



Yeovil Cycling Club

July 1997

The Pedaller

Every one a winner

The 1997 John Andrew Memorial Road Race proved to be a superb race, a quality field contesting a very close race with our own Darren Edmonds finishing third in a dramatic sprint for the line.

Seventy seven riders were pre-entered for the race, and a further five entries on the line ensured a large field contested the race. Small groups of riders managed to break away from the bunch but the gap rarely exceeded a minute. Two riders tried for the lone break on the last lap but when the Somer Valley rider was unable to sustain the pace it left Paul Davies alone to struggle into the headwind over the final leg. With the bunch bearing down he managed to reach the finish just as the main bunch sprinted in, losing first place by the narrowest margin.

The Race is run in memory of Ivy's son, and the winner this year was Richard Smith, who is the son-in-law of Dave Whittington. Dave and John Walker were fellow cyclists and great friends in the days when John was racing, often in events organised by Ivy and her husband.

Even if we hadn't had a rider in the race Yeovil CC can be proud of the way the race was organised and supported. The turn out of marshals was excellent with cover on every one of the junctions on the course. The support we received from the police ensured that the riders were given safe passage, and thankfully the medical assistance provided by the Red Cross was not required. Well done and thank you to all of you who helped, there are too many to mention but you know who you are.

A special thank you to Ivy for organising and running the catering and to Gary for organising the marshals. Another brilliantly organised event from *Kevin Mahon Productions* co-directed by Mike Northcott, well done lads!

Bicycle Belles

More congratulations are also due to Darren, he and Sarah were married on Saturday 14th June. Rumour has it that a cycle-free honeymoon is planned, for July, in the Pyrennees, isn't there a small race that goes that way about then?

That could lose you some points off your wedding license!

Time Trials

The Thursday evening time trials are now well under way with a very encouraging turn out for the first few events. Despite some dodgy weather on a couple of evenings we have managed to hold an event each week.

A good cross section of local clubs are represented, with all ages and abilities enjoying a ride, and some keen rivalries developing.

Thanks to all the 'volunteers' that have turned up each week to fulfil their duties. The Rota for the rest of the season is set out below, please try and take your turn or arrange for someone else to take your place.

New Boss

With his college work complete Chris Absolom has now taken up the position of Time Trial Secretary, so if you need any information Chris is your man.

New surface

The roadworks on the Cartgate Road have made their annual appearance and led to the cancellation of our June 25, but

thankfully they have finished, ahead of schedule, and normal service has been resumed.

Mid summer madness

The annual TVCRA 4-up team time trial (which is normally held on midsummers day) did not happen as Wellington Wheelers who have traditionally handled the event have not been able to find an organiser. We are currently looking at the possibility of running it as part of our scheduled 25 on 24th July, with a social gathering at a local pub after the event. So we need two or three teams of four riders, and some pushers off. You will be able to ride the event as a normal 25.

Club Handicap

An entry form for this seasons Handicap championship is on the back page. In an effort to make it as fair as possible the qualifying times are for our course. If you haven't done three 10s on the course this year then please use one or two of last seasons times .

Don't forget the H'cap is the first event at the earlier time of 7.00

Date	Start T/K	Pusher Off	Finish T/K
3rd July	M Northcott	S Wroot	M Northcott
10th	C Broadway	D Todd	K Mahon
17th H'cap	D Todd	A Pugsley	K Mahon
24th	K Mahon	M Northcott	K Mahon
31st	R Nutt	M Curtis	K Mahon
7th August	N Evans	D Edmonds	K Mahon
14th	D Todd	R Lemmey	K Mahon
21th	D Notley	J Hinds	K Mahon
28th	D Todd	J Sharp	K Mahon

Under the hour

If you haven't entered our Open 25 then Derek Todd would be pleased to hear from you if you can help with the marshalling. With just a few days to go to the closing date the field looks as though it may be under 60 riders so the start time can go back to 7.30. Which means you will not have to get out of bed too early or stand around for too long. Sunday 13th July at Podimore Service area.

Persistancy pays

As part of the evening time trial series there is a points cup to be won at the end of the season.

Points are awarded for all the YCC riders with 10 for the first down to 5 for the sixth placed rider, with all the others receiving 4 points, including anyone who helps with the timekeeping etc.

The current leaders are:

1	Nick Armstrong	95
2	David Notley	69
3	Dave Walters	64
4	Darren Edmonds	51
5	M Northcott	39

There are still nine events left with a potential ninety points on offer, so let's see you out on a Thursday evening. Someone has to stop Nick Armstrong hoarding all the club trophies this year!

The colour this season...

There is still a small stock of club clothing available:

Short sleeved road vests . . .	£33.50
36, 38, 40, 42	
Long sleeved road vests . . .	£30.50
36, 38	
Shorts	£30.70
S, L	
Training tops	£36.50
36,	
Skin suits.	£55.00
36, 38,	
Skin overshoes one pair . . .	£8.00

A new order will be placed in August to replenish our stock, so if you want a size that isn't listed, or a garment that isn't usually stocked then please let me know before the end of July.

It may seem like a long way ahead but remember to order your winter clothing too, the thermal tops come highly recommended.

I have a catalogue that lists all the products available from bib shorts to team bags.

If you're not an average size cyclist then it is worth noting that the manufacturers will produce a bespoke fit at no extra cost. All that is required is a simple set of measurements. They are also very accommodating when it comes to alterations, so if the sleeves are a little too tight or the legs too long then they can be corrected , again at no cost.

