



Yeovil Cycling Club

April 1997

The Pedaller

Local Hero

After coming close on a number of occasions Patrick Mahon, Team Total Fitness, (but second claim Yeovil CC!) snatched the first prize in the Pittards Road Race in a spectacular bunch sprint.

A cracking pace saw the field of over sixty reduced down to a bunch of about thirty by the final lap, small attacks continued all the way round but on the final kilometre the riders were all back together. Just as the rest of the bunch were getting ready for the final sprint Patrick grasped the opportunity to attack the leader down the inside, whilst the others were going outside. With sheer determination he managed to gain four lengths and hang on until the line. Paul Gamlin and Keith Sheridan took the second and third spots.

There was a good turn out of Yeovil riders for the Pittards, with some even showing their face on the front. Unfortunately none survived to contest the final sprint.

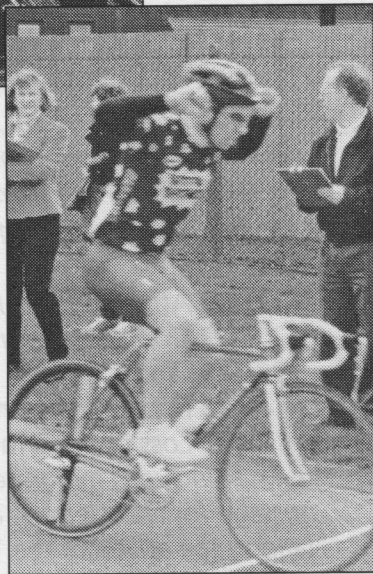
The Ham Hill had a smaller entry than in previous years and was won by Robert Tayler of St Budeaux CC with Chris Absolom being the

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Tony Marriot of Pittards presents Patrick Mahon with the Pittards Trophy

A brilliantly timed break gets the right result!



TIME TRIALS

Our First *Open 10* is on 13th April. Entries to David Notley by 1st April.

Credit where it is due

Another year of careful cash management leaves the club *in the black*. The Annual Statement of Account shows that our cash reserves are still in a very healthy state. Expenditure for 1996 was slightly greater than income, but this was caused by two factors: We now have a greater stock of clothing (which doesn't show as a capital asset on the accounts) and some bills for the financial year 1995 were not received until 1996.

At the start of the year we had £3245.79, which includes a one off grant of £550 and the *windfall* from the C&G takeover of £680.00.

The total income for the year was £1632.00 the main sources being:

335.25 Membership fees,
126.76 Open Time Trials
150.44 Evening events,
360.00 Pittards sponsorship
630.20 in clothing sales

Expenditure was £1741.19 the main items were:

225.00 Affiliation and Insurance
204.23 Trophy engraving (2 years)
974.79 Clothing
49.75 Room hire for meetings
138.87 Loss on road races*

the rest includes minor items like the postage for Newsletters, a new teapot, the advert in the Western Gazette, and secretarial expenses.

** this figure should be balanced against the £360.00 from Pittards.*

The cash balance may seem rather large for such a small club but please bear in mind that we have not had to undertake any major capital expenditure for several years and you never can tell what rule changes may be in the pipeline that will end up costing the club large sums.

It is also worth stating that the running costs of the club would be far higher were it not for the fact that some members are very generous with their time and rarely claim any expenses.

A pile of cash

The grant from the Clarks Foundation was to enable us to buy safety equipment, initially intended to be CB Radios, but as we were able to repair the existing equipment this is still available for future use.

The membership decided that the C&G windfall was to be spent on a project that would be of benefit to all the membership. A number of ideas were put forward but none proved to be practical. The money will not disappear if we don't spend it but if you have any suggestions please let's hear them.

A pound of cash

If you haven't already paid your Club subscription for 1997 get it to Mike Northcott quickly! Anyone not paying by 10th April will incur the rejoining fee (£1.00).

