



The Pedaller

The new year has brought the freezing weather, so despite those *New Year Resolutions* no one is going to get much early season training in, except on the turbo.

If you do venture out on your bike then be sure to let someone know where you are going and what time you'll be back, mechanical trouble or a sequence of punctures could easily leave you stranded down a country lane with no help at hand, and in these bitter temperatures that could be very dangerous.

Food for thought

On a much lighter note the *Annual Buffet and Prizегiving* was well attended this year, with over forty people enjoying the good food, good beer and pleasant company at the Masons Arms. (Some enjoying rather more beer than others, no names mentioned). The majority of the silverware was shared

between three riders year, Nick Armstrong, Absolom and Douglas

Chris had a very season as a first cat, as he spent several his bike in the middle year following an he finishing the 68 points on His 7th Ham Hill secured *Best Result*

this Chris Northcott. successful especially weeks off of the operation, year with his license.

place in the Road Race the trophy for in a Yeovil RR, and consistent performance

throughout the year also brought the *Senior RR*

Championship. A record time in the Club Hill Climb completed his clutch of Silverware.

Early retirement has obviously gone straight to Nicks legs, or perhaps its just being free from all the London smog. Whatever the reason, this has to be one of his best seasons yet (despite finishing it with a cut eye and two broken fingers). Nick won the *Best 50 Trophy* with a time of 1:57.54, the *Veteran BAR* with a speed of +4.74, the *Best National Championship* with a 16th placing, and the *Veteran RR Cup*.

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Just follow
my wheel Stuart,
you'll be fine

Holiday '97



If the winter blues are already setting in then how about planning this years holiday. The December issue of the CTC magazine is packed with organised breaks, as well as lots of commercial tours. Holidays range from a few days in the Cotswolds to three week tours of America or Australia. There are over 50 CTC tours, listed below is a small selection – for full details check out the mag.

Cotswolds	Tour 9701
13-15 March	Price A
Yorkshire Dales	Tour 9704
10-17 May	Price A

Isle of Skye	Tour 9706
24-31 May	Price A
Western Isles	Tour 9709
7-21 June	Price A
Provence and the Cote d'Azur	Tour 9719
15-23 February	Price B
Tuscany	Tour 9720
29 March - 5 April	Price D
Trinidad and Barbados	Tour 9726
13-30 May	Price G
French Alps	Tour 9736
5-19 July	Price B
Iceland	Tour 9738
2-16 August	Price C
Italy – Riva	Tour 9740
31 August - 7 Sept	Price C
USA –Utah	Tour 9744
6-20 September	Price E
Bhutan	Tour 9751
19 October - 9 November	Price G

Prices bands cover a £200 range starting at A, under £200 up to G which is over £1200

The Clothes Show

There are some thermal tops and full length zip road vests on order but these are already taken, if anyone wants something specific then please let me know straight away and it can be added to the order.

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**	1@38		£36.50
Skinsuits	2@36*	1@38	1@40	£55.00
Shorts	2@sm	1@med	2@large	1@ XL
Skin overshoes	One pair			£9.00

If you don't find grass in the middle of the road...

It is very pleasing to report that the club runs are still well attended with a consistent turnout each weekend. The two separate runs often meet for coffee at a pre-arranged destination. With the dwindling supply of cafes open on Sunday we frequently meet other clubs too.

The slightly faster training ride (albeit tailored for the winter conditions) covers between fifty and sixty miles whilst the normal club run does a maximum of forty.

You've been framed

Dave Pitman, a name familiar to some of the longer standing members, has now set up a part time business in West Coker building and repairing bike frames. An engineer by trade Dave has a lot of cycling experience and knowledge, and is quite happy to discuss individual requirements.

Frames can be made from any of the usual Reynolds or Columbus tubes with prices starting at £210.00 for 531 frame up to £405.00 for a Genius. Frames come unpainted but a selection of finishes are also available. Repair or additional bits can be undertaken on frames too.

Dave is even offering a discount for YCC members, 5% for frames below £250, 10% for those above. For more details contact Dave Pitman on 01935 863 792.

The latter ride is structured to cater for our two new junior members – Olive and Simon, who are showing great determination and steady improvement – riding at a sensible pace, through the Somerset and Dorset lanes and covering distances appropriate to the terrain. It is definitely not the pseudo race that some runs used to be, so if you've been off your bike for a while don't feel you have to *train for the club run*, come out a give it a try again.

... it's not a genuine Yeovil CC club run



Sorry

Apologies to anyone that turned up for the circuit training sessions at Goldcroft Gym (as advertised in the last issue). The gym has disappeared and been replaced

by a dance studio. So despite appearing in the prospectus the classes were clearly never going to happen.

For those who want to get their training off to an early start there are some circuits being run at the Abbey Manor Community Centre Hall on Thursday evenings at 6.00pm, entry £2.75.

Alternatively there are circuits at the First Floor Fitness Centre, on Monday and Friday between 6 and 7pm. cost £3.00.

Another Good Moan?

The 1997 Annual General Meeting will take place on Wednesday 12th February in Room 3 at Preston Community School, Yeovil. The meeting will commence at 7.30pm.

