THE PEDALLER
Yeovil Cycling Club July 2003

Top team

Congratulations to Steve Pym, John Clemit and Dave Walters for winning the Team prize in this year's John Andrews Memorial Road Race, (is this the first time we have ever won it?).

The 88 mile race was a close fought affair with the whole bunch staying together for nearly four laps. Small breaks were constantly chased down with the Yeovil riders always keeping a vigilant eye on what was happening. A small group of riders managed to get away on the fourth lap, the six worked well together but gradually fragmented leaving Karl Hine to go it alone on the last lap. Warren King gave chase and was just 10 seconds down at the line with four more riders just 20 seconds behind. The main bunch was still working hard but never got it together enough to close the minute gap to the leader. The placings from seventh down were decided by a bunch sprint with the Yeovil team finishing 10, 12 and 13.

The finish line crowd did cheer when they saw two Yeovil riders clear of the main field but it proved to be Stuart and Nick trying to get back to the finish after marshalling, they had managed to stay ahead of the pack through the back lanes of



Bridgehampton and out onto the Yeovilton road, but with the field all lining up for the finishing charge the pace was quick, but they nearly made it!

Commiserations to the fourth Yeovil rider, Gary Swain, who unshipped his chain during the neutralised section and then spent two laps valiantly trying to reconnect to the peleton. Better luck next time Gary.

A big thank you to all of the team of helpers too, to the marshals, drivers, judges and especially to Ivy for singlehandedly preparing all the refreshments.



A BUSY WEEKEND ON THE U30

The Yeovil CC Open 25 was preceded this year by the First Chard Wheelers 10 on Saturday evening. Some riders chose to do both events, and not just the locals, Ray Hughes, scratch man for both events, came down from Wales in a camper van just for the two events.

The Chard event looked like being a beautiful still night but as is so often the case on the U30 the conditions at the HQ never seem to be the same as on the course. Never the less a excellent ride from Peter Kench and Dave Pitman saw them both improve their current pbs, with Peter snatching first place from Ray Hughes whilst Dave finished third.

The Yeovil event on Sunday morning was greeted with clear blue skies and no wind, (*well that is what it seemed like until you got out on the course – or was that just me. Ed*).

Ray Hughes won the 25, turning the tables on Peter and finishing nearly two minutes up on him.

Ray Hughes	53.06.
D Dent	54:30
Peter Kench	55:02.

Best of the Yeovil contingent was James Hector (59:43) followed by Jon Sharp (1:00:04), Nick Young did a pb (1:01:50) to finish just ahead of Hugo Baldacchino (1:02:18) and Rod Bowditch (1:03:00) as for Gary Swain and myself the less said the better (perhaps riding on Saturday evening was not such a good idea!)

Somerset Road Club took the team prize, with Dean Ward the Junior prize, L Forbes the Womens and Michael Lawrence the vets standard.

Thank you to Stuart Wroot and his team of helpers and to TriUk who provided a supply of Gatorade energy drink, and a large insulated container to hold it, which they have donated to the Club.

Club Clothing

We are now fairly well stocked with club clothing. I will have one of everything, in each size, in the car every week at the Evening TTs and Merryfield.

David Notley (Red Honda).

Wax or oil?

No, we are not back onto the perennial problem of how to remove the hair from your legs, we are talking chain lube. There seem to be an ever greater diversity of products and equipment on the market today and a lack of unbiased opinions as to how good they really are. Have you used a product that you would recommend, or one that you would never use again? How about sharing that information with the rest of the Club, or a much wider audience (judging by the number of hits on our website). If there is sufficient interest then we'll start a Tech page, so drop an e-mail to yeovilcc@macunlimited.net and lets here what's good or not.

Evening Time Trials

For those of you that have lost the January Newsletter here is the rest of the schedule for 2003. * Please note that the last two events are for Yeovil CC members only and that rear lights will be compulsory if it looks at all overcast.

The Club Handicap will take place on 17 July, anyone can ride the event but only those that qualify will be eligible for the Handicap trophy. You need to have ridden five of this years evening 10s, or four and your best time from last year will be used as the fifth counting time, there is no entry form, just turn up and ride.!

There is now a link on the home page of the website that will take you directly to the Evening TT Results section. As well as the links to download the results there is a pair of tables displaying the times for all the Yeovil riders. It would be nice to know a few more Pbs. The page also has all the Club records on it, including the place-to-place records, have a browse next time you are online.

Date	*Dist.*	*Headquarters*	*Start*
July			
10	25	Podimore	19:30
17	10	Club H'cap, Podi'	19:30
24	25	Podimore	19:00
31	10	Podimore	19:00
August			
07	10	Podimore	19:00
14	10	Podimore	19:00
21	10	Podimore	18:45
28	10	Podimore*	18:45
September			
04	10	Podimore*	18:45
October			
12-Oct-03		HC, High Ham	10:30

Notice of AGM and Date Fixing Meeting.

Following the changes in the Club Rules just for this year we have two AGMs. The first of the new calendar year will be held on Monday 8 September at the Sports Club, starting at 8pm. It will incorporate the Date Fixing Meeting. This is your Club, come along and let the Committee know what you want, more races, less races, more social events, higher subs and cheaper clothing, even if it is just to say you like the status quo it is the one opportunity we have each year to discuss these things and plan for the future.

Ilton Bank Holiday Races

Brian Pearse is organising a pair of races at Ilton on Bank Holiday Monday, 25 August, on behalf of the Club. There is nothing else on in the Division that weekend so we are hopeful that it may prove a popular event. Full details are not available as I type this but it is hoped to have separate events for 3 & 4 cat riders, possibly with a supporting Junior event organised by Walter Rixon. More info on the website soon.

Divisional Champions

Congratulations to Dave Walters (34WJ) and Brian Pearse (V) new South West Divisional Circuit Champions. They both gained their titles at the Team Tor 2000 Integrale Series at Ilton. Terry white took third in the vets category too.
Greg Sandy won the E12 category.

TVCRA 4-up Team Time Trial

Not only did Chris Absolom organise yet another excellent four-up team time trial but he managed to scrape into the winning team too! Congratulations to him and his teams, both of helpers and riders.
The Wincanton Sparkford course is a little more challenging than the flat Podimore circuit but never the less 22 teams pre entered, although following the tragic circumstances of Bill Shorts death none of the Gillingham teams rode.
The prizes giving was preceded by a minutes silence in memory of Bill.
Thanks to Scorpion Cycle Services who supported the event by providing the prizes.

1 Yeovil CC 45:21
Chris Absolom, Mike Loader, John Clemit, Jon Sharp

2 Somerset RC 45:56
John Wynn, Dave Bentley, Andy Winterbottom, Tom Cox

3 Somerset RC 47:35
Tim Reeves, Kevin Sayles, Martin Pearse, Leigh Pinchen

4 VC Camelot 49:01
Andy Millward, Dave Pitman, Matt Law, Neil Moore

5 1st Chard 50:00
Rex Facey, Dave Moran, Andy Lawrence, B Ellis

6 Cheddar 51:19
Kit Stones, Richard Coleman, Jon Rawlings, Mark Dunstone

7 Yeovil CC 51:23
Chris Fendt, James Hector, Stuart Wroot, Dave Walters

8 Tor 2000 51:58
Tony Lester, Richard Smith, Mark Usher, Paul Vincent

9 Somerset RC 52:40
Greg Venn, Derek Henson, Richard Hill, Andy Pinchen

10 Tor 2000 53:45
Andy Crocker, Steve Noyce, Tom Raven, Lawrence McLeod

11 Yeovil CC 55:41
Gary Swain,Nick Young, Phil Collinson, David Notley

12 Somerset RC 57:03
Roger Penn, Spencer Davies, Nick Mace, Dom Callagher

13 Bridgwater CC 57:22
Roger Bennett, Darren Avery, Alan Windridge, Nigel Salter

14 Tor 2000 59:31
Vince Simmonds, Phil Daykin, Nick Junker, Roy Strong

15 Tor 2000 60:10
Dave Bryan, Gary McConnell, Jesse Spence

16 Tor 2000 62:36
Louise Burton, Sally Shirley, Greta Junker, Anna Ellington

17 Yeovil CC+ 63:04
Mark Askill, Colin Williams, Neil Hunter, Dave Clarke

18 Tor 2000 74:10
Mike Ellington, Jon Daykin, Nick Perris, Max Perris

But who was it managed to puncture just to ensure he was at the head of the queue for the food...



OFF COURSE

Update: The proposed Giants Head course had to be inspected by an officer from the Wessex division, as it falls within their boundary. He failed to approve the course, citing a number of safety hazards, (all of which we felt could be easily managed), however our Division Secretary (who had previously declared the course suitable) was not prepared to argue the case for us.

After careful consideration the Committee decided the best course of action was to abandon the new course and to run the John Andrews Memorial Road Race on the usual circuit. T then seek approval for a short circuit (5 miles) based around Langport and Somerton, and to look for an alternative longer course.

Any suggestions for a new route would be very welcome, ideally 10 to 15 miles, on quiet well surfaced roads within easy reach of Yeovil. Safe left turns, a clear uphill finish and no potential hazards such as car boot sales or riding stables and a good HQ too, can this be too much to ask?

April

Matters Arising. Expenses for First Aid purchases: MA has stated that he did not require any further expenses. Signing of Road Race Courses: Kevin Mahon stated that the advance signing of RR courses is not mandatory. However, Eddie Mclean believes that it is a good idea.
General Secretary Report The letter received from Team Endura-Sport inviting Yeovil CC to join their supporters club was discussed. It was felt that full club membership was excessive at £150 pounds as it would equate to £3 pounds per member. The committee felt that a donation of £50 to the running of the team would be more appropriate.
Treasurer Report Paid out: £20.00 for club affiliation to TVCRA; £663.58 to Pro-Vision for the additional 75th Anniversary tops. £214.00 received in membership subs.
Time Trial Secretary Report The first two evening TT had been particularly well supported with 26 and 23 riders respectively. Also, lots of non-YCC riders have been taking part. It was noted that it is important that a parental consent form is completed for all junior/juvenile riders before they are allowed to compete. DN reported that 117 riders had taken part in the Spring 10 Open TT held on Saturday 12th April. He stated that the new event HQ based at Nuffield Sports Centre - Yeovilton was a real success and that he is going to write a letter of thanks to the Base Commander in which he will enquire about future use. The catering was also particularly well received with all cakes being sold and a profit in the region of £50 pounds being made. The CTT district representatives have also stated how happy they were with the promotion of the event. DN also stated that it might be necessary to delay the start until 3:00 PM for future promotions to avoid traffic count problems.
Road Race Secretary Report The Ham Hill and Pittards RRs had been well supported and that the club was well represented in these races. 4 lead cars were used for the races, however first aid was limited to a single vehicle. The Pittards entry forms have been lost which is a cause for concern, it is believed that they may be with Raymond Pollard but as yet KM had not been able to contact to verify. KM indicated that he has tasked Eddie Mclean to look into the matter. A complaint has been received from Richard Easton on the 7th April about the placings for the Ham Hill race. He claims to have finished in 11th place and was raising issue with the fact that only the first 10 riders were placed despite points being available down to 15th place. KM and GM to review the video from the Ham Hill finish line and respond to the complaint received. In presenting the preliminary accounts it transpired that KM has purchased a number of course signs at a cost of £70. This caused consternation to several members of the committee for two reasons. Firstly because KM had reported that the cost would be £30 at the last meeting, and secondly, and most importantly because no quote had been obtained prior to the purchase, which is in blatant disregard of the club rules. KM stated that he would cover the purchase out of his own pocket if the club felt they could not authorise the purchase.
A question was raised as to whether or not it is appropriate to award team prizes for the RR given the problems experienced in placing riders. A decision was taken to review this following the John Andrews promotion.
KM and ML reported that they would be jointly carrying out a risk assessment for the new RR course shortly. A question was raised about the validity of the insurance for the Piddletrenthide Junior School headquarters for the John Andrews promotion. KM was instructed to talk the Piddle Valley First School in Piddletrenthide about insurance.
Membership Secretary Report 44 members have paid their subscription for this year. He also reported that 4 new members had joined.
Runs Secretary Report No report. In his absence it was noted that the length of the runs had been longer than usual recently. A discussion about the standard of riding followed from which it was deemed that it might be necessary to produce a Run Etiquette that could be used to document ground rules for runs. It was felt that this would be useful for new and existing members.
Records Secretary Report Nothing to report.
TVCRA Representative Report Merryfield RR training rides had been running for 2 weeks now and that they had particularly well supported with approximately 30 and 50 riders respectively.
Press Secretary Report An article had been

published in the paper this week. He also noted that they had reported the wrong start time (2:00 pm instead of 2:30 pm) for the 10.

Newsletter Editor Report Next newsletter is due to be published shortly. KM requested that DN include a big thank you to everyone who was involved in helping with races.

Any Other Business DN reported that he had purchased further catering equipment that was used in the Spring 10. These items will be logged in the Spring10 accounts.

A question was raised as to whether or not the new RR course would be too hard for the Pittards/Ham Hill promotions. The decision was taken to re-assess after the John Andrews promotion.

GM indicated that Yeovil Hospice had contacted him about the possibility of organising/taking part in sponsored rides. It was felt that this is something that could be considered for next year.

GM reported that there had been another Yeovil Sports Forum meeting.

A question was raised about the need for additional race numbers for use in RR/TT promotions. CA was tasked with enquiring about what the TVCRA would be using for forthcoming promotions.

May

Matter arising KM reported that Raymond Pollard had taken the Pittards Entry forms with him at the end of the road race, these have now been returned to KM. Prize money has been posted to the riders who left before the presentation of prizes for the Pittards.

Placing the 11th Rider from the Ham Hill, KM stated that he has not had a chance to do this yet, he is arranging to get the video.

General Secretary Report The general secretary was tasked with responding to the invitation from Yeovil Sports Forum to run a junior taster session or competition in September. It was suggested that details of the Tuesday evening coaching events be provided and if she is willing an address for Anna Ellington.

Treasurer Report Received: £89.00 for club clothing. £128.92 profit from the Spring 10. £5.00 in membership subscriptions. £16.20 paid out for newsletter printing.

Time Trial Secretary Report There have been five successful evenings so far, with an average of approximately 22 riders taking part. It was noted how well the course is now being signed and how it is difficult for motorists to enter the course without being aware of a race being in progress. DN reported on the accounts for the Open 10.

Road Race Secretary Report Reported on the accounts for the Ham Hill and Pittards RRs. A race report had been received from Ray Hopkins indicating that the events had been run to a high standard.

A serious issue was then raised with the course for the John Andrews Road Race. Tim Knight of the South division of BC has indicated that he would not be issuing a permit for the Cerne/Giants head course due to concerns over safety. KM reported that himself and ML had conducted a risk assessment of the course and deemed it to be safe. An attempt was made to contact Eddie Mclean as it was felt that he should be endeavouring to address this issue with Tim Knight. Unfortunately it transpired that Eddie is away and would not return until mid May.

After length discussion the decision was taken to revert to the Ilchester course for the John Andrews promotion.

KM was tasked with booking the Ilchester school as the headquarters for the event and writing a letter to Eddie Mclean to indicate that the only option available is to revert to the old course. Also KM to request that Eddie Mclean liase with Tim Knight in an effort to address the safety concerns so that the new course can be made available for use next year. KM was also tasked with cancelling the Piddletrenthide school headquarters, it was felt that it was appropriate to provide a small (£20) donation to their school funds due to the inconvenience caused.

Membership Secretary Report 46 members have paid their subscription for this year. He also reported that 2 new members had joined, Chris Pym and Tony Taylor.

Runs Secretary Report In his absence it was noted that the Sunday morning runs are being well supported. Recent destinations have included Chard, Burton Bradstock, Stourhead and Blandford.

Records Secretary Report The records secretary was pleased to report on the new

10 mile time trial record recently posted by Mike Loader. Mike set a new record of 20:05 on the P415 Poole course in the Bournemouth Arrow CC 10 held on the 18th April 2003.
TVCRA Representative Report Merryfield training rides continue to be supported well with approximately 50 riders taking part each week. The first Tuesday in each month is being used for a specific training session where riders will be educated in the art of riding through and off. Teams need to be submitted for the TVCRA 4 Up event to be held in June.
Press Secretary Report He had unfortunately been on holiday when all of the newsworthy rides had been made by YCC members.
Newsletter Editor Report Newsletter had been published and distributed in April.
Any Other Business
CF reported that the Newsletter had been published with an incorrect reference to MA as the TT secretary. DN said it would be corrected in the next issue.
The issue of keys for the storage garage was raised and who needs keys. It was noted that Stuart Wroot would require access for the Open 25. ML was tasked with getting additional keys cut.

June

Matters Arising KM stated that he had reviewed the video from the finish of the Race and confirmed that the rider had finished 11th. He indicated that he had informed BC accordingly. ML reported that he has had two additional keys cut for the garage and that these had been passed onto Kevin Mahon and Stuart Wroot.
General Secretary Report Correspondence was handled.
Treasurer Report £360.00 received from Pittards for the sponsorship.
Time Trial Secretary Report Raised a question as to whether or not a regular rider in the evening TTs was a member of a club. DN was able to confirm that he was.
It was agreed that any riders taking part in their first evening TT who are not a member of a club should fill out the signing on sheet as a YCC member. To this end, the club rules need to be updated to reflect the use of day membership. Some discussion was held on about the distances used for the club evening events and whether or not longer distances put people off. No firm conclusions were reached and it was decided that they would be reviewed again at a later date.
Road Race Secretary Report Apologising for not having been able to carry out his role as Time Keeper recently due to work commitments. The headquarters had been booked and that the Police authorisation and BC permit had been received for the John Andrews Memorial road race. In addition, numbers, marshals, first aid and lead cars were all in hand for the promotion.
It was agreed that DN would include a request in the start sheet that all prize winners should stay for the prize presentation following the event. A letter had been received from Piddle Valley First School thanking YCC for their donation to school funds. A robust letter sent to Eddie Mclean expressing the RR secretary's feelings over the South division's objections to the use of the Giants Head course had elicited a reply. In the reply Eddie had indicated that he had to take the decision from his counterpart in the South division and would not be taking the issue any further, to this end YCC were welcome to raise the issue with BC headquarters if they felt strongly enough. The committee agreed that this was not appropriate in this case.
Membership Secretary Report No change in the number of members.
Runs Secretary Report, Records Secretary Report Nothing to report.
TVCRA Representative Report 20 teams had entered the TVCRA 4 Up event on 19 June.
Press Secretary Report A report had been included in the last edition of the Western Gazette.
Newsletter Editor Report The next newsletter would be published in early July.
Any Other Business Brian Pearse raised the possibility of promoting another RR on the August bank holiday weekend at Ilton. He said that he would be happy to take on the responsibility for such a promotion. A provisional date of Monday the 25th August was agreed for a 3.4 event of approx 51kms. Further details of the costs involved be obtained by Brian. It was agreed that a subset of the committee (4 members or more) could give authorisation. *Next meeting. 14 July, 11 August, 8 September*

Up the League

By Tony Taylor

Percy Stallard, was a fervent 'massed start' competitor in the 1930's, with international experience – he was 7th in the 1934 World Amateur Road Race Championship. He had a vision of there being continental style road racing in Britain one day, and he continually badgered the National Cyclists Union (N.C.U.) to change its negative attitude to cycle racing on the open roads, but always to no avail.

After the outbreak of the second world war, Stallard saw an opportunity. There was little or no traffic on the roads at this time, and he decided to go it alone. The police authorities gave permission on the understanding that the rules of the road were strictly adhered to, as has been the case ever since. On 7th. June 1942 he promoted the Llangollen to Wolverhampton Cycle Race. The event was a huge success, with plenty of spectators. The race was won by Albert Price who beat Cecil Anslow (both Wolverhampton) in a two-up sprint, with Yorkshireman Jack Holmes third. The repercussions were enormous. All the riders and officials were suspended by the N.C.U., and the R.T.T.C. warned members not to compete against any suspended riders. What followed was a revolt. Stallard, with his club, the Wolverhampton R.C.C. and other local supporters held a meeting, the result of which was the formation of the Midland League of Racing Cyclists.

In August, the Circuit of the Wrekin Cycle Race was run, again with success, the winner being Ernie Clements (Wolverhampton R.C.C.) - this event is still promoted today, and is the oldest road race in the calendar. Further suspensions followed, and soon a London League and a Yorkshire League were formed. Finally, in November 1942, a national body, the British League of Racing Cyclists (B.L.R.C.) was set up to cover England and Wales.

The rules drawn up were to organise all forms of cycle racing, and incorporated such matters as the wearing of short sleeve racing jerseys in club colours – the League was indeed a rebel body in every sense! The N.C.U. did its utmost to get the newly formed B.L.R.C. outlawed, but without success.

The first National Championship was held in 1943 at Harrogate, won by Ernie Clements. Also the first four-man team time trial was held, won by Wrekin R.C.C., which included Clements, who was now a member. He completed in 'massed starts' at Donnington Park, but joined the Midland League when it was formed.

Many new clubs were formed by suspended riders, and a few existing clubs switched allegiance to the League. By the end of 1943 there were some 30 clubs affiliated to the B.L.R.C. The earliest clubs in the South West to join the League were, Western Paragon C.C. (Bristol), Achilles Velo (Southampton) and West Hants R.C. (Bournemouth). All these clubs have long since disappeared.

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