New man at the top

As you may have already read Chris Absolom is taking over the task of Time Trial Secretary from July but until then Mike Northcott and David Notley have volunteered to run the events. This doesn't mean Mike and I will be doing all the jobs, we both hope to ride too, so if your name is on the rota below please make sure you are at the HQ on time, or if you cannot do your job then swap with someone else, but do let us know what you've arranged.

Helpers will not lose out, anyone helping will receive three points towards the points cup, but for that really fast time you're going to have to ride!

All the events will start at the Podimore services and use either the U30/10 or U30/25. If you want to ride please ensure you are there 15 minutes before the start time, signing-on **will** close 10 minutes prior to the start.

<i>Date</i>	<i>Dist.</i>	<i>Start</i>
17 April	10	19.00
24 April	10	19.00
1 May	10(2 up)	19.00
8 May	10	19.00
15 May	25	19.00
22 May	10	19.30
29 May	10	19.30
5 June	25	19.30
12 June	10	19.30
19 June	10	19.30
26 June	10	19.30
3 July	25	19.30
10 July	10	19.30
17 July	10 H'cap champs	..19.00
24 July	25	19.00
31 July	10	19.00
7 August	10	19.00
14 August	10	19.00
21 August	10	18.45
29 August	10	18.45

<i>Date</i>	<i>Start T/K</i>	<i>Pusher Off</i>	<i>Finish T/K</i>
17th April	Terry White	D Notley	D Todd
24th	D Todd	M Bailey	N Boxall
1th May	S Ashford	M Northcott	D Todd
8th	N Armstrong	C Fendt	M Northcott
15th	S Wroot	M Northcott	D Todd
22nd	M Johnson	D Northcott	M Northcott
29th	D Walters	J Hinds	D Todd
5th June	M Tetley	C Broadway	S Wroot
12th	D Edmonds	P Kench	D Todd
19th	C Williams	K Floyd	K Mahon
26th	R Kilvington	M Loader	K Mahon

CTC Testers and Racers?

If anyone still thinks of the CTC as *the pannier and mudguard brigade* then it is time to revise your image. This year the CTC will oversee some Road Racing as well as running its own version of the BAR. Otley CC will be promoting the CTC National 25 on 21st June on the V232 which has a field of 150 with 30 places reserved for first time riders.

The Pedaller featured a list of CTC events last year, did anyone ride one of them? There seem to be more than ever this year, with the Wellington Wheelers organising some runs. If you do venture out on one of the runs let's hear about it. There are probably lots of cyclists out there that would enjoy these sorts of events, so if you don't see the distance or terrain as a challenge why not persuade a friend or two along with you, and introduce them to the joys of cycling.

APRIL

- 5** 300km BR Poole
Shawn Shaw 01202 685014
- 6** 111km BP Dorset Coast
200km BR Dorset Coast
40km off road Dorset Coast
Keith Matthews 01202 740388
- 12** 50m/4hours Cheltenham
Andy Graff 01242 513694
- 19** 300km BR Cheltenham
Sean Graff 01242 863080
- 20** 50m/4hours Kingerswell, Devon
Graham Brodie 01626 67977

- 26** 400km Br Poole
Shawn Shaw 01202 685014

MAY

- 3** 400km BR Severn Bridge
Ron Carlton 01242 515041
- 11** Rough Stuff Haldon, Devon
Graham Brodie 01626 67977
40km off-road Salisbury
Graham Dudley 01722421770
- 18** 100km BP Dorchester
Peter Loakes 01305263272
- 24** 300km BR Chepstow
Nik Peregrine, 46 Bridge St,
Chepstow, Gwent NP6 5EC
600km BR Poole
Shawn Shaw 01202 685014
- 31** 600km BR Severn Bridge
Pat Aldridge, 42 Peghouse Rise
Stroud, Glos GL5 1UR

JUNE

- 8** 110miles/8 hours Bridgwater
Harry Gray 01278 784392
- 29** 200km BR Bridgwater
Des Uminski 01278685137

JULY

- 5** 200miles/24hours Bridgwater
M Hopkins 01278 691287
- 6** 100km BP Newton Abbott
200km BR Newton Abbott
Graham Brodie 01626 67977
- 29** 100km, 150km, 200km
Wellington Wheelers
Jane Wilkie 01823 662003

There are lots more events throughout the year, for more details consult the Feb/March issue of CT&C. (There is a club copy or I have one. DN.)