For Sale

Raleigh Volant, 24" frame, 531 tubing. Shimano 500 groupset £190.00.

Telephone Yeovil 410431

Tubular Repairs

If you have the misfortune to puncture a good quality tub then Peter Burgin is the man you need. He's the one advertising in *the comic* each week. Puncture repairs cost £4.50, secondary punctures £2.50, replacement valves £7.50 or a new base tape £5.50. Repairs are normally returned within a few days.

L Peter Burgin,
7 Cortworth Lane, Rotherham,
South Yorkshire S62 7SB.

Give me a break

There must be someone out there that would like to go into print in the next newsletter. I live in hope of receiving a torrent of correspondence after each issue, but alas, nothing.

So be brave, get out a pen and paper and just jot down a few lines about the club, your cycling experiences – good or bad, your holiday, old times, training tips any contributions are welcome and I promise not to edit them too heavily.

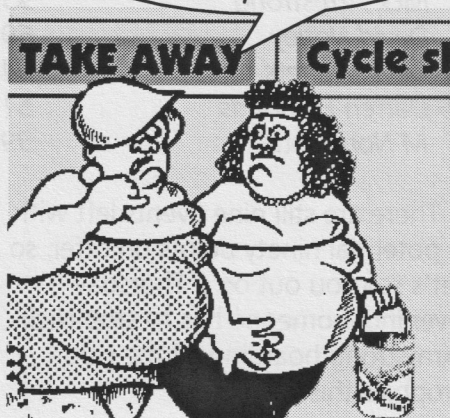
Merryfield

A regular bunch of riders are turning up each Tuesday evening to get in some valuable training. There are two groups this year: one for experienced riders and another for novices. This is working well with the novices sorting themselves into groups of similar ability, which provides them all with an opportunity to stretch themselves within the safe confines of a traffic free system.

The numbers of riders attending these sessions has shown a slight decrease, if we cannot halt the decline then inevitably the cost to those attending is going to rise or at worst there will be insufficient people to make it a viable option, so use it don't lose it!

Finally, we all wish Dave Bentley (one of the Merryfield regulars from Taunton) a speedy recovery after his recent collision with a motorbike.

...and you'll never guess wot,
with the number 12 he had two
Tirimasu and a side order
of Spinacci



Tales from the Classroom

A brief resume of the meetings for April, May and June. Topics covered elsewhere in this issue are mentioned only briefly below.

April

The main business for the Meeting was the report on the Ham Hill and Pittards Road Race and the forthcoming Open Time Trial.

There was a consensus of opinion that the Road Races had gone very well, with good organisation being enhanced by the excellent police support. There was also a good turn out of club members to help with the marshalling which was greatly appreciated.

The school at Ilchester was deemed to be a more suitable HQ than the Town Hall, and it was cheaper too.

A letter of thanks was sent to the Police, and to Pittards for their support. The event accounts will be available in June.

The entry for the Open 10 was disappointing with only 44 riders.

The additional road signs from Beekay had been received.

May

The evening time trials had started with good turnouts for the first four events. The new signs were being used. It was agreed the £1.00 fee will include day membership of Yeovil CC for riders not currently belonging to an RTTC affiliated club, but that these riders should be persuaded to join if they wished to ride on a regular basis.

Merryfield had also commenced

with a reasonable field for the main event and a new novices section.

The Road Race had made a small profit and the sponsorship money from Pittards had been banked.

Correspondence on Majorcan Holidays and an Asthma Campaign sponsored ride had been received.

The purchase of a new water boiler, to replace the old one, was agreed at the cost of £155 plus VAT.

June

A week early because of the VC Camelot 10.

CTC magazine received, YCC still not listed in affiliated clubs.

Preparations for the John Andrew Road Race are well in hand. Marshals to be organised. 63 entries to date.

Membership at 39, three members re-joining approved and other membership forms have been passed to new riders at the evening 10.

The fate of the TVCRA 4-up was unknown.

Thanks from Nick Armstrong to all the YCC members that helped with the LVRC event.

A request from VC Camelot to use the water boiler and tea pot was approved.

Transferring meetings to a Monday evening from September onwards was discussed and agreed, subject to the Room at Preston School being free. *The dates for the next meetings are: 9th July, 13th August and 8th Sept* which will be the Date Fixing Meeting (*see above)*

South Somerset Cycle Ride

I am sure you have all seen the little brown cycle route signs that are scattered around the South Somerset lanes, well for some time now I have thought about doing the *round Somerset* route, which is approximately one hundred miles. If there is enough interest from the other *closet tourists* amongst you I am hoping to organise it for a Sunday in August.

A coffee break, lunch stop and afternoon tea would divide the ride into four 20-30 miles sections, which could be ridden at a sensible pace.

If there is a large enough turn out then we could even pre-book our refreshment stops. Obviously it is going to be rather weather dependant, but it could be a very pleasant day out.

Anyone want to keep me company?

David Notley



SOUTH
SOMERSET
CYCLE ROUTE

Final call

If you haven't already paid your Club subscription for 1997 then get it to Mike Northcott soon, or you won't get your copy of the Newsletter from now on.
(*Could you face that - Ed?*)

CLUB CONTACTS



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NEWSLETTER & CLOTHING

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Evening 10 — Handicap Entry form

Name _____

Best three 10s this season on U30/10 (our course)

1	Date
2	Date
3	Date

Signature _____

To be returned to Chris Absolom no later than **Thursday 10th July**