In the September issue of *The Pedaller* a few ideas were put forward to encourage new, and especially junior members. The AGM is your opportunity to discuss these suggestions, or to present alternative proposals. Do you want to see lots of new members, do we provide adequate facilities for existing ones, or should we just carry on exactly as we are? Surely someone out there must have some opinions?

Any formal resolutions for the meeting should be submitted in writing to Kevin Mahon, 21 Park Gardens, Yeovil by 31st January 1997. Agendas will be available on the evening, or seven days prior to the meeting upon request.

The main purpose of the AGM is to elect a new committee for 1997, for the existing committee members to report on their activities during 1996,

and to discuss the clubs objectives for the season.

Hopefully we will know a little more about what is really happening to the BCF by the AGM. Including the introduction of the new *fourth category* and any regulation changes that will affect those wanting to race, as well as organisers.

The club subscription for 1997 will be payable at the meeting (once it has been set), so bring your wallets and last years Membership Cards.

Most of the Committee members are willing to stand again, but as you can see a number of people are currently undertaking several jobs, some additional support would be more than welcome to spread the load a little more evenly. If you are prepared to take on even the smallest task then please let Kevin Mahon know, your help would be greatly appreciated.

Current Committee members are:

<i>President</i>	<i>G Mitchener</i>
<i>V President</i>	<i>W Perry, I Walker</i>
<i>Chairman</i>	<i>G Mitchener</i>
<i>Gen Secretary</i>	<i>K Mahon</i>
<i>Treasurer</i>	<i>D Todd</i>
<i>TT Secretary</i>	<i>A Pugsley</i>
<i>RR Secretary</i>	<i>K Mahon</i>
<i>Records Secretary</i>	<i>M Northcott</i>
<i>Membership</i>	<i>M Northcott</i>
<i>Runs Secretary</i>	<i>G Mitchener</i>
<i>Press Secretary</i>	<i>G Mitchener</i>
<i>TVCRA Rep.</i>	<i>N Armstrong</i>
<i>Newsletter</i>	<i>D Notley</i>

Do please make the effort to come along. It is, after all, your club.



DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

The Yeovil CC promotions for the 1997 season will be:

Road races

Pittards 16th March
Ham Hill 16th March
John Andrew 22nd June

Time trials

Spring 10 13th April
Summer 25 13th July
Autumn 10 27th Sept

For those that don't want to travel too far there are several other events on our doorstep this year.

LVRC have a race in May on the Bridgehampton course.

The Vegetarian C&AC

Fixed gear 10 22nd March
Hilly 50 22nd June
50 21st Sept

...and a new event for the Calendar, Clive Brooks with the support of

VC Camelot is promoting a time trial on a Wednesday evening

10 11th June

Please note that all entries for time trials must be submitted on the new style entry forms, July 1995 and later (unless this rule is altered at the RTTC AGM). A copy of the official entry form can be found on the centre pages of this newsletter, but Juniors and Juveniles please note you will require the real form, the Parental Consent section is on the back.

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.

Handbooks

The club has already placed an order for both BCF and RTTC Handbooks, which will hopefully be available early next year, and on sale at the Annual General Meeting in February.

It is worth buying them through the club as we get them at a discounted price which is passed on to members.

If you cannot wait to start planning your season then to reserve a copy now by contacting Kevin Mahon, details above.

FOR SALE

A pair of Campag Mirage Ergo levers, 8 speed, £45.
Dave Walters 01935 812305.



He also scooped the *Evening Time Trail Points Cup*, in a season which produces his 10, 25 & 50 PBs .

For the record there were twenty eight members that participated in the evening 10s and the top twenty places were:

1	Nick Armstrong	110
2	Peter Kench	95
3	Dave Walters	88
4	Craig Broadway	78
5	David Notley	75
6	Chris Williams	69
7	Doug Northcott	62
8	Stuart Wroot	46
9=	Martin Bailey	36
9=	Chris Absolom	36
11	Rob Kilvington	35
12	A Newbury	27
13	Chris Fendt	25
14=	Mike Tetley	24
14=	Andy pugsley	24
16=	Mike Loader	22
16=	Steve Ashford	22
18	Rob Lemmy	21
19=	Jon Hinds	20
20=	Neil Boxall	18

Douglas has been going faster all year finishing his last season as a junior on a high, breaking several club records and bagging four trophies in the process. He finished tenth in the National Junior BAR

(first in the West DC) with impressive 10, 25 50 and times of 21.10, 53.33 & 2.06.35 ensuring the *Club Junior BAR*, the *Short Distance BAR* and *Best 25 cups*, he is the *Junior RR Championship* too.

Mike Loader won the *Club Handicap*, and the *Webb Trophy* (for services to the Club) was awarded to yours truly – I think it should really have gone to my wife for her patience and support and for all the cakes she bakes for my 10s!

Congratulations not only to all those that won trophies, but also to everyone that achieved their cycling goals in '96, here's to a faster '97.

Have you got a light boy?

Just in case you missed the news *spot fines* have now been introduced for cyclists without lights. With the recent foggy spell it is not just during the dark mornings and evenings that lights are essential, so if your lights aren't up to scratch make haste done to the *Sales*, it's a lot cheaper than a £25.00 fine.