A Good Meeting...actually

The Club AGM this year was well attended, reflecting the greater number of active members that we now have. The meeting discussed the four motions that were submitted and elected the new Committee. The motions were:

From N Boxall. *That the Club Annual Statement of Accounts should be published to the membership (by way perhaps of the Newsletter) as soon after they have been audited and before each Annual General Meeting. (Amendment to Rule 20).*

This motion was amended to: *A summary of the Accounts should be sent out to the membership with the notice of the AGM.*

The motion was passed. (A summary of the Accounts appears on page 2, for those that were unable to attend)

From N Boxall. *That the membership should be given greater access to the proceedings of Committee meetings, by way of publishing of the minutes/agenda by flysheet or otherwise. (Amendment to Rule 14)*

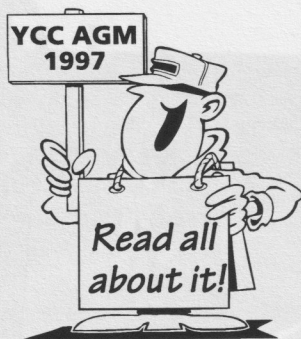
After considered discussion on the matter it was felt that this would be an expensive task to implement, and that it would be better for a summary of any important points to be

published in the Newsletter. The minutes of the Committee meetings are available to any member that wishes to see them. Members are also welcome to attend Committee meetings and in future the dates of forthcoming meetings will also be published in *The Pedaller*. The motion did not receive a seconder and was therefore lost.

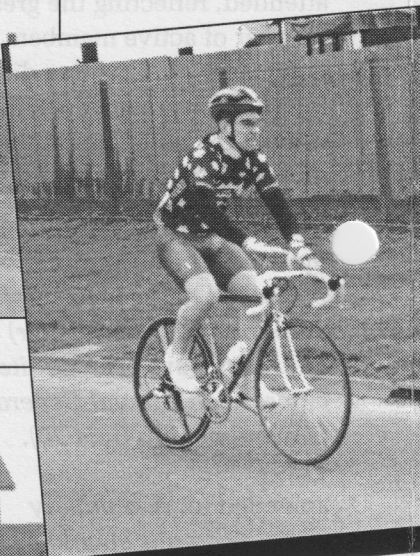
From the club committee: *That the membership fee for 1997 should remain unchanged.*
The Treasurer reported that the club funds remain stable with income matching expenditure, with no major increases anticipated in Club outgoings it was felt that the Subscriptions could remain the same for 1997. The motion was carried.

