



Yeovil Cycling Club

January 1998

The Pedaller

END OF AN ERA

In December Wilf Perry, former Club President and our longest serving member died.

Wilf started cycling in 1928, the year Yeovil Cycling Club was formed, and this was to be the club he joined two years later. From the start he was involved in all aspects of cycling, racing with the Wessex Road Club and Yeovil. In 1938 he became a Club timekeeper, progressing to an RTTC official in 1950, and working for the NCU and BCF. Wilf first joined the YCC Committee in 1945, becoming vice president in 1957 and Chairman in 1976.

In 1950 he also joined the WCRRA as a private member and timekeeper, he was elected to their committee in 1952, rising to president in 1976.

Wilf was nominated for the Widmann Memorial Plaque in 1988, in the citation it was said, "There cannot be many in the West Country cycling circles who have not heard of the name Wilf Perry as one of those devoted back room boys, who can never expect stardom, but without whose services our sport would grind to a stop." The trophy in memory of Paddy Widmann, the long time

cycling correspondent for the Bristol Evening Post, was awarded to Wilf at the Club Buffet that year.

He was an active member of the Club until a few years ago, when he was forced to spend a short spell in hospital. Many of you will remember him *setting up shop* in his camper van beside the A303, as he served as the Club timekeeper for