



Yeovil Cycling Club

June 1996

The Pedaller

Crits go critical

Despite a substantial amount of work by Neil Boxall and his team it was not possible to raise the large sum of money required to put on a town centre criterium.

The team had raised nearly £500 in sponsorship towards the cost of the event, but with the estimated running costs of around £1,750 it was simply too expensive.

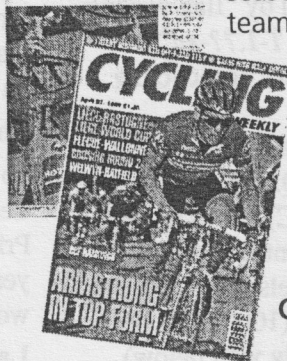
It would appear that we are not alone in this experience, as all the other town centre crits in this area have been cancelled for this year.

During the preparations for the event a lot of useful contacts have been established, and it may be that this event could be considered as part of next years promotions, one to discuss at the date fixing meeting in September.

More bums on bikes!

Despite a slight fall in the number of members (possibly due to a few who haven't paid this year) we have far more active cyclists this year. The turnout at Merryfield, (even with several watching from the side lines – having retired gracefully – there are still riders amongst the main bunch), the Evening TTs and at Open events

**Armstrong
streets ahead**



so far this year promises a good season. One of our team seems to be

going particularly well with banner headlines in the *Comic* twice already!

Co-ordination

Whether you are road racing or time trialling there are a number of local events that people may wish to ride, so when you get your start sheet why not look out for the other YCC folk and organise to travel together. Better still find out what everyone else is riding and get a Team in.

...and finally

The TVCRA 4-up team time trial is on Thursday 13th June. Based on the usual 20 mile, undulating, course on the A38 near Wellington. It will be followed by the usual pub meal at the Haywain. If you would like to ride contact Nick Armstrong, 01935 851262, he will sort out the teams.

Race on...

This seasons opening events have got off to a less than easy start (not just because of the cold and windy conditions).

Initially our Evening Time-trials were opposed by Yeovil Police on the grounds that "trunk roads are too dangerous to cycle on". They had also received "some complaints" from motorists who were held up (*what for several seconds -ed.*) by "flag waving marshals" (*at an Ev. T-T.??-ed.*), a heinous crime in every non-cycling motorists book.

Following consultation with Avon & Somerset Police H.Q. (Bristol) and John Gallway (RTTC) it was agreed that it was safe to continue our events as long as traffic levels remained within RTTC limits (1000 units per hour, we are currently well below).

Needless to say, with local police being "less than enthusiastic", we must make every effort to avoid any complaints from our *faultless* motoring companions. Aggressive riding at road

junctions or roundabouts may save a second or two on your time **but** it may result in us losing our Time-trails. (Unless anyone knows of an alternative local course which does not involve the A303 and its roundabouts, dead turns, with few cars or side junctions, an even surface and is reasonably flat!).

Counters, Timers and Marshals

Listed below are this years helpers duties for our evening Time-trails. Please help if you possibly can, or arrange for someone else to take your place. Don't forget the Club Handicap on 18th July, Entry form opposite.

Thanks

To Pat and Danny at *PDE Cycles* in Yeovil for donating some of the Spot Prizes which have been instigated this year. (Great idea Andy - even if I have won one yet-Ed)

Late Weather News

Every Thursday evening from next week will be warm and dry with a light, dying, easterly wind. Spaces are limited, so arrive early!

Andy Pugsley

Date	Start T/K	Pusher Off	Finish T/K	Traffic Count.
6th June	N.Boxall	M.Bailey	D.Todd	J.Hinds
13th	M.Northcott	S.Ashford	Terry White	M.Johnson
20th	C.Absolum	C.Williams	S.Wroot	J.Hinds
27th	N.Young	P.Kench	G.Mitchener	S.Webb
4th July	M.Bailey	A.Hayter	N.Boxall	G.Combes
11th	D.Notley	C.Williams	D.Todd	G.Mitchener
18th (H'cap)	D.Todd	Terry White	K.Mahon	S.Wroot
25th	K.Mahon	C.Broadway	K.Mahon	C.Fendt
1st Aug	N.Armstrong	D.Edmonds	K.Mahon	S.Webb
8th	D.Notley	N.Young	K.Mahon	G.Combes
15th	Tony White	C.Fendt	K.Mahon	P.Kench
22nd	S.Ashford	C.Absolum	K.Mahon	M.Northcott

DON'T FORGET

If you want to ride in either the John Andrew Memorial Road Race, or the Open 25, entries need to be with the respective organiser by the end of the month. If you're not riding then help marshalling or driving would be greatly appreciated.

Open 25. 14th July

Derek Todd.

5 St Mary's Road, Sherborne DT9 6DG

Entries by Tuesday 2nd July

John Andrew Road Race 21th July

Chris Fendt (Kevin Mahon)

8 St Thomas Cross, Yeovil

Entries by Tuesday 1st July

Club clothing

A new supply of short sleeve road vests should be in within the next few weeks, so if you want one let me know. We still have a good selection of other clothing too. There are a small number of garments that have the *Arlington* logo covered over, (yes with that horrible white goo). if you want a top make me an offer! *David*

CLUB CONTACTS

CLUB SECRETARY AND ROAD RACES

Kevin Mahon 01935 72178

21 Park Gardens, Yeovil

MEMBERSHIP AND RECORDS SECRETARY

Mike Northcott 01458 273576

8 Laburnum Drive, Somerton

TIME TRAILS (Evening events)

Andy Pugsley 01935 28753

43 Plantagenet Place, Yeovil

NEWSLETTER & CLOTHING

David Notley 01963 440291

Oakley, Church Road, Sparkford.

Club runs

The Sunday morning runs continue with two separate runs starting at the usual time and place (9.00am, Old Station Car Park), usually meeting up for the coffee stop. So now that the fine weather has arrived at last why not drag yourself out on a Sunday morning, honestly it really is a pleasant ride at a sensible pace.

Evening 10 -- Handicap Entry form

Name _____

Personal Best 10 (LTS) _____

Best three 10s this season 1 _____

2 _____

3 _____

Signature _____

To be returned to Andy Pugsley (or Derek while Andy is on holiday)
no later than Thursday 11th July



Cycling Opportunities Group – Family Rides

COG are organising a number of evening, and day, short rides throughout the summer this year. All under 15 miles and led by an experienced cyclist, routed past child friendly pubs, they are open to anyone. Under 14s must be accompanied by an adult, and 14-16s require parental consent. If you would like more information contact Alison Cameron on 01963 435033, or simply turn up on the day (except for the off-road, 25/8/96).

The published times are the start times so please arrive 15 minutes beforehand. Entry is free but a donation to COG would be welcome.

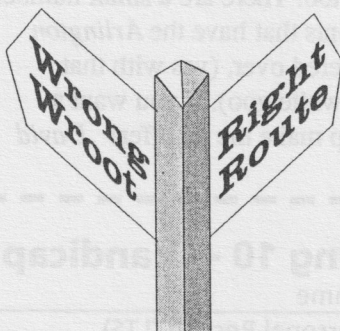
<i>Date</i>	<i>Time</i>	<i>Start</i>	<i>Organiser</i>
9 June	11.30am	Queen Camel Memorial Hall car park	Keith Robinson
19 June	6.45pm	SSDC, Brympton Way	Andy Pugsley
30 June	11.30am	South Petherton car park by David Hall	Jean Atkin
24 July	6.45pm	SSDC, Brympton Way	Andy Pugsley
24 Aug	6.30pm	Off Road. Pre-ride meeting and registration, (you must attend this meeting to ride) venue below.	
25 Aug	11.30am	Lime Kiln Car Park, Ham Hill	Adrian Moore
1 Sept	11.30am	Langport car park	Jean Atkin

Beaminster challenge

Ideal for beginners or the more experienced rider, there are three routes: 10, 16.5 and 21 miles, covering a mixture of on and off road. This is not a race, the rides take place on 15th September, for an entry form or more details contact: K Rendell, 10 Tunnel Road, Beaminster 01308 862538.

More Dorset Dirt

The annual 60km off road ride around the tracks and hills of Dorchester takes place on Sunday 8th September. Entry details from Jesse Fell, Gladiator Green, Dorchester DT1 2RW, 01305 26411. It's a great day out, even if it pours!



Have you seen this signpost recently? It seems to have moved from Marston Magna, it was rumoured to be somewhere near Andover, perhaps I'll ask Stuart!