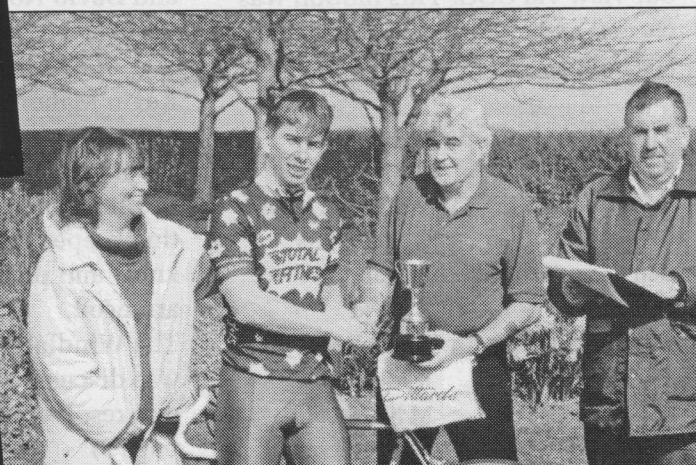
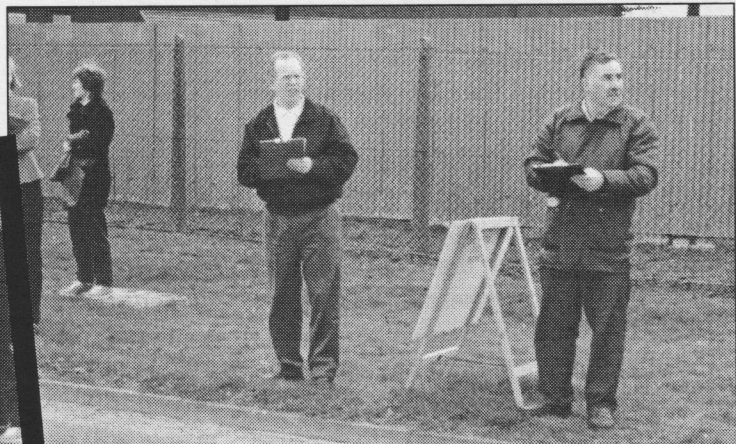
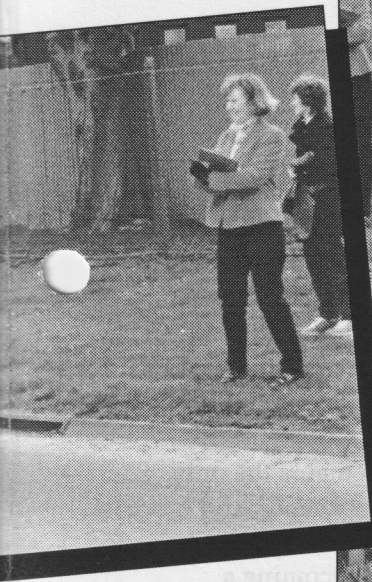
From Michael

Northcott: *The Club should seek to maximise it's influence in the South Somerset COG (Cycling Opportunities Group), especially at the first formalising general meeting to be held on 19th February 1997, given the participation of SSDC, and possibly other authorities.*
COG was originally set up by the local authority but is now about to form it's own constitution, and



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possibly affiliate to the CTC. A number of our members have attended most of the COG meetings but as individuals rather than as a club representative. Local groups with an interest in Cycling will be able to express their opinions on future projects that the local authority is considering. As these decisions are likely to affect all our members it was decided that we should have an official COG delegate, who can report back to the Committee and to express our view via COG. This motion was carried and a delegate duly elected (*see below*).

The Committee members are:

President	G Mitchener
V President	W Perry, I Walker
Chairman	G Mitchener
Gen Secretary	K Mahon
Treasurer	D Todd
TT Secretary	C Absolom*
RR Secretary	K Mahon
Records Secretary	M Northcott
Membership	M Northcott
Runs Secretary	G Mitchener
Press Secretary	G Mitchener

TVCRA Rep.
Newsletter
COG Delegate

N Armstrong
D Notley
S Wroot

The majority of the Committee was willing and able to stand for office again this year so all except the Time Trial Secretary were re-elected *en bloc*. Chris Absolom has agreed to become the new TT Secretary, but is unable to take up his duties until July, until such time the Evening events will be run by Mike Northcott and David Notley. The dates for this years events are featured on page 3

Kevin Mahon remains the only official club timekeeper, and has now become fully qualified. If anyone else is interested in becoming a timekeeper then please let the TT Sec know and plenty of practice can be arranged.

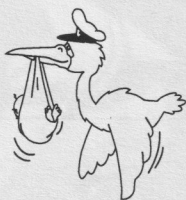
The Windfall money from the C&G was discussed in AOB, but nothing was resolved (*see A Pile of Cash on page 2*)

* from July 1997

Congratulations.

Jointly weighing in at well under the weight of a good road bike William Young and Jacob Newbury were both born in March.

