



Yeovil Cycling Club

September 1996

The Pedaller

Status Quo again?

The Annual date fixing meeting will take place this Wednesday, 4th September, at Preston School starting at 7.30pm. If you've complained about marshalling, don't feel we promote enough events or that we organise too many then this is your opportunity to say so.

Whatever your point of view we really want to know. It's your Club so let us hear what you want.

Without any firm opinions to the contrary and provided we can find enough organisers then the *Status Quo* will no doubt continue. The current situation is that we organise three *road races* and three *open time trials*. The possibility of a town centre crit was investigated last year but we were unable to raise enough funds within the time – should we try again this year? Nick Armstrong organised an event for the LVRC, should this be a Yeovil CC promotion? There are also Divisional Championships to be considered, could we promote one, do we want to? What about a Yeovil CC 50 or even a 100?

We are very fortunate to have

people like Kevin Mahon that are prepared to give up their time each year to ensure that the riders enjoy a good, and above all, safe race.

Unlike so many other events our races are still receiving good support from riders, and although we haven't seen a full field for a time trial yet this year they are well enough attended that they are not a financial drain on the clubs funds.

We now have far more active members than we ever used too and they understandably want to ride races, most of them enter our events. This inevitably puts more strain on the *social rider* when a race is on, with the same

few people being asked to help at every event. Is it time that we started to pay marshals, as well as other officials, for giving up their time when others will not?

These are all important issues that the Club needs to discuss, it is only an hour or two on Wednesday evening, so please make the effort to come along and voice your opinion. (or don't complain if your asked to marshal every weekend next year!)





WASHED OUT

It was rather a sad way to end the season when the final evening 10 was cancelled due to bad weather. The previous week had seen glorious sunshine and ideal conditions for the running of the club handicap. Mike Loader put in a personal best to win the handicap, just a few seconds ahead of Chris Williams, despite being stung by a wasp on the way round (*looked more like a needle mark to me – dope test!*)

The final points are now being counted for the *Points trophy* and the winner will be announced at the Club Buffet.

As one of the riders that has enjoyed a ride nearly every week this year I should like to thank all the officials, particularly those that don't normally ride yet still turned out when asked. Special thanks to Andy Pugsley for all the hard work he puts in during the year to ensure that everything goes so smoothly, (even giving up the chance to ride on occasions), and Derek Todd, Mike Northcott, Kevin Mahon and Steve Oxbrow for undertaking most of the time keeping and traffic counts.

The latter job has enabled us to gather enough information throughout the year to prove that the course is perfectly safe, and will provide sufficient proof should any further restrictions be suggested by the RTTC.

For those that rode a copy of the results sheet for the last ten should be enclosed with this newsletter, if it isn't, or if anyone else wants one give Andy or me a ring.

David Notley

Club clothing – ideal christmas presents. Hint. Hint.

Below is a list of club clothing that we currently hold in stock, together with prices. I hope this will see us through most of next year too but if anyone needs something that is not on the list then let me know and I will order it before the prices go up in December. An * indicates an item of very old Arlington stock, no reasonable offer refused!

Short Sleeve Road Vests: '96		2@38	3@40	2@42	£33.50
'95	3 @36*		1@42		£31.20
Long Sleeve Road Vests:	1@36	2@38			£30.50
Training tops	2@36**	2@38			£36.50
Skinsuits	2@36*	1@38	1@40		£55.00
Shorts	2@sm	1@med	2@large	1@ XL	£30.70
Skin overshoes	One pair				£9.00

A Ride with a View – or two

Haywain challenge

Wellington Wheelers are promoting a 17 mile hilly time trial on Sunday 29th September, which is open to all TVCRA members. Details will be available shortly, either direct from Richard and Jane Parsons or Dave Notley.

TVCRA Hill Climb

The association hill climb will take place on 6th October, the venue has yet to be confirmed but it will only be one hill this year, not a two stage.

The turnout last year was rather disappointing, (mainly due to a lack of communication) but with the number of riders that have been out enjoying Merryfield this year it would be good to have a reasonable representation at the event. It is just as much a social event as a race. again detail from Richard and Jane Parsons or Dave Notley.

Hill Climb II – The sequel

The Club Hill Climb will take place the following weekend, 13th Oct. There will be the usual club run in the morning which will ride out to the venue. The hill has not finally been chosen – due to the diminishing number of cafes at the usual site – details available nearer the date. This event can be taken as seriously as you like, stripping of the bottle cage, or just come along and enjoy. Andy Pugsley is the man to contact.

Merryfield

Providing the weather is suitable there will be two more Tuesday evening events, 3rd & 10th September. These will start at 7.00pm promptly, if you intend riding out and back please ensure that you have lights on your bike. This year the race numbers must be returned to Nick Armstrong by the end of November - anyone failing to return them will be charged the replacement cost. New numbers next season.



Fight the winter flab.

Hopefully there are still a few more weeks before its time to put away the racing wheels, but when you cannot get

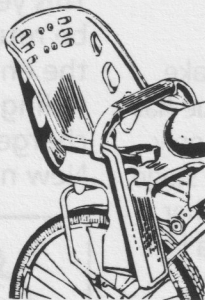
out on your bike in the evenings don't forget that the circuit training sessions commence on Tuesday 24th September. They start at 7.15 in the Goldcroft Gym, Yeovil College, divided equally between stretching and aerobic activity it is a good way to stay sane when the only alternative is the turbo! You pay on the night, no joining fee, no enrolment, it couldn't be easier (*your body may not agree after the first session-Ed*)

WHERE HAVE ALL THE YOUNGSTERS GONE?

With Douglas progressing into the senior ranks next year we have no junior or juvenile members at all. Unless we can encourage and support the next generation of cyclists not only will our club membership decline but the sport will be that much poorer. Before the next AGM I would like to put forward a few practical suggestions, for your consideration, that may help to encourage new blood.

facilities that ESCA provide to promote cycling for school children.

The poster campaign around the town, and the advertisement in the Western Gazette produced several new faces and I am sure that given the will we could recruit a lot more members, but it needs a commitment from the membership to support such an initiative. Would you be prepared to



participate in a slower run one Sunday a month? or to pay a slightly higher membership fee each year to help promote the sport?

As you sit on the turbo this winter do give it some thought, and feel free to add any further ideas to the list, please.

- 1. That there be no membership fee for junior members, or that it is reduced to a token sum.*
- 2. That one club run each month is tailored and advertised specifically for new riders. Ensuring that the distance and terrain are suitable and that everyone feels comfortable with the pace.*
- 3. That some form of junior circuit be available at Merryfield. Not a race, just a safe area where they can ride in small groups, at a pace to suit themselves, until they are able to join the main field.*
- 4. That we try and use the*

FOR SALE

Girls ProBike 18. Suit a 4 to 7 year old. Immaculate condition, pink and white, cost £80.00 new. £35.00 to a good home. David Notley - see club contacts.

LAST CHANCE

If you want to get in a really good ten time or ride the new fifty course (U33) then you need to get your entries in promptly. The Vegetarian C & AC are organising the 50. It starts at Sparkford, uses the A303 down to the turn at South Petherton, back to the Gillingham junction (past Wincanton) to turn again and then back to Sparkford. No Cartgate link! It could be a fast course despite some of the climbs, we'll just have to wait and see. Be warned – if you're not riding Steve is looking for marshals!

Veg C&AC 50 – 22nd September

Organiser: Steve Oxbrow
Abingdon, 25 Allingham Road, Yeovil
BA21 4SA. U33. £3.50

Our final Open is on the following Saturday (a little later than last year to avoid the traffic problems) on the usual course at Podimore .

Open 10 – 28th September

Organiser: David Notley. Oakley,
Church Road, Sparkford, BA22 7JN
U30/10 £3.50

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.

More Dorset Dirt

The CTC 50km off-road ride around the tracks and hills of Dorchester takes place on Sunday 8th September. Starting and finishing in Dorchester with a lunch stop at the Gaggles o' Geese. It is not a race. The start is at 10.00 at the *Top of town* car park. If you use the entry form below, just turn up on the day, the course description is four A4 pages so if you want a copy give me a ring – Ed.

THE DORSET DIRT ENTRY FORM

Normal Fee £2 (Entries in by 2nd Sept)

Sunday 8th September
Entrance on Day £2.50

Name

Address

Club Phone CTC DA

Signed Date

Parental consent required for under 18s. Parent's Signature

To: Jesse Fell, 26 Gladiator Green, Dorchester, Dorset DT12RW. 01305 264111

Advance Warning

The buffet and prizegiving will take place on Sunday 14th December at the Masons Arms, Lower Odcombe, provided there are enough people to fill the hall. So dash away now and make a note in your diary.

This is the only social event on the YCC calendar so I am expecting a good turn out, no excuses will be accepted.

Full details will be sent out nearer the time. It is hoped the cost will be about the same as last year. For those that haven't been before it is a three

course lunchtime buffet followed by a short prizegiving ceremony, where the club silver gets its annual airing.

It is open to everyone: wives, girlfriends even children, and this year we hope to attract some of the usual faces we see at Merryfield and the evening 10s.

Return your empties now

For those of you that currently hold club trophies could they please be returned to Gary Mitchener before the end of September, a phone call beforehand would always be appreciated

Congratulations...

To Mark Johnson and his bride, Tracey, who *tied the knot* on 17th August at Mudford Church. The rumours that Mark might walk out of the church if it wasn't looking like a *good time* proved unfounded.

The Bride and Groom were greeted by an arch of bike wheels as they left the church, no one was sure who was most surprised, Mark or Tracey. Best wishes from us all Mark, may you have a long and happy marriage.

