which can be downloaded via www.aberdeencity.gov.uk

Derek has told me that he has no objections to going public on this subject".

Men on standard

Derek Stewart	+30.23
Alan Solway	+20.07
Steve Beech	+19.05

Women on standard

Lorraine Brown	+5.19
Isobel Fletcher	+4.55
Team: Derek Stewart and Philip Kelman Deeside Thistle	+49.06

SVTTA riders as follows:

Carlos Riise	1.05.29
Derek Stewart	1.12.23
Alan Solway	1.12.30
Steve Beech	1.13.32
David Pritchard	1.13.46
Mike Ferguson	1.15.37
Stuart Easton	1.17.01
Robert Cooper	1.24.19
George Skinner	1.36.30

At the races – UK VTTA

The Scottish Group can boast a British 25 mile champion after Derek Stewart took top honours in the VTTA National 25 Mile Championship on 12th June.

Derek travelled down to the event at Newmarket in Suffolk where he recorded a time of 57.59 (+27.01 on standard) to become the 2011 champion.

Fastest on the day were (men) Kevin Tye of Datateam Allstars Kent in 49.51 and (women) Rachael Elliott of Newbury RC in 57.51. The event was run on course A14A11 in sunny weather and 18 degrees.

More Scots headed south to the on 2nd July, held on the often fast Levens course. Shetland Wheelers' Carlos Riise went sub -20 again to win overall with 19:49, which was also good enough for first on standard in age group 40 to 49.

Derek Stewart recorded 22:53, +10:41, for first on standard age group 70 to 79 and 3rd on standard overall, only 10 seconds off the overall win on standard.

Conditions were dry, sunny, 22^o, with a light headwind on outward leg.

Positions on standard for the Scottish veterans were as follows:

D Stewart	22.53 +10.41
J Johnstone	23.05 +8.55

I McLeod	24.11 + 8.51
1st woman	
C McLean	21.49. +7.31
1st overall	
C Riise	19.49 +6.53
A Munro	28.14 +6.08
F Anderson	23.29 +6.05
B McCabe	22.01 +4.53

Other Group News

Pinky Williams

On 25th July a ceremony was held at the new memorial to Pinky Williams at Waterloo Cross where approximately 30 family, friends, council members and cyclists (with the Law Wheelers well represented) gathered on a fine sunny morning. There is a wonderful view of the Clyde valley from this spot and it must include the roads that Pinky would have cycled many times. Details of Pinky's life and cycling activity (over 500 trophies and prizes!) were read by Tom Curley, Provost of North Lanarkshire Council. Pinky's son, Stratton, spoke on behalf of the family, thanking all concerned in the creation of the memorial with a special mention for our own George McLaughlan.

Record Claims

Our Records Officer, Bob Gibson, reports having already received the first record claim of 2011 – for the male tandem over 25 miles. Peter Robertson (age 70) + Al Sutton (age 60) recorded 1.04.04 at Ross-shire Roads 25 on the Garve course on 25th May 2011. It's good to see Peter turning in some pretty good performances of late, the results of a steady training programme over the past several years coupled with his gradual weight loss since his return to competitive cycling. Peter was of course the SCU 25 Champion in the early 60s having broken the Scottish record at that time.

Meanwhile, on the track, Steve McCaw has submitted a claim for a UK veteran's outdoor track hour record at Meadowbank. He extended the existing Vet outdoor record from 40.86km to 42.822km. On the way to this record he also smashed the 5k, 5 mile, 10k, 10 mile, 20k and 25 mile records. Bob reports that there are currently no separate track records for the Scottish group, but with the new Glasgow Velodrome soon to come online and the long-

awaited resurfacing of the track at Caird Park, it may be time to begin recording SVTTA track records.

There is of course no need to wait until near the 31st October deadline to submit your record claims to Bob – he is happy to receive these as and when throughout the season. There is a full list of the current SVTTA records in our Group pages on the VTTA website.

Standards

Time Trial Secretary Jim Harris requests that members claiming standards should send them through to him as soon as they have finished their season. Also, members who wish to be included in the National VTTA BAR must return *signed* claims to Jim as otherwise they will not be acceptable 'down south'.

That's it for article number four, with one to go ahead of this year's Scottish Group AGM. If there is anyone else who would like to take a turn at producing the Group's submissions to 'The Veteran' then please don't be backward in coming forward!

Steve Nutley

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MIDLAND

Where have I been with my lack of race reports? I retired as press secretary and yet due to ill health the person who took up the reins has been unable to add any (get well soon Vince) so I shall now resume at this stage in the season. Just before the mag goes to press I would like to add that Lyn Taylor, Born 2 Bike club, has not only won the ladies gold medal in the national 12 but came 12th overall setting a new pb the same weekend.

Richard Bradley, also a VTTA Midlands Group member did his first Open event after a bad accident. Together with Scott Povey and Matt Bottril he broke the 25 team competition record (neither VTTA events but worth a mention).

Where is Tony Taylor? After having his car stolen poor Tony had to curtail his season as he couldn't get to races; however he has sent me reports of fun times with his grandchildren, I

signposted and wonderfully marshalled, no chance of getting lost, the second was equally well organised at Staunton, the other side of Tewkesbury, Lovely part of the world yet Sunday had only 24 riders. A slight sense of drama was added when I was met by a huge pack of hounds, who luckily were well behaved and an amicable farmer who was having a bad morning, seemed his load of hay had jack-knifed in the road, but he stopped and waved as we raced past.

Echelon cycles do so much for the VTTA and I am ashamed more of us did not support them, please do next year . In true Alex fashion I didn't stay for the results, consumed by foot pain and shattered from organising the previous weekend I retreated humbly: will do better next year, see you all there!

Back from a sunny weekend of racing at the Echelon two-day stint. After last year had to be cancelled due to being overcome with traffic for the

Game Fair, they have tried a new tactic of having their races on more sporting non standard distances, much more interesting and well worth the trip – and the trip, to be honest, wasn't really that far, and was not at any unsociable time.

The Rudy Project was on local roads, a late stage logistical nightmare for the Worcestershire St Johns as there had to be a quick course change onto the Astley circuit, possibly more challenging, but maybe more fun? We had a fair few Midlanders riding, many vets. John Herring, Leamington C and AC was second on target, Rob Weare from the same club 4th. Kob is doing exceedingly well again and leading in the score for the Midland Spoco award. I shall now do a plug for the last event in this series. My Hill Climb on 25th of September including age category awards! As always do enclose your email address on entry forms, it makes it so much easier.

Alex Laycock

Languedoc-Roussillon



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A RECORD THAT NEVER WAS

A name to conjure with is that of Will Townsend. I never knew if Will was a member of the VTTA but I worked with him on the London West District RTTC Committee for many years and found him, although sometimes taciturn, to be companionable as we drove to and from committee meetings.

Readers won't need to be reminded of his immeasurable part in making time trialling legal but he was very much an RRA man and the following was passed on to me after his died at the age of 101. As written by Will, note the use of the surname; Will's generation did not use first names!

In August 1906, C G Cooper submitted a schedule for an attempt on the 1000 miles bicycle record, the standard for which had been fixed by the Road Records Association at 4 days 18 hours. Cooper was a member of the Hull Bicycle Club and, as far as is known, had never raced. His yearly mileage however was well above that of the average rider. It was Cooper's aim to beat the standard by nine hours.

Cooper left the GPO in London at 8.00am on Tuesday 21st August. The first 13 miles to Romford were covered in one hour and he reached Chelmsford in two hours and ten minutes, where he was nearly brought down by one of his helpers who slipped when handing him a feed. He was half-an-hour inside his schedule at Colchester, which he reached at 11.50 am, having covered 52¼ miles. The weather was hot and the roads were dusty. At 1.20pm, with 69¼ miles behind him, he reached Ipswich, where he stopped for dinner. Replenished, he continued to Wickham Market, where he was delayed 12 minutes with a puncture. Lowestoft (113 miles) was reach at 5.20 pm but his gain on schedule was by then reduced to ten minutes. He arrived at Great Yarmouth (123 miles) at 6.25 pm in heavy rain.

During the early hours of Wednesday he was delayed by punctures at Swaffham and by losing his way in Wisbeach. Cooper arrived at Lincoln (261½ miles) at 7.20 am where he had a good breakfast. Through Gainsborough, Thorne and Selby he sped, reaching Howden (345 miles) at 2.30 pm. At 4.55 pm he reach Hull (358 miles), where he rested for three quarters of an hour. The weather was hot, the thermometer showed 90 in the shade. At this point Cooper was down on his schedule by two and a half hours. Hestated that he would keep riding until he had covered 480 miles and then deduct hiss loss on schedule from the hours assigned for sleep.

Cooper was scheduled to reach Thirsk (480 miles) at 2.00 am and take six hours

sleep. However, due to heavy rain, he did not arrive until 3.10 am. After sleeping he left at 9.20 am in better weather conditions. At 11.24 am he reached York (504 miles) and Doncaster (538 miles) at 2.15 pm. He was now making up lost time, reaching Nottingham (582 miles) at 8.30 pm and Long Eaton at 9.20 pm.

In Birmingham he had a nasty fall due to tramway construction. Rain fell heavily and he continued to Ashby de la Zouche, where he slept again until 4.00 am. At 8.07 am on Friday he arrived at Bromsgrove (646½ miles). Cooper had scheduled to arrive to reach Bromsgrove at 11.30 pm on Thursday and have five or six hours sleep but as he was so much down on his schedule, he only stopped for 38 minutes. Despite the bad weather and bad roads, he was in good spirits. He reached Worcester (659 miles) at 9.42 am, Gloucester at 11.50 am, Horfield (713 miles) at 4.45 pm, Bristol at 5.10 pm and Bath (730 miles) at 6.15 pm. He was now six and a quarter hours down on his schedule. He arrived at Melksham (749 miles) at 7.15 pm and Andover (776 miles) at 11.45 pm. After half-an-hour's rest, he restarted, continuing on to Southampton and reaching Brighton (864½ miles) at 11.30 am on Saturday. At this point Cooper had a problem, could he cover the remaining 135½ miles before midnight? Although four days eighteen hours did not expire until 2.00 am on Sunday morning, the RRA then had a rule that they would not consider a claim to a record for a ride any part of which had been performed on a Sunday. When Cooper was told that he would have to average 12 miles an hour he simply increased his pace. He passed through Lewes, Horsebridge, Minfield, Hastings, Winchelsea, Rye and New Romsey to finish four miles from East Grinstead at five minutes to midnight, thus covering the 1000 miles in 4 days 15 hours and 55 minutes, beating the standard by 2 hours and 5 minutes

The tragedy was however, that the timekeeper was not at the finish and the claim to the record was not accepted by the RRA.

Jim Burgin

THE TEN MILE CHAMPIONSHIP

BY ALAN COLBURN

The event was held on Saturday 2nd July 2011 on the Levens course (L1015) in Cumbria starting at 18.00.

The HQ was the Athenaeum Hall in Leasgill – old style on the outside but thoroughly up to date on the inside. Not a lot of room for competitors' parking but most of the regulars have their favourite spot nearer the course. The organiser, Peter Knott, had reserved spaces for officials so that the HQ was up and running by about 16.00 by which time race signs had been erected round the course. Race numbers and signing-in sheets were quickly available and a welcome addition on the same table was a large digital display clock showing timekeepers' time.

The event went well but wasn't the evening for super quick times although Carlos Riise finished in 19.49 and Andy Fisher/Chris Goode got their tandem round in 20.14. The course itself starts on a downhill stretch for about half a mile, on a very bumpy surface, quickly going on to dual carriage way and single track which is virtually pan flat with a large roundabout at the far turn. There were plenty of warning signs and the course was well marshalled. Although traffic seemed busy whilst waiting at the start I had no problems during my own ride.

By the time I had changed, the HQ was starting to fill up with riders and spectators with the usual, excited buzz of conversation as the large, projected computer screen, ably handled by Andy Reagan revealed the latest finishing information. I had time to sample some of the excellent refreshments on offer before chatting to old friends and also meeting new ones before the news spread like a bush fire that Dennis Milsom and Ron Hallam had tied for first place on Standard with +10.51. What an end to a Championship! It was an absolute pleasure to be able to present the awards to all the winners but especially to two such fine practioners of Veterans' time trials.

Before we left, a printed sheet of all the award winners was available and the full results arrived by e-mail first thing on Monday morning.

The event was organised by Peter Knott on behalf of the North Lancs and Lakes Group backed up very well indeed by members and friends of that Group, and Brian Jones of Kimroy was on hand to provide his excellent photography.

Well done Peter – my sincere congratulations to you and all your team.



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THE TEN MILE CHAMPIONSHIP

Equal Champions	Dennis Milsom	Mid Shropshire Wheelers	83	25:55	10:51
	Ron Hallam	South Pennine RC	80	24:04	10:51
Third	Derek Stewart	Deeside Thistle CC	75	22:53	10:41
Lady Champion	Gill Henshaw	VC Long Eaton	77	27:25	8:55
Trike Champion	George Dawson	Teesside RC	85	29:16	10:22
	Len Grayson		74	23:35	9:43
Team Champions	Mike Williams	Team Swift	65	24:39	6:21
	Mike Ellerton		50	20:18	7:15
Fastest	Carlos Riise	Shetland Wheelers	46	19:49	6:53
80-89 Age Group	Dennis Milsom	Mid Shropshire Wheelers	83	25:55	10:51
	Ron Hallam	South Pennine RC	80	24:04	10:51
70-79 Age Group	Derek Stewart	Deeside Thistle CC	75	22:53	10:41
60-69 Age Group	Brian Sunter	Condor RC	68	21:52	9:53
50-59 Age Group	Philip Brown	Walsall Roads CC	59	21:24	8:10
40-49 Age Group	Carlos Riise	Shetlands Wheelers	46	19:49	6:53
	Andy Fisher		49		
Tandem	Chris Goode	National Clarion CC	45	20:14	3:59

Name	Club	Actual	Plus
Dennis Milsom	Mid Shropshire Wheelers	24:55	10:51
Ron Hallam	South Pennine R C	24:04	10:51
Derek Stewart	Deeside Thistle CC	22:53	10:41
Peter Crofts	Southborough Wheelers	22:06	10:40
George L Dawson	Tees-side Road Club	29:16	10:22
Frank Kerry	Lancashire RC	23:34	10:00
Jack Brown	a3crg	24:07	09:59
Brian Sunter	Condor RC	21:52	09:53
Peter Manners	Barnesbury CC	23:10	09:52
Len Grayson	Team Swift	23:35	09:43
Barry Fittes	Barrow Central Wheelers	24:44	09:22
Alan Colburn	Team Echelon-Rotor	25:34	09:21
Roger J Wrenn	Macclesfield Wheelers	22:11	09:19
Trevor Horton	Warrington RC-R, HLE	21:58	09:17
Paul Durrant	Pontypool RCC	22:13	09:02
Gill Henshaw	VC Long Eaton	27:25	08:55
Jocky Johnstone	Icarus	23:05	08:55
Arthur Thomas	Energy Cycles	22:37	08:53
Iain McLeod	Denny Road Club	24:11	08:51
John Dixson	Team Echelon-Rotor	23:57	08:49
Tony Farrell	Westmead Team 88	22:27	08:48
Mike Speight	Barrow Central Wheelers	22:00	08:45
Neil Fort	Preston Wheelers	22:20	08:40
Neil Stirling	Kent Valley RC	23:53	08:37
Philip Brown	Walsall Roads CC	21:24	08:10
Harry Haseley	North Lancs RC	24:04	07:56
Michael Coward	Bronte Wh-Neophix	25:41	07:53
Mary Dawson	Tees-side Road Club	30:07	07:41
David Herbert	Hartlepool CC	23:35	07:40
George Brown	Stretford Wheelers	24:07	07:38
Cyril Wynne	Stretford Wheelers	27:34	07:38

TEN MILE CHAMPIONSHIP RESULT

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Rod Goodfellow	North Lancs RC	25:09	07:37
John Blower	Walsall Roads CC	23:56	07:34
Christine McLean	Shetland Wheelers	21:49	07:31
Phil Guy	North Shropshire Wheelers	23:02	07:28
Michael Ellerton	Team Swift	20:18	07:15
Trevor Bracegirdle	Stretford Wheelers	25:39	07:07
Barry Quick	Reading CC	24:19	06:56
Carlos Riise	Shetland Wheelers	19:49	06:53
Robert Matthews	North Lancs RC	22:26	06:26
Denis Thompson	West Pennine RC	23:39	06:23
Mike Willams	Team Swift	24:39	06:21
Allan Renyard	Guernsey Velo Club	25:40	06:20
Dave Briant	High Wycombe CC	23:31	06:17
Tony Baxter	Withington Wheelers	24:45	06:15
Peter Crutchley	Port Sunlight Wheelers	25:46	06:14
Graham Sheard	North Lancs RC	24:19	06:11
David Clough	North Lancs RC	22:15	06:10
Alex Munro	Lancashire RC	28:14	06:08
Frank Anderson	West Lothian Clarion	23:29	06:05
Geoff Bateman	Anglia Velo	23:20	06:00
Tim Humphries	Team Swift	20:56	05:58
Terry Bell	VTTA North Lancs and Lakes	26:05	05:55
Stephen G Rhodes	Stockton Wheelers CC	22:17	05:42
George Aldridge	Birkenhead North End CC	24:03	05:31
Paul D Fleming	Preston Wheelers	21:14	05:28
William Prout	ABC Centreville	23:13	05:25
Fred Pickstone	Kent Valley RC	26:39	05:21
Steve Hargreaves	Warrington RC	21:38	05:16
Paul Harknett	Camel Valley C&TC	26:23	05:07
Steven Fullerton	Darlington CC	20:59	05:07
Gordon Perry	ABC Centreville	28:59	05:07
Ian Cox	North Lancs RC	20:45	04:57
Brendan McCabe	Aberdeen Wheelers	22:01	04:53
John Burston	ABC Centreville	26:34	04:41
Glenn Bowyer	Lancashire RC	22:53	04:27
Michael S Phillips	Drighlington Bicycle Club	26:19	04:26
Ann Nicholson	Kent Valley RC	27:21	04:24
Andrew Harrison	Withington Wheelers	22:45	03:57
Nick Hanson	Seacroft Wheelers	22:33	03:57
John Mills	Lancashire RC	26:49	03:56
Barry Rimmer	Wigan Wheelers	23:32	03:22
Kevin Wagstaff	Lea Valley CC	25:05	03:20
Michael Armstrong	Liverpool Century R C	25:11	03:14
Paul King	Team Sales Engine	23:16	03:14
Simon J Myerscough	Ribble Valley CRC	22:58	02:32
Adrian Kerby	Team Jewson-MI Racing	23:45	01:57
Colin Chandler	Darlington CC	27:31	-01:37

THE TWENTY-FIVE MILE CHAMPIONSHIP

BY GEOFF PERRY

The 25 mile VTTA Championship was held on the ever popular E2/25 Newmarket bypass course in Cambridgeshire on Saturday afternoon 11th June 2011. It was a very well organised event by the East Anglian VTTA Group, led by John Golder. The facilities at the Newmarket Leisure centre were excellent, providing ample parking, changing and shower facilities and a wide selection of refreshments. Signing on and the results were held in a separate hall within the complex. Thomo provided the results service using no less than three projectors!

We were all hoping for a good day on this fast course, but it was slightly breezier than it first seemed with the wind picking up during the event.

It was a full field, with 15 vets on the reserve list, most of whom got a ride, and 70 returned entries.

The women's event kicked off the VTTA championships event with 11 entrants. Carole Gandy (Kent), the hot favourite, duly delivered and was the first female on standard (24:59) with a ride just one second over the hour, which indicates the toughness of the conditions. Second woman in the VTTA championship was Elspeth Knott (East Anglia) and third Claire Day (Midlands), with young vet Claire Lee (East Anglia) providing the fastest time of 59:28.

Ken Usher (London and Home Counties) on his Trike, with the very colourful disk wheels, was first off in the men's event and when he finished with a plus of 27:01 he had secured the Trike award, as there were no other entrants in this category. The blustery conditions didn't cause him any problems. This put him top of the leader board above Carole Gandy and he stayed there for much of the afternoon.

Phil Bull (Kent) posted the first fast time with 52:35 off at number 10, before it was eventually improved by Richard Evans (East Anglia), getting a ride as a reserve, and Peter Balls (East Anglia) 50:50 towards the end of the field.

Riding number 13 was not unlucky for Eric Marsh (East Anglia), as he slipped in between Ken and Carole with a plus of 26:29. It was getting close at the top. His ride also opened the account for the East Anglia Group for the Group win, despite me awarding it to the wrong group at the presentation!

Ken had time to change, have a cup of tea and put his trike away before he was finally knocked off the top slot when Derek Stewart (Scotland) came home with a cracking time of 57:59 for a plus of 27:01. Ron Hallam was the next one home worrying the top slot but his 26:16 gave him an eventual third solo man.

So we then had to wait until the end of the field to find out who would actually be fastest vet on the day, before Kevin Tye (Kent), troubled the timekeepers with the only ride less than 50 minutes with 49:57 – truly impressive considering the conditions.

The tandems were off at the end of the field, and I had to swap my results-checking-service to ride stoker behind my pilot, Kevin Stokes (London and Home Counties). We were last off and basically had to catch the one other tandem in the Championship, of Richard Moule and Mulkern (also of London and Home Counties). We caught them with a few miles to go, to post a standard time of +12:27.

As VTTA NEC representative on the day I handed out the VTTA Championship awards, including one to me and my pilot took the photos.

THE TWENTY-FIVE MILE CHAMPIONSHIP

Champion	Derek Stewart	Deeside Thistle CC	+27:01
Second	Ken Usher	Cambridge CC	+26:55
Third	Eric Marsh	PCA Ciclos Uno	+26:29
Lady Champion	Carole Gandy	Kent Cycles RC	+24:59
Trike Champion	Ken Usher	Cambridge CC	+26:55
	Eric Marsh		
Team Champions	Les Howell	PCA Ciclos Uno	+1:13:15
	Kevin Gill		
Fastest	Kevin Tye	Data Team Allstars	49:47
80-89 Age Group	Eric Marsh	PCA Ciclos Uno	+26:29
70-79 Age Group	Derek Stewart	Deeside Thistle CC	+27:01
60-69 Age Group	Brian Sunter	Condor RC	+25:55
50-59 Age Group	Ken Platts	Cambridge CC	+21:59
40-49 Age Group	Kevin Tye	Data Team Allstars	+20:38
Tandem	Kevin Stokes	Team Milton Keynes	+12:37
	Geoff Perry		

Rider	Club	Time	Plus
Derek Stewart	Deeside Thistle CC	0:57:59	27.01
Ken Usher (T)	Cambridge CC	1:06:46	26.55
Eric Marsh	PCA Ciclos Uno	1:03:05	26.29
Ron Hallam	South Pennine RC	1:02:38	26.16
Peter Crofts	Southborough & Dist Whs	0:57:41	26.03
Len Grayson	Team Swift	0:59:00	26.00
Brian Sunter	Condor RC	0:55:22	25.55
Derek Hodgins	Stockport Clarion	1:01:14	25.42
Carol Gandy	Kent Cycles RC	1:00:01	24.59
Alan Rowe	De Laune CC	0:59:34	24.10
Reg Smith	Data team Allstars	0:55:25	24.05
Les Howell	PCA Ciclos Uno	1:01:37	24.01
Colin Bunnnett	Kings Lynn CC	0:57:24	23.53
Peter Wilson	Bath CC	1:02:53	23.24
Edmund Spurgeon	Colchester Rovers CC	0:58:14	23.03
Bill Broadfield	Chelmer CC	0:59:29	23.01
Jim Reed	Colchester Rovers CC	0:54:54	22.51
Kevin Gill	PCA Ciclos Uno	0:55:35	22.45
Peter Baumber	Cambridge CC	1:06:10	22.44
Graham Green	Leicestershire RC	0:59:06	22.11
Ken Platts	Cambridge CC	0:54:04	21.59
Ian Cammish	Planet X	0:51:29	21.47
Shay Giles	VC Elan	0:58:26	21.39
Phil Bull	VC Elan	0:52:35	21.14
Alan Steward	Team Swift	0:58:56	21.09

TWENTY FIVE MILE CHAMPIONSHIP RESULT

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Robert Cooper	Coventry RC	0:56:08	21.03
Peter Cockbain	South Bucks RC	1:01:27	21.03
Tony Farrell	Westmead team 88	0:59:07	20.58
Ray Retter	Revo Racing	0:58:33	20.57
Chris Nudds	CC Breckland	0:56:51	20.54
Merv Player	Herfordshire Wheelers	1:06:43	20.52
Stan Mills	Yorkshire RC	0:59:54	20.47
Gary Stevens	St Ives CC	0:52:35	20.41
Kevin Tye	Datateam Allstars	0:49:57	20.38
Phillip Brown	Walsall Roads CC	0:55:29	20.34
John Parkes	Wolsey RC	0:59:43	20.22
Derek Roe	Team Swift	0:57:39	20.06
David Johnson	VC10	0:52:41	20.02
Roger Porter	Verulam CC	0:58:53	20.02
Peter Horsnell	Chelmer CC	1:09:36	19.58
Robert Gilmour	Hownslow & District Wheelers	0:56:20	19.43
Chris Roberts	Gt Yarmouth CC	1:00:26	19.39
James Singlehurst	Rockingham Forest Wheelers	0:53:40	19.36
Chris Worsfold	API Metro	0:58:11	19.34
Steven Shore	Southend Wheelers	0:59:24	19.31
Peter Anderson	Kingston Wheelers	0:57:19	19.18
Ray Hughes	Clarence Wheelers CC	0:53:40	19.03
John Dowling	Hemel Hempstead CC	0:54:35	18.41
Ray Turner	North Norfolk Wheelers CC	1:01:04	18.26
Alan Harvey	Shorter Rochford RT	1:01:06	18.24
John Blower	Walsall RCC	1:02:21	18.20
Simon Greenland	Maidenhead & District CC	0:57:10	18.19
Michael Coulter	Gravesend CC	1:00:12	18.08
Nick Dwyer	Lewes Wanders CC	0:51:33	18.00
Phillip Young	Hertfordshire Wheelers	0:59:11	18.00
Howard Staunton	Hainault RC	0:57:03	17.52
Rob Pears	Bath CC	0:52:20	17.44
Chris Dyason	Viking RC	1:00:38	17.42
Robert Royston	Sydenham Wheelers	0:56:42	17.40
Murray Kirton	A5 Rangers CC	1:04:51	17.39
Clive Faine	Team Milton Keynes	1:01:17	17.38
Barry Quick	Reading CC	1:02:27	17.38
John Golder	Chelmer CC	0:58:04	17.25
Pete Hyland	Kent Cycles RC	0:57:34	17.21
Peter Balls	West Suffolk Wheelers	0:50:50	17.10
Phil Guy	North Shropshire Wheelers	1:00:40	17.05
Tom Blanchflower	Wisbech Wheelers	1:14:34	17.02
Stephen Wilkins	Walsall RCC	0:56:17	16.59
Peter Stirk	South Elmsall SCC	1:03:17	16.48

TWENTY FIVE MILE CHAMPIONSHIP RESULT

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Dave Green	RAF CC	0:52:46	16.47
Colin Parkinson	South Western RC	0:53:49	16.46
Geoff Bateman	Anglia Velo	0:58:44	16.45
Tony Boardman	Team Swift	0:57:17	16.32
Ian Greenstreet	Newbury RC	0:53:11	16.22
Elsbeth Knott	Colchester Rovers	1:04:59	16.18
David Saunders	Kings Cliffe Flyers	1:04:26	16.15
John Dewhirst	East Bradford CC	0:53:50	16.14
John Pfeifer	Icknield RC	1:06:57	16.10
John Baines	Yorkshire RC	1:07:38	16.06
Chris Lodge	Finsbury Park CC	0:58:20	16.02
Tony May	North Road CC	0:56:50	15.53
Carmelo Luggeri	CC Ashwell	0:57:32	15.44
Dave Lazenby	A5 Rangers CC	0:54:09	15.24
Cliff Beldon	Team Swift	1:03:33	15.22
Jim Stow	Wolsey RC	1:02:33	15.12
Geoff Bores	Ford CC	0:59:16	15.06
Allan Renyard	Guernsey Velo Club	1:06:54	14.59
Martin Reynolds	Cambridge CC	0:55:09	14.55
Bob Brabbins	Bishops Stortford CC	1:06:23	14.54
Tim Day	Born to Bike	1:00:05	14.50
Andrew Gardner	Coventry RC	1:04:09	14.46
Scott Holmes	Hillingdon CC	0:55:21	14.43
Lee Turner	La Fuga Sigma Sport	0:52:21	14.39
Richard Evans	Chelmer CC	0:51:24	14.36
Dave Gaida	Reading CC	1:12:20	14.36
Geoffrey Martin	Glendene CC	0:59:18	14.31
John Martin	South Elmsall SCC	0:56:14	14.21
John Iszatt	API Metro	0:57:52	14.19
Bob Quarton	Wolsey RC	1:00:38	14.17
Keith Fletcher	Hemel Hempstead CC	1:00:44	14.11
Peter Hopkins	Team Swift	1:05:59	14.06
Glenn Taylor	Shorter Rochford RT	0:53:06	13.54
Tim Davies	Icknield RC	0:53:37	13.53
Trevor Parrish	A5 Rangers CC	1:06:12	13.53
Alan Kidd	Team Cambridge	0:59:27	13.49
Steve Peck	Newmarket Cycling & Tri	0:59:30	13.13
Claire Day	Born to Bike	1:00:06	13.10
Peter Walton	Herfordshire Wheelers	1:01:16	13.06
Sam Williamson	Hemel Hempstead CC	0:56:59	13.05
Robert Davies	CC Sudbury	0:55:29	13.02
Jonathan Thomas	South Western RC	0:58:08	12.59
Dave Rudkin	Victoria CC	1:10:14	12.53
Louise Schuller	Finsbury Park CC	1:02:37	12.52

TWENTY FIVE MILE CHAMPIONSHIP RESULT

CONTINUED

Gary Rushmore	Kings Lynn CC	0:53:39	12.51
Ian Bibby	Finsbury Park CC	0:56:43	12.50
Paul Harknett	Camel Valley C&TC	1:07:57	12.44
Brian Martin	PCA Ciclos Uno	1:05:13	12.32
Tricia Goulden	West Suffolk Wheelers	1:03:00	12.29
Bernard Smith	Kettering CC	1:12:45	12.15
Nick Jackson	Cambridge CC	0:55:51	12.09
Phil Jarvis	Colchester Rovers	0:56:56	12.06
Ann Shuttleworth	Chelmer CC	1:00:17	11.54
Brian Foster	Norwich ABC	1:13:21	11.39
Michael Rainton	VC Baracchi	1:08:23	11.07
Claire Lee	Shaftesbury CC	0:59:28	10.36
Denise Kemp	Southend Wheelers	1:03:44	8.27
Celia Whitechurch	Ely & District CC	1:13:35	5.20



Ken Platts



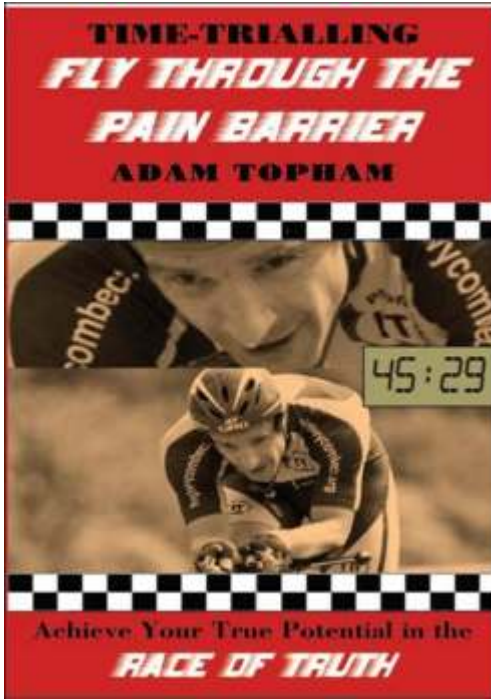
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THE FIFTY MILE CHAMPIONSHIP

BY ANN BUTTERWORTH

I was on home ground when representing the NEC at the 50 mile Championship. Riders and marshals were on very wet ground, being plagued by torrential showers. For the past two weeks, event secretary Ian Ross had been completely unaware of weather conditions as he was organising three championships plus Round 3 of a championship and Round 14 of a points competition – all in one event! Nobody could have done it better.

The inclement weather ensured quite a number of non-starters in the field of 121 solos and one tandem. Of these, the tandem and 60 solos were VTTA members. But the weather did not prevent some excellent times being done on a fairly sporting course. Soon the times were being relayed to the headquarters where Peter Brocklehurst keyed them into his computer which projected them onto a large screen. Peter had done a splendid job with the presentation of the information by cutting out all unnecessary data, so making it easy to read. In addition, three result boards had been set up showing the results of each of the three championships.

As the riders returned, they were revived by a fine spread of refreshments and a lot of good conversation and speculation. Frank Kerry (number 11) was the first to record a big plus of 46:44 followed by Peter Manners (number 12) with +41:33. We had to wait a long time for Dennis Milsom (number 87) to finish with +49:00, his time of 2:19:44 beating the current Age Record by not too far short of nine minutes. But what would Brian Sunter (number 111) do? Brian had finished 8th in the 10 mile Championship, 7th in the 25 and 3rd in the 30; would he improve in the 50? Yes! +48:31 secured a silver medal.

Despite the large field, it was gratifying that almost all the prize-winners were present to receive their medals amidst applause. The Chairman of the Manchester and NW Group, Jim Ogden, announced each winner and I had the very pleasant task of presenting the medals.

Congratulations to all the riders, especially the prize-winners who I hope will come to the Annual National Prize Presentation on 28 January 2012 to collect their well-deserved awards. But special congratulations and thanks to Ian Ross who promoted such an excellent Championship on the VTTA's behalf and to the many people from local cycling associations who helped him. A super event!

Ladies' Champion

Anne Staley

Photo by Kimroy



THE FIFTY MILE CHAMPIONSHIP

THE CHAMPIONS

Champion	Dennis Milsom	Mid Shropshire Wheelers	+49:00
Second	Brian Sunter	Condor RC	+48:31
Third	Frank Kerry	Lancashire RC	+46:44
Lady Champion	Anne Staley	Plan B Racing	+22:27
	Rod Goodfellow		
Team Champions	Harry Haseley	North Lancashire RC	+100:35
	Peter Briscoe		
Fastest	Garry Brown	Equipe Velo Ecosse	1:53:51
80-89 Age Group	Dennis Milsom	Mid Shropshire Wheelers	+49:00
70-79 Age Group	Frank Kerry	Lancashire RC	+46:44
60-69 Age Group	Brian Sunter	Condor RC	+48:31
50-59 Age Group	Philip Brown	Walsall Roads CC	+37:20
40-49 Age Group	Nige Wood	Wills Wheels CC	+29:57
Tandem	James Prosser	North Lancashire RC	+14:50
	Gill Craske		

FIFTY MILE CHAMPIONSHIP RESULT

Tandem

James Prosser	North Lancs RC	2:00:35	14:50
Miss Gill Craske	North Lancs RC		

Solos

Dennis Milsom	Mid Shropshire Whs	2:19:44	49:00
Brian Sunter	Condor RC	2:00:14	48:31
Frank Kerry	Lancashire RC	2:11:02	46:44
Brian Camfield	Stone Wheelers	1:57:18	45:19
Peter Manners	Barnesbury CC	2:13:36	41:33
Mike Cotgreave	Westmead Team '88	2:07:47	39:43
Philip Brown	Walsall Roads CC	2:00:33	37:20
Derek Hodgins	Stockport Clarion CC	2:23:34	36:54
Rod Goodfellow	North Lancs RC	2:17:09	36:41
Peter Anderson	Kingston Whs	2:03:46	35:17
Harry Haseley	North Lancs RC	2:16:29	33:30
Simon Greenland	Maidenhead & Dist. CC	2:03:53	32:49
Steve l'Anson	Buxton CC	2:00:48	31:18
Nigel Harrop	Seamons CC	2:08:36	30:27
Peter Briscoe	North Lancs RC	2:05:08	30:24
Nige Wood	Wills Wheels CC	1:55:31	29:57
David Wright	Warrington RC	1:59:56	29:55
Ken Hodgins	Stockport Clarion CC	2:17:00	29:15
Ray Retter	Revo Racing	2:16:03	29:00
Robert Porter	ABC Centreville	2:19:15	28:15
John Flynn	VC Halton	2:06:28	27:55
Denis Thompson	West Pennine RC	2:12:39	27:35

FIFTY MILE CHAMPIONSHIP RESULT

CONTINUED

Steve Hargreaves	Warrington RC	1:56:56	27:27
Peter Hayhurst	Congleton CC	2:27:58	27:11
Dave Fearon	Weaver Valley CC	1:58:58	25:25
John Blower	Walsall Roads CC	2:22:24	25:06
Scott Holmes	Hillingdon CC	2:01:18	24:10
Anne Staley	Plan B Racing	2:26:18	22:27
Peter Knott	Ribble Valley CRC	2:34:42	21:46
Ian Woodcock	Wigan Whs	2:07:41	21:04
Steve Stoddart	Abbotsford Park RC	2:10:01	20:57
Darren Berrisford	Stone Wheelers	2:00:51	18:14
Simon Higgins	Liverpool Century RC	2:13:28	15:17
Julie Harrison	Ashurst BC	2:20:06	14:17
Stuart McKie	Wyre Forest CRC	2:25:57	09:35
Michael Fry	Glendene CC	2:18:31	09:07
Carole Sherrin	Macclesfield Whs	2:26:31	04:27
Sally Cowan	Seamons CC	2:27:44	03:14
John Baddeley	Stone Wheelers	2:46:53	-01:50
Caroline Fearon	Weaver Valley CC	2:35:29	-03:23

THE TWELVE HOUR CHAMPIONSHIP

THE CHAMPIONS

Champion	Brian Camfield	Stone Wheelers CC	+65:60
Second	Robin Haigh	Seamons CC	+57:46
Third	Carlos Riise	Shetland Wheelers	+57:28
Lady Champion	Christine McLean	Shetland Wheelers	+44:10
Team Champions	Robin Haigh John Verbrickas Philholden	Seamons CC	+111.80
Fastest	Carlos Riise	Shetland Wheelers	272.34
70-79 Age Group	Arthur Puckrin	Cleveland Wheelers	+29:45
60-69 Age Group	Brian Camfield	Stone Wheelers	+65:60
50-59 Age Group	Robin Haigh	Seamons CC	+57:46
40-49 Age Group	Carlos Riise	Shetland Wheelers	+57:28
Trike	Ralph Dadswell	Antelope RT	+34:75

TWELVE HOUR CHAMPIONSHIP RESULT

Brian Camfield	Stone Wheelers CC		63	254.82	65.60
Robin Haigh	Seamons CC		54	259.95	57.46
Carlos Riise	Shetland Wheelers		46	272.34	57.28
Ray Retter	Revo Racing		65	239.01	52.62
Arthur Winstanley	Phoenix CC Aintree		55	250.84	49.87
David Gostelow	Wrekinsport		53	252.43	48.41
Christine McLean	Shetland Wheelers	W	50	240.58	44.10
Steve Hargreaves	Warrington RC		47	255.54	42.09
Harry Haseley	North Lancs RC		69	221.73	40.87
Patricia Baird	Inverclyde Velo	W	46	241.71	39.22
Michael Pumphrey	Thornton RC		51	245.73	38.62
Dave Fearon	Weaver Valley CC		47	251.42	37.97
Graham Barker	Congleton CC		61	229.03	36.94
Ralph Dadswell	Antelope Racing Team	Trike	47	231.23	34.75
Robert Watson	North Hampshire RC		51	239.66	32.55
Ian Woodcock	Wigan Wheelers		51	238.23	31.12
Arthur Puckrin	Cleveland Whs		73	204.95	29.45
John Verbickas	Seamons CC		66	212.78	27.78
Phil Holden	Seamons CC		64	214.37	26.57
Steve Stoddart	Abbotsford Park RC		53	229.00	24.98
Ian Wilson	Deeside Thistle CC		43	244.06	24.09
Jacqueline Hobson	Warwickshire RC	W	46	223.28	20.79
Mark Tandy	Deeside Thistle CC		41	240.58	17.27
Darren Berrisford	Stone Wheelers CC		42	236.73	15.10
Peter Hayhurst	Congleton CC		73	186.65	11.15
Sally Cowan	Seamons CC	W	45	215.11	11.09
Danny Winthorpe	Tyneside Vagabonds		54	212.40	9.91
Helen Tudor	Oswestry Paragon	W	42	211.99	3.31
Ian Hawkins	Fibrax Wrexham RC		43	216.54	-3.43
Malc McAllister	Seamons CC		70	166.53	-12.98
David Wright	Warrington RC		51	186.17	-20.94

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THE TWENTY-FOUR HOUR CHAMPIONSHIP

BY JIM BURGIN

A really devoted reporter would/should have been in attendance for at least half of this epic event for he would have witnessed what has to go down in time trialling folklore as perhaps the greatest ride ever in a VTTA or even RTTC Championship.

Sunday the 25th of June was one of 2011's rare summer days and at noon had been preceded by 24 hours of near perfect conditions for this arduous contest.

The entry of 96 contained no less than 81 veterans! Not all of them members of the VTTA unfortunately but there were 24 contesting the Championship, with three teams, three trikes and two ladies.

This rare excursion into southern roads by long distance riders was obviously required for it must be a long time since such a field was assembled for a 24 hour championship, albeit incorporating the RTTC (CTT) National Championship.

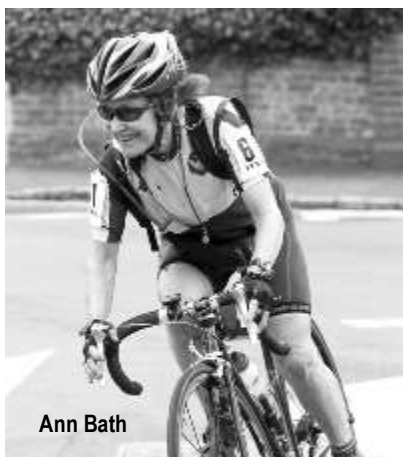
Those who have read the preceding pages of this magazine will know of Andy Wilkinson's quite astonishing ride (in fact 'astounding' does not do it justice). Obviously it dwarfed all other performances but Ann Bath's 319.99 looks to be a new age record to go with Andy Wilkinson's.

There was a long wait in the village hall and outside as the sun shone down and the exhausted riders arrived one by one. Some were much less exhausted than others, to judge by appearances. At least one collapsed whilst another was seen to be walking one so slow step at a time. Doubtless some of the many helpers in the promotion of this gruelling event felt similarly.

Sadly there was to be no prize presentation: the organisers cobbled together sufficient information to ensure that Andy Wilkinson's ride did not go unrecognised but it was to be some days before the final result was calculated.

In spite of this, all credit has to go to Esther Carpenter, whose work on behalf of the VTTA is legendary; imagine taking on such a mammoth task on top of everything else she does. No doubt she would be the first to emphasise the amount of help she was given.

To compensate for the lack of a presentation, the VTTA Champions were provided with a souvenir



Ann Bath



Peter Holland

THE TWENTY FOUR HOUR CHAMPIONSHIP

THE CHAMPIONS

Champion	Andrew Wilkinson	Port Sunlight Wheelers	+ 167.64
Second	David Shepherd	GS Stella	+ 118.74
Third	Andy Payne	GS Stella	+ 91.14
Lady Champion	Ann Bath	Kingston Phoenix RC	+ 5.85
Team Champions	David Shepherd		
	Andy Payne	GS Stella	+285.83
	Ben Fielden		
Fastest	Andrew Wilkinson	Port Sunlight Wheelers	+ 167.64
70-79 Age Group	Horry Hemsley	Lewes Wanderers	- 22.73
60-69 Age Group	Ben Fielden	GS Stella	+ 75.95
50-59 Age Group	David Shepherd	GS Stella	+ 118.74
40-49 Age Group	Andrew Wilkinson	Port Sunlight Wheelers	+ 167.64
Trike	Peter Holland	Lincoln Wheelers	+ 39.29

TWENTY FOUR HOUR CHAMPIONSHIP RESULT

Andrew Wilkinson	Port Sunlight Wheelers	541.17	167.64
David Shepherd	GS Stella	483.93	118.74
Andy Payne	GS Stella	464.67	91.14
Peter Moon	Eastbourne Rovers	443.63	78.44
Mark Sanders	Mid Devon CC	436.78	77.05
Ben Fielden	GS Stella	392.46	75.95
Sean Childs	RNRMCA	462.72	68.97
Chris Martin	Lewes Wanderers	419.55	62.51
Robert Royston	Sydenham Wheelers	396.59	47.53
Peter Holland (Trike)	Lincoln Wheelers	341.83	39.29
Michael Pumphrey	Thornton RC	401.80	39.19
Steve Gooch	Rye & District Wheelers	412.86	33.66
Colin Bezant	CC Basingstoke	403.10	26.74
Robert Watson	North Hampshire RC	391.37	26.18
Peter Baker	Lewes Wanderers	379.99	22.95
Geoff Smith	Eastbourne Rovers	349.62	10.91
Ann Bath	Kingston Phoenix RC	319.99	5.85
Richard Thomas	Eastbourne Rovers	345.47	-3.59
Alec Mayes	Ashford Wheelers	322.45	-3.74
Horry Hemsley	Lewes Wanderers	275.29	-22.73
Chris Parker	Hastings & St Leonards CC	308.11	-43.59
Andrew Nye (Trike)	Ashford Wheelers	279.49	-44.26
Neil Quarmby	Bristol South CC	288.68	-84.85
Caroline Nye (Trike)	Ashford Wheelers	202.01	-102.81

MORE PHOTOGRAPHS FROM THE CHAMPIONSHIP 24
Courtesy Kimroy Photography



Andy Payne



Ben Fielden



David Shepherd



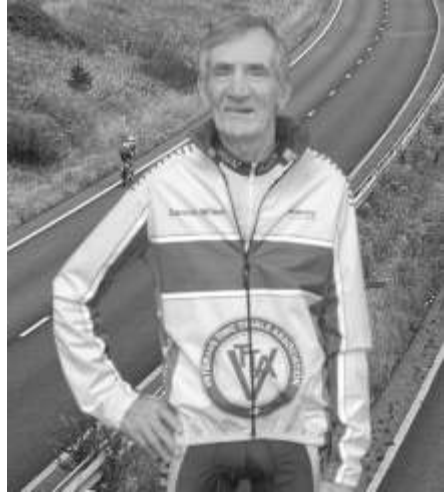
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Ken Usher
Trike Champion at
25 Miles

RESULTS

MANCHESTER & NW 50		2 JULY 2011	J4/16
Nev Ashman	Manchester Velo	2:25:11	+28:39
Ken Hodgins	Stockport Clarion CC	2:18:05	+28:10
Ian Middleton	Audlem CC	2:15:49	+26:48
<i>Fastest</i>			
Charles Taylor	South Pennine RC		1:51:43
Paul Shallicker	coveryourcar.co.uk		1:55:34
Chris Siepen	Wills Wheels CC		1:59:15
<i>Fastest Lady</i>			
Vicky Stinton	Birkenhead North End		2:11:03
MANCHESTER & NW 25		9 JULY 2011	J2/9
Frank Kerry	Lancashire RC	1:05:39	+19:59
Brian Canfield	Stone Wheelers CC	58:25	+19:55
Dave Isherwood	Team Swift	59:56	+15:33
<i>Fastest</i>			
Justin McIlveen	Rhos-on-Sea CC		56:27
Gareth Bowyer	Rhos-on-Sea CC		57:01
Brian Canfield	Stone Wheelers		58:25
<i>Team</i>			
Stone Wheelers	Brian Canfield, Ramon Hill, Alan Roberts		+41:39
<i>Fastest Lady</i>			
Vicky Stinton	Birkenhead North End		1:04:52
MANCHESTER & NW 30		12 JULY 2011	J4/11
Jim Gresty	North Shropshire Wheelers	1:11:45	+24:21
John Leach	East Kilbride RC	1:17:49	+18:17
Peter Middlehurst	Crewe Clarion Wheelers	1:16:46	+17:14
<i>Fastest</i>			
Paul Grindley	Liverpool Century RC		1:07:15
Peter Ware	St Helens CRC		1:07:48
Robin Brennan	Preston CC		1:09:55
<i>Fastest Team of Two</i>			
Crewe Clarion Whs	Peter Middlehurst and Vic Trigger		2:53:08
<i>Fastest Lady</i>			
Sally Cowan	Seamons CC		1:26:20

RESULTS

NORTH LANCS AND LAKES 100		10 JULY 2011	GARSTANG
Mick Black	Cleveleys RC	4:18:22	+93:12
Harry Haseley	North Lincs RC	4:43:43	+81:04
Paul Fleming	Preston Wheelers	4:02:19	+65:14
Gary Brown	Equipe Velo Ecosse	4:02:21	+62:54
Stewart Gregory	Nottingham Clarion	4:09:11	+58:22
John Draper	North Lincs RC	6:18:41	+22:44
<i>Fastest</i>			
Paul Fleming	Preston Wheelers		4:02:19
Garry Brown	Equipe Velo Ecosse		4:02:21
Julian Markham	Preston CC		4:02:42
Richard Bickley	Border City Wheelers		4:04:20
Paul Russell	Cleveleys RC		4:05:11
Stewart Gregory	Nottingham Clarion		4:09:11
LANCASHIRE RC 25 (Replacing cancelled VTTA 25)		24 JULY 2011	
Frank Kerry	Lancashire RC	1:02:49	+22:49
Brian Sunter	Condor RC	59:59	+21:18
Jocky Johnstone	Team Icarus	1:01:17	+20:36
Bill Lloyd	Southport CC	1:03:41	+20:03
Mick Black	Cleveleys RC	59:53	+19:22
Harry Haseley	North Lincs RC	1:04:45	+17:08
<i>Fastest</i>			
Paul Fleming	Preston Wheelers		55:38
Ian Cox	North Lincs RC		55:59
David Turner	Cleveleys RC		56:06
PRESTON WHEELERS/VTTA 50			
Mick Black	Cleveleys RC	2:03:07	+40:43
Harry Haseley	North Lincs RC	2:13:24	+36:35
Peter Leonard	Southport CC	2:04:09	+33:44
Peter Briscoe	North Lincs RC	2:07:50	+27:42
Paul Fleming	Preston Wheelers	1:56:26	+26:53
Roy Flanagan	Rosendale RC	2:05:42	+26:24
<i>Fastest</i>			
Ian Cox	North Lincs RC		1:55:23
Paul Fleming	Preston Wheelers		1:56:26
David Turner	Cleveleys RC		1:56:36

RESULTS

NORTH MIDLANDS 25		18 JUNE 2011	O25/3
Ron Hallam	South Pennine RC	1:03:36	+25:18
George Lascelles	Rutland CC	1:02:33	+19:20
Tony Keyworth	Kiveton Park CC	1:00:52	+18:03
Alan Steward	Team Swift	1:02:07	+17:58
David Robinson	Lindsey Road CC	55:22	+17:54
Neil Howarth	Sheffield Phoenix CC	1:08:22	+17:36
Wayne Fuller	Rotherham Wheelers CC	1:03:04	+17:01
Graham Huck	Doncaster Wheelers CC	1:00:51	+16:54
Andrew Ziemacki	Rotherham Wheelers CC	58:30	+16:25
Graham Rushworth	Team Swift	56:23	+16:23
Mike Weaver	Rotherham Wheelers CC	1:01:36	+16:09
Ian Cammish	Planet X	<i>Fastest</i>	51:27
Tony Nash	Scunthorpe Poly CC		52:17
NORTH MIDLANDS 30		2 JULY 2011	O30/3
Alan West	Kiveton Park CC	1:05:10	+28:50
George Lascelles	Rutland CC	1:13:55	+24:21
Neil Howarth	Sheffield Phoenix CC	1:19:14	+23:32
Tony Keyworth	Kiveton Park CC	1:11:15	+23:27
Graham Huck	Doncaster Wheelers CC	1:10:17	+23:01
Andy Ziemack	Rotherham Wheelers CC	1:07:57	+21:57
Graham Rushworth	Team Swift	1:05:31	+21:55
Brian Wasledge	Conisbrough Ivanhoe	1:29:17	+20:57
Geoff Hague	Rutland CC	1:19:00	+20:44
Alan Jones	Yorkshire RC	1:12:00	:20:37
Rob Townsend	Sheffrec CC (<i>Fastest</i>)	<i>Course Record</i>	1:03:10
ROCKINGHAM CC 25		9 JULY 2011	O25/3
Antony Nash	Scunthorpe Poly		51:19
Alan Cooke	Chesterfield		52:59
Rob Townsend	Sheffrec CC		53:40
Steve Hollowood	Kiveton Park CC		55:29
Graham Rushforth	Team Swift		55:40
Paul Mapletoft	J E James RT		55:40
Alan West	Kiveton Park CC		56:14
Mark Booth	Kiveton Park CC		56:16
Chris Lea	Buxton CC		56:37
John Martin	South Elmsall SCC		57:27
YORKSHIRE CF 100		14 AUGUST 2011	V275
Joel Wainman	Team Swift	<i>Fastest</i>	3:40:46
Neil Howarth	Sheffield Phoenix CC	4:55:45	+85:45
Alan Jones	Yorkshire RC	4:33:17	+70:34
Alan Sides	Rotherham Wheelers CC	5:20:19	+39:08

RESULTS FROM WALES

Ludlow 10 13/05

Gordon Butler	M & D	26:03	+07:31
David Evans	Worcester St Johns	23:45	+04:40
Clive Chappe	Ross-On-Wye	27:24	+03:21
Peter Murrieri	M & D	25:19	+02:40

Bynea 10 (SWSPOCO 5) 28/05

Gordon Butler	M&D	27:54	+05:40 Best Vet
John Sheehan	Bynea CC	26:29	+04:31
David Brice	Bynea CC	24:36	+02:44
Norman James	Ogmore	32:27	+00:19
Les Thomas	Port Talbot	27:27	-00:16

BYNEA 50 - 05/06

Gordon Butler	M & D	2:25:52	+32:54 Best Vet
Cliff Jackson	Pembs Velo	2:09:59	+31:26
John Shehan	Bynea	2:15:52	+29:11
Barry Williams	Cardiff Milers	2:28:48	+27:40
Paul Colman	Pembroke	2:03:30	+24:08
Dave Unsworth	Hereford	2:40:57	+14:12
Les Thomas	Port Talbot	2:19:03	+07:29

Ogmore Valley 10 18/06

Gordon Butler	Hereford	25:50	+7:44 Best Vet
Paul Cannon	Porth	22:28	+7:06
Barry Williams	Cardiff Milers	26:18	+7:00
John Shehan	Bynea	24:53	+6:07
David Evans	Worcester St Johns	23:24	+5:01
Paul Colman	Pembs Velo	23:08	+4:25
David Brice	Bynea CC	23:12	+4:08
Peter Murrieri	M & D	24:48	+3:11
John Evans	Bynea	28:15	+0:38

WELSH CA (Group Champs) 12 Hour 03/07

Clifford Jackson	Pembs Velo	257.831	+20:38 Group Champion
Paul Colman	Pembs Velo	267.913	+35:31 Welsh Champion
Les Thomas	Port Talbot	231.355	+16:48
Dennis Beard	Ross-on-Wye	168.779	+56:10

Cardiff 100 Miles RCC 25 09/07

Gordon Butler	Hereford	1:02:06	+23:32 Best Vet
Paul Cannon	Porth	0:54:10	+21:53
Clifford Jackson	Pembs Velo	0:56:03	+21:42
Stuart Evans	Port Talbot	0:57:24	+22:06
Paul Durrant	Pontypool	0:58:07	+21:58
Hugh Davies	Port Talbot	0:58:21	+21:09

RESULTS FROM WALES (continued)

Cardiff 100 Miles RCC 25 09/07 (continued)

John Shehan	Bynea	0:59:02	+20:28
Paul Colman	Pembs Velo	0:55:20	+15:47
David Evans	Worcester St Johns	0:56:58	+16:18
Jeff Adams	Pontypool	1:01:12	+17:43
David Brice	Bynea	0:56:57	+13:38
Ken Squibb	Cardiff Ajax	1:10:25	+15:13
Jeff Chambers	Bynea	1:14:15	+08:15
Owen Pocock	CC Blaenau Gwent	1:20:36	+05:41

Ross 10 16/07

Paul Durrant	Pontypool	23:24	+07:51 Best Vet
Stuart Evans	Port Talbot	23:36	+07:24
Paul Cannon	Porth	22:49	+06:45
John Shehan	Bynea	25:12	+05:48
David Evans	Worcester St Johns	23:01	+05:24
Dennis Beard	Ross-on-Wye	30:03	+04:52
Clive Chappe	Ross-on-Wye	27:11	+03:34
Peter Murrieri	M & D	25:25	+02:34

Ross 25 17/07

Barry Williams	Cardiff Milers	01:06:01	+19:37 Best Vet
Gordon Butler	Hereford	01:08:00	+17:38
Clifford Jackson	Pembs Velo	01:00:13	+17:32
Paul Durrant	Pontypool	01:02:51	+17:14
John Shehan	Bynea	01:04:48	+14:42
David Evans	Worcester St Johns	01:02:13	+11:03
Clive Chappe	Ross-on-Wye	01:11:36	+07:19
Peter Murrieri	M & D	01:06:29	+05:42

PTW 10 19/07

Barry Williams	Cardiff 100 milers	24:53	+08:41
John Pritchard	Port Talbot	22:03	+08:27
Stuart Evans	Port Talbot	22:47	+08:13
Paul Cannon	Porth	21:46	+07:48
John Shehan	Bynea	23:47	+07:13
David Evans	Worcester St Johns	23:12	+05:13
Paul Coleman	Pembs Velo	22:33	+05:00
Jeff Griffiths	Port Talbot	25:55	+04:50
Clive Chappe	Ross on Wye	26:07	+04:38
Dave Brice	Bynea	22:47	+04:33
Peter Murrieri	M & D	24:19	+03:40
Les Thomas	Port Talbot	24:40	+02:40
David Triggs	Port Talbot	29:15	+02:30

RESULTS FROM WALES (continued)

PTW 10 19/07 (continued)

John Evans	Bynea	26:58	+01:54
Colin Speakman	Port Talbot	32:17	+00:45
Nicholas Forbes	Bynea	25:17	+00:13
John Williams	Port Talbot	31:08	-00:23

WWCL 20 (SPOCO 7) & District Championship 24/07

Gordon Butler	Hereford	56:44	+10:24	1st vet std/ 2nd Vet C/D
John Shehan	Bynea	53:58	+08:02	1st Vet C/D
Paul Colman	Pembs	49:21	+05:45	1st Vet B
Bob Jones	Cardiff Milers	59:24	-00:16	

WELSH CA (Group Champs) 100 31/07

Paul Durrant	Pontypool	4:25:17	+31:29
John Shehan	Bynea CC	4:23:52	+30:18
Clifford Jackson	Pembs Velo	4:17:13	+29:10
Paul Colman	Pembs Velo	3:59:32	+17:17
Jeff Adams	Pontypool	4:37:52	+13:42
Peter Murrieri	M & D	4:40:03	+41:32



George Dawson - Trike Champion at 10 Miles

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ON REVIEW OF THE STANDARDS SYSTEM

UPDATE REPORT NO. 3 – SEPTEMBER 2011

The motion passed at the 2011 AGM that gave rise to the Review of Standards stated *'that the NEC forms a sub-committee to review the Standards System with the object of bringing it in line with present day performances and report back to the 2012 AGM with at least one viable proposal.'*

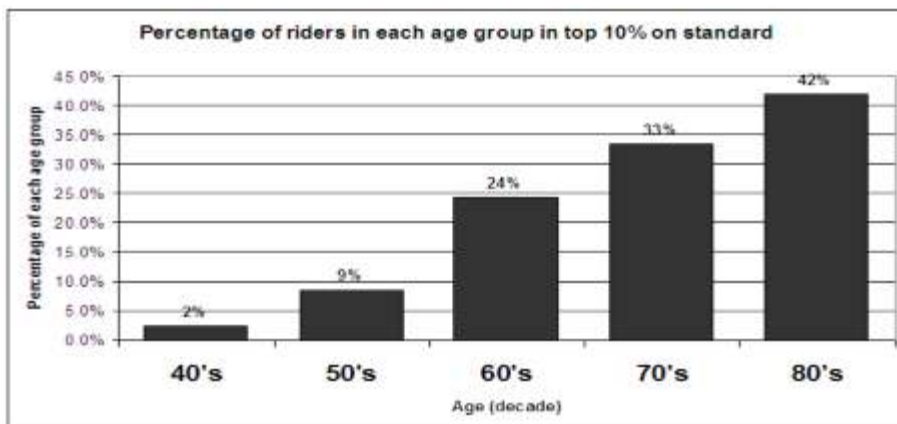
The key phrase here is *'with the object of bringing it in line with present day performances'*. As explained in the previous two reports in the Veteran, we have compiled a database of 26,500 individual results drawn from the last 3 years across all distances and durations of events. This has enabled us to make a detailed comparison between what the current standards predict in terms of age decline and what we now actually see in terms of recent performances. The aim of the Working Party is, in essence, to develop new standard tables that reflect as accurately as possible the actual age decline in recent performances as determined from the evidence of the database. What this means in practice is that the new standard, while similar in operation to the existing standard, would be **fair** to all VTTA members, because it is **unbiased** in terms of rider age.

That the current standards have resulted in an age bias in current results can be clearly demonstrated. Here are two striking examples:

For a 40 year old male to have won this year's VTTA National 10 they would have needed a plus of 10:52. That means an actual time of **14:38**.

To win the 2010 VTTA National 25, a 40 year old woman would have needed an actual time of **42:08**.

However, the problem is more fundamental than these individual examples. Because the standards have increasingly failed to reflect the trends in actual performances, there is now a very significant and demonstrable bias in the ability of different age bands to compete equally for positions on standard. This is shown in the following graph which analyses all the event results we have in the database.



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What the evidence of recent performances shows is that only 2% of riders in their 40s and 9% of riders in their 50s are placed in the top 10% on standard, compared to around 24% in their 60s, 33% in their 70s, and 42% in their 80s. This is what we mean by bias.

It is evident therefore that the situation we have reached today is not fair to all our members, deters potential new younger members, undermines the credibility of the VTTA's standards system, and does not satisfy what was its original spirit and purpose. We need a fairer system that reflects contemporary performances as the AGM motion required. So what can and must be done about this?

Firstly our goal in producing a new standard must be to minimise any inherent age bias in the way it operates so that all VTTA members are competing on a 'level playing field'. This removal of bias must apply not only between age groups, but also between women and men, and trikes and bikes. In consequence tandem competitions will be fairer too.

Secondly, the Working Party has established that it is quite feasible to develop more sophisticated and accurate calculations for standard tables than the ones that were estimated many years ago for the existing tables. These calculations can be derived mathematically from the actual age trends we see in the recent performances in the database. Moreover these calculations can be reviewed at regular times in the future and in the light of new results so that adjustments can be made if necessary.

Thirdly, we can apply a new standard to the results we have in the database and see the effect it has on the age and gender distribution of results on standard. So we can actually test for and demonstrate the fairness of a new standard. In terms of the chart above a fairer standard would show a much more even distribution of top placings by age group.

The Working Party has, after several iterations, produced a standard that does result in a much more even distribution of results across age ranges and between men and women and bikes and trikes. We have also applied this new standard to a number of recent VTTA championship results. What this showed was that the top 20 finishers were not hugely different but now included more younger men and women. This is exactly the result that one would anticipate under a fairer system.

The Working Party therefore believes it now has a viable and credible set of proposals and these were presented to the NEC on 10th September. Following the presentation, the NEC agreed to hold a special meeting on 26th November where the Working Party can explain their analysis and recommendations in detail. For example, it has not been possible to discuss in this short article the impact of a new standard on personal standard claims (which we see continuing to operate very much as now but using new tables) and the implications for the BAR competitions. We very much look forward to the opportunity to present our work and to gather feedback from representatives of the Groups. The meeting in November will then enable the NEC to formulate and present a recommended motion on a new standards system to the AGM in January 2012.

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BILL MOORE : 1937 – 2011

Sadly on Monday 20th of June, Bill Moore of Fullarton Wheelers passed away in the Ayrshire Hospice after several years of illness. Bill rode many events around Scotland and was a regular at the Bute APR Vets series, Falkirk road events and many TLI events. He will be remembered for never giving up and being a rider that always gave 100 % and respected other riders. Bill had also been a member of Paisley Road Club and Johnstone Wheelers. He had been Club Chairman of Fullarton Wheelers for the past few years and had given much support to guide the club forward.

Bill started racing again in the early nineties. After spending some time working abroad, he got stuck in straight away by riding the Vets Series and moved on to ride with the Scottish Vets Team in the Tour of Mallorca several times. Bill was an active and forward thinking rider, always willing to try anything new to improve himself, he was always willing to mentor and pass on any help he could to younger members of the club.

Bill's funeral took place at Dregghom Crematorium, Dregghorn, Irvine, and was attended by approximately 70 people, including a lot of riders from many Scottish clubs. Fullarton Wheelers riders all wore club tops in remembrance of Bill, a donation at the end was taken for the Ayrshire Hospice.

He is survived by his Wife Moira, Son, Daughter and Grandchildren. He will be missed by all.

RIP Bill.

Steve Nuttley

SYDNEY THOMAS MARKS

My earliest recollection of Syd goes back to 1950 when he was in his teens and a new member of the Severn Road Club. He rode with us to Blandford Airfield to watch the NCU Massed Start Championship. This may have sown the seeds for his future interest and participation, with considerable success in Time Trialling, Track and Road Racing.

Starting in 1950 with a modest 1-9-31 for his first 25. His years of glory came in the 1950s and early 60s. Syd was a winner in all aspects of the sport, from track handicaps to 12 hour time trials; including winning the gruelling Cardiff Mountain Time Trial five times.

He also held many club records and is still the holder of the Club Bristol/Gloucester and back record, which he set up in 1956. Several times he was Club Champion and in 1954 he was the winner of the Western Division Best All Rounder Trophy.

Success in road racing gave Syd the Western Division BLRC Championship on two occasions in 1955 and 1958. Syd also took part in stage races, winning a WSM two day event. On another occasion he took part in the London/Holyhead event and I remember him saying, "If you needed a comfort stop you would not see the bunch again."

Since retiring from competitive cycling Syd turned his attention to serving cycling and his club in other ways. For eighteen years he was Chairman and later became President. As Social Secretary for twenty-two years he organised the annual presentation of prizes and trophies. Syd organised many Severn Road Club 50s and ran the road race eight times.

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In the seventies Syd introduced what has now become the very popular evening 10s. These events regularly attract up to 60 riders. As a way of accommodating so many entrants, on one occasion he decided to time at half minute intervals instead of minutes, causing considerable confusion.

Syd became an official timekeeper and Handicapper and was also treasurer of the Western Time Trials Association for eight years, going on to promoting its open 100 and 25 mile events on several occasions.

With such a fine record of racing and administrative input and his outstanding contribution to the sport of cycling, Syd was awarded the Widman Trophy in 1982.

Sydney Thomas Marks should justly have been acclaimed to have been a Cycling All Rounder in the truest possible sense.

Gordon Lee (President of Severn Road Club)

ROBERT (BOB) O'DELL

19th January 1923 to 22nd June 2011



Bob joined the Luton Wheelers in 1946 after war service in the RAF; he had always had an interest in cycling, having been a butcher's delivery boy in his hometown of Bletchley before the war. On his return he continued in

this trade, becoming a fully qualified butcher.

He had been a member of the Luton Wheelers for 65 years and was a made a life member some years ago: in recent years he had become a member of the North Bucks RC, the club near to his home in Newton Longville. He was also a 2nd claim member of the North Road CC.

He had a passion for long distance racing and rode the North Road CC 24 hour event 33 times more than anybody else; he came third twice and fourth on four occasions.

His proudest moment in his long racing career was in 1976 when as a member of the Luton Wheelers winning team in the RTTC National 24hour championship, at that time being the oldest person to have won an RTTC championship medal. It was in 1957 that he covered his best distance with 447.057 miles, no mere feat in those long forgotten days of racing on steel frame bikes with any aero bits to assist.

Bob was not a fast racing man but once he had got into his steady rhythm in the long distance events, he would often pass riders who had overtaken him in the first 100 miles or so and ending up with a higher mileage.

In his racing days he always had a two week touring holiday in the UK or on the continent in preparation for the forth coming 24 hour event; it was his way of getting fit.

He had been a person who put back into the sport as much as he had taken out and for many years in the 1970s had promoted events for the Northants & District CA, also the Luton Wheelers 25 on the F1 up to about 10 years ago.

On retirement in 1988 he became an RTTC timekeeper and joined the local group of the 40 plus cycling club joining them on most

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weeks for a ride and a lunch and taking holidays to Majorca taking his bike with many of his local cycling friends.

The passing of Bob is the end of an era and this was shown at his cremation at Milton Keynes when there were over 150 people present to say good bye to a dear friend.

Peter Tasker
*(From the reading by Gordon Hart
at the funeral service)*

DAVID ALLBUTT

Born: 17th August 1948, died: 19th May 2011.

Dave Allbutt died whilst out on his bike on the afternoon of Thursday 19th May. Dave was in collision with a motor car. Exact details of what occurred are presently unknown, although more may be revealed as a result of an inquest which will be held in the forthcoming weeks.

Dave was born in Chesterton, Newcastle under Lyme, and joined the local CTC when he was twelve. He then became a member of Stone Wheelers and remained with them for many years.

Following his marriage to Sheila, they moved to the Crewe area, and Dave joined Crewe Clarion Wheelers. He remained with Crewe Clarion for the remainder of his cycling career apart from a short spell when he returned to Stone Wheelers.

Dave raced in time trials, road racing and on the track. He recorded sub-hour rides in 25 mile time trials, as well as commendable times for 50 miles, 100 miles and 12 Hour races, usually on the unforgiving 'J' and 'D' courses of the Manchester and Liverpool districts of the RTTC. He was the 'pilot' of the tandem crew which set the current Crewe Clarion and the current National Clarion record of 255.66 miles

in a 12 Hour race in 1985. He was also the Crewe Clarion BAR Champion in 2004.

He put a great deal back into the sport by organising races, assisting with timekeeping and encouraging youngsters and the not-so-young beginners to race and improve their riding generally.

He had recently retired from work as Estates Manager for the NHS Trust in South Cheshire and was looking forward to a long and well-deserved retirement both cycling and on his newly acquired motor bikes.

He was a much valued member of Crewe Clarion and was also a staunch supporter of the National Clarion Cycling Club. His ready humour and infectious laugh will be sorely missed by the many who knew him and counted him amongst their friends. There was standing room only at his funeral which was attended by almost three hundred mourners.

He is survived by his wife Sheila and his daughters Martha and Amelia.

KARL AUSTIN

Karl Austin was tragically killed when hit from behind by an HGV whilst competing in a South Pennine CC club 10, on the evening of June 30th 2011. He was 47.

The news of Karl's death was one of those moments which none of us in the club cycling community will ever forget. We will always remember where we were and what we were doing when we heard it.

Born in Kent, Karl moved to Congleton with his family when he was four and it was not long before he started cycling. He joined Congleton Cycling club at the age of 11, in 1975. When he was 15 he cycled to Devon and back and he always took the bike on holiday He rode his

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first time trial (a 10) in 1976 and has never missed a season since. His race record has been analysed by his dad Keith. The analysis tells a story about Karl's love of the sport. In 35 years of racing Karl had ridden over 1500 time trials, totalling nearly 61,000 racing miles. He had ridden 533 10s, 534 25s, 224 50s, 120 100s, 39 12s and 18 24s. His personal bests were 22:07, 54:34, 1:11:03(30), 1:55:09, 3:59:09, 256.72 Miles and 453.5 Miles. In all those miles he never had an accident!

Karl was a fixed wheel enthusiast and many of his best TT performances came when riding a big gear on fixed. Gears of over 100" were Karl's forte.

He has always supported M&DTTA events and won the 12 hour and the BAR in 1995. Congleton teams won the M&D BAR in four of the last five years, and also were third in the BBAR last year. Karl was an integral part of all those teams. He was always a high finisher in the Mersey Roads 24 hour and won it in 1999. He also won 24 hour championship team medals with Congleton in 2000 and 2008

All these statistics come nowhere near describing the true worth of Karl. He was a role model to younger and older riders alike. Karl was the very heart of Congleton Cycling Club. He was a friend to us all. There will not be a time trial enthusiast within 100 miles of here who has not been touched in some way by Karl's friendliness and generosity of spirit. He was a gentleman and a gentle man.

He leaves a wife Linda and two children, Simon and Katie. We must not forget his parents Joyce and Keith either. Please say a prayer for them all.

*Bob Norton
Congleton Cycling Club*

RAY LEGG : 1945 - 2011

Ray Legg passed away in Addenbrookes Hospital on Tuesday 23rd August after suffering a massive stroke sometime during the previous week-end. He was due to help Peter Horsnell in the Eastern Counties CA 12 on Sunday 21st August but never arrived. He was found by his wife and daughter later that day, they having been away for the week-end. He was rushed to Addenbrookes where he was put on life support but there being little hope of recovery the machine was switched off on Monday morning.

Ray was a popular man at many East Anglian time trials; he knew almost everyone and almost everyone knew Ray. His knowledge of cycling and cyclists was encyclopaedic, gained over many years.

He was a member of West Suffolk Wheelers for several decades with a short period in the CC Breckland. Never a fast man, he enjoyed his cycling and would ride many miles, up to 12 - 15 thousand per year, albeit at about 14mph. His greatest recent delight was achieving his VTTA standard at 12 hours after some dozen years of trying. He won the West Suffolk 12 hour shield on numerous occasions.

His early cycling was with the Sorian RC until moving from the London area to Suffolk.

Ray will be greatly missed by all who knew him and will probably be driving everyone crazy in the Cyclists' Valhalla with a long diatribe about the 1981 12 hour Championship.

His funeral took place on Monday the 5th of September at Risby Crematorium, Bury St Edmunds.

Farewell mate!

Ron Back

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TRIBUTE TO A LEGEND

RON SPENCER : 1941 - 2011

Born in St Helens, Lancashire

The roads and lanes of Warrington and Cheshire will be a lot quieter following the death of Ron, a household name in the town.

The sudden death of a talented cyclist and successful cycle shop owner was a severe blow to everyone who knew him; a friend to all and I never knew him to fall out with anyone.

He started work at BME Burtonwood in 1956 when he was 15 years old as an apprentice engineer, then to the Ford Motor Company at Halewood and was one of a team who had to get the production line going if there was a break down.

He won a Rally Mexico car while he worked there for a suggestion he made to save steel on one of the side door panels on a production model.

When he left Ford in 1978 he opened Ron Spencer Cycle Shop which he built up from nothing to a very successful business.

Ron joined the Warrington Road Club in 1955 and won the M&DTTA Wagstaff Award for

best first-year rider in 1958. He also won the Manchester BAR in 1963 and 1973.

He won the National 12 hour Championship in 1963 with 267 miles, losing first place in the BAR, by 0.017 mph to Peter Hill of the Askern CC. He also raced in the Tour of Holland in 1965 for the Great Britain Team.

Ron had been President of the Warrington Road Club for the last three years, succeeding John Helms.

His sons Paul and Chris and daughter Suzy remember him like this as their Dad lived and breathed for cycling. His passion for the sport, competing and running his business, gave him the drive to achieve all that he did with his life. There was not a day that went by when he wasn't riding or associated with bikes in some way. He made many friends over the years and was well respected in the close-knit family of cycling and they are extremely proud of him and all his achievements.

Ron Spencer died on 7 July 2011 and his funeral was well attended by 250; family, cycling mates and friends.

*Stan Jones
Life member of
Warrington Road Club*

READY FOR A N CHANGE?

Dear Jim

As a member of the VTTA for over 37 years, I'm pleased to note that you are looking at the Standard situation; however, I feel at the same time we should our name to **Masters CTT**

All other sports have Masters which covers men and women. Three years ago I wrote to our Association requesting a change of name but to no avail.

Over the years, I have talked to lots of people about our sport and when I tell them I am a member of the *Vets* they usually say "So you race against old men?"

Well, I race every week and the start sheets are always 80% full of over 40s and 50% are not members so I feel the Committee has to take some action.

I've also noticed that attendance at the Annual Luncheons is falling.

I have enjoyed all my years racing as a Vet and I'd like to see the Association grow once again.

Best wishes

Jack Brown

THE SOCIAL SEASON

Dear Jim

In a few months' time, the Groups will be



holding their Annual Luncheons. The venues will be varied; village halls, golf clubs and hotels will be picked out and echoing to the d of cross-toasting, es, raffles and, above all, tion (much, oh so much of it subject of the prostate).

ly be contradicted but I
t many club dinners will
A Group lunch for

conviviality. Although it is possible that no more than about half of the membership attends these functions, they are very special and those absentees don't know what they are missing.

A feature of the affairs is the recruitment (if that's the right word) of a *Guest of Honour*. It's not always easy to find a candidate although there is a web site where one can choose from a large number of famous sportsmen and women, including cyclists. Of course they come at a cost and so impecunious time triallists are not likely to choose someone from that source.

Instead we look to a famous time triallist from the past or even the present. Or maybe a well-known official. Sometimes it might be the local Mayor.

There's a message here to the organisers of the Luncheons. It might be part of a Mayor's job to attend such functions but the others, whilst grateful for a free meal and the chance to meet old friends and to make new ones, might well be in attendance at a cost to themselves - and on occasion quite a considerable amount - an offer of recompense might not go amiss, it certainly won't be asked for.

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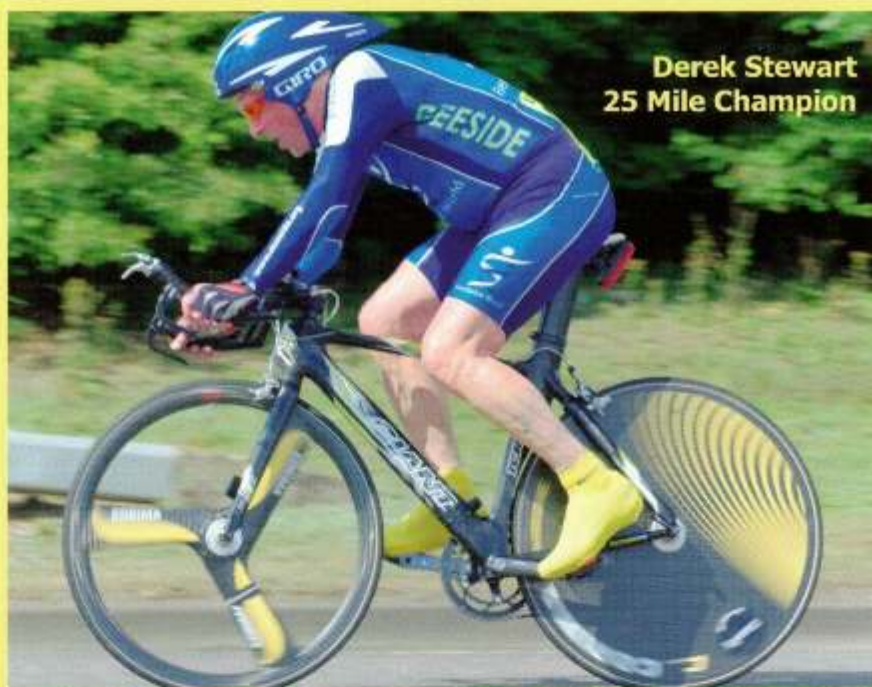
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