Andy and Claire Newbury's first child weighed in at 6lb 8oz on Saturday 8th March,



whilst Nick and Rachel Young's second arrived on 13th March topping the scales at 8lb 9½ ozs. Congratulations to you all, and we look forward to two new junior members in a few years time.

Just remember lads now is the time to take up the serious training again, especially when that nappy needs changing!

Are you covered?

Your bike is probably well insured but are *you* covered when you are out riding? If you are already a member of the BCF or the CTC then you can stop reading now.

If not, then for just £2.00 you can obtain third party insurance through the Club's membership of the CTC. This covers you for any third party claim up to £1m, any where in the world (except USA & Canada).

No matter how careful you are there is always a chance that you may be involved in an accident, and if you are held responsible for that accident *in the eyes of the law* you are personally liable. Even if you are not hurt, nor your bike damaged, you can be sued. For instance a cyclist was held responsible for the damage that was caused when a car crashed through a shop window. Although the cyclist did no damage it was held that his presence at the scene had

been the cause of the car crashing into the shop.

Membership through the club does not give you access to the full facilities available to individual members, but for two pounds it does provide the minimum level of cover that every cyclist should have.

If you would like to take advantage of this scheme then please contact Derek Todd. 01935 813379

HELP!

Volunteers needed

If you can spare a couple of hours on Sunday 13th April to help with the marshalling for our Open 10 I should be most grateful. So if you aren't riding then please volunteer now, it will save me ringing to tell you you've volunteered!!!

Sunday morning club runs

The usual stalwart band meet at 9.00 in the old station car park, and you're very welcome to join us if you can drag yourself out of bed.

There are two runs still, a steady run for those on the quest to find the best coffee and cakes in Somerset and Dorset. And a faster run

which caters for the racing rider, with the speed and distance steadily increasing over the next few months.

The routes are varied, some new coffee stops have even been located and the pace really is geared for enjoyment – so go on make the effort this Sunday.



CLEAR THE RUNWAY

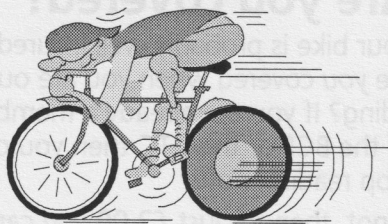
The first training session at Merryfield Airfield, near Ilton will be on Tuesday 15th April. These are technically race training sessions, but they reproduce those race conditions very closely! The session will start at 7.00pm promptly and you need to pay your subscription before you go that evening.

As ever, Nick Armstrong is organising the YCC riders and is keen to take your money, the cost remains unchanged at £8.00 for the season plus 20p per evening. Passes will be issued one week prior to the start of the season, so please let Nick have your money sooner rather than later.

If you haven't got your pass you won't be able to ride. Cash or cheques (payable to TVCRA) to Nick Armstrong, The Pines, Keep Street, West Camel, Yeovil.

There will not be any race numbers this year, instead your Entry Pass will act as a race licence. You will need to show your pass to gain entry (security guards are on the entrance), you will then hand in your pass in order to be allowed to ride. Don't forget to collect them after the race.

If there is sufficient demand it is hoped to introduce a novice class, either as a separate event on a different circuit or as another group starting after the main bunch. So if



you know any juveniles or juniors, or even any seniors, that have been deterred by the speed and experience of the main bunch then bring them along.

If anyone still has their race number from last year could they please return it to Nick.

Are you being framed?

The possibility of purchasing a video camera has been mentioned on a number of occasions but the cost was too great for one club. There are several clubs within the TVCRA which run road races and have the same judging problems. The TVCRA has a cash balance that could be used to partly finance such a purchase, and with other clubs in the association either contributing at the outset, or paying a hire fee for its use, it is probable that a camera could be bought. Several people have videos for their own use and it is hoped to investigate their suitability at Merryfield this year.

So don't forget to apply for your pass straight away, and get your best clothes out ready for the video replay every week!.

Biking for Barnardos



For the last few years we have ridden the Western Gazette/ Barnardos Charity ride as one of the Sunday

morning club runs. The event this year is on Sunday 18th May, the entry fee is £4.00 with a choice of a 5km fun run, a 16 or 36 mile ride.

Minimum entry age is 12 and under 16s must be accompanied by an adult. So if you know any *armchair athletes* persuade them out for the day, it's in a good cause.

See the local press for more details.

Handbooks

Both BCF and RTTC Handbooks, are available now by contacting Kevin Mahon.

Tales from the Classroom

In line with the decision taken at the AGM the Pedaller will contain a summary of the committee meetings from now on. Many of the items will be dealt with elsewhere in this issue so I will only mention those briefly

March Meeting

A report on the **BCF regional meeting** was presented by Kevin Mahon. The meeting was a prelude to the national meeting, to resolve constitutional anomalies that have arisen following the appointment of the BCF management committee. The current management has not been correctly elected, if the current regulations of the organisation are strictly applied. Therefore some rule changes are necessary in order to legalise it. The regional committee voted in favour of these changes.

TVCRA arrangements for the forthcoming season were discussed. The potential purchase of a video

camera, for race finishes, to be shared amongst the TVCRA members was debated. Cameras to be evaluated.

Membership. Two new members were accepted. There are still a number of members that have not paid the current years subscription.

Treasurer. Finances are still on track. Various affiliations and subscriptions have been paid.

Road Race. The arrangements for the Pittards/Ham Hill were discussed.

Time Trial. New signs have been ordered, the watches calibrated and the rota and dates to be circulated. Traffic counts are only needed from June.

Runs/Press. Reports now appearing in Western Gazette. Runs as normal.

AOB. The purchase of a new boiler was discussed. All of the latest order of club clothing, thermal tops, have been sold.

The dates for the next meetings are: 9th April, 14th May and 4th June.

Bay's and Clay's



It's got the sun, the sea, and the sand but no pyramids.

The 110km Brevet Populaire organised by Audax Kernow takes places on Sunday 20th April. The ride starts in St Austell and the route is described as very scenic, (in other words very hilly).

This is not a race, you must ride within a given average speed, between 15kph and 30kph (9.3 and 18.75mph in old fashioned miles!). The entry fee is £2.75 which includes a ferry crossing near the finish, forms have to be in by 5th April. Some entry forms are available from David Notley or direct from the organiser; Kevin Baker in Truro on 01872 865587.

CLUB CONTACTS

CLUB SECRETARY AND ROAD RACES

Kevin Mahon 01935 472178
21 Park Gardens, Yeovil

MEMBERSHIP AND RECORDS SECRETARY

Mike Northcott 01458 273576
8 Laburnum Drive, Somerton

TIME TRAILS (Evening events)
until June either Dave Notley or
Mike Northcott

NEWSLETTER & CLOTHING

David Notley 01963 440291
Oakley, Church Road, Sparkford.

Local Hero continued

highest ranked Yeovil rider with 13th place. The low turnout of riders was a little disappointing, but seems to be an inevitable consequence of the trend towards more people entering on the line, despite the double entry fee. If riders are not organised enough to get their entries in on time then they will have to accept that races may be cancelled.

The headquarters for this year's event was the Primary School at Ilchester, which proved an excellent venue, providing more parking space, less chaos in the town centre, and plenty of room for the riders.

The police also gave us superb support, enabling the road works at Yeovilton to be by-passed in safety, and stopping the traffic on all the major road junctions.

The prizes were presented by Tony Marriot, MD of Pittards, who even cycled out to the event! It is great to have a sponsor that is genuinely interested in the sport, and I should like to thank Pittards for their continued support. Support which spans 35 years, for the race that was first run in 1962. Our own Vice President Ivy Walker presented the prizes for the Ham Hill.

Congratulations too to 'dad', Kevin Mahon and Garry Mitchener for organising the event. Thanks to all those that turned out to help on the day, and contributed to such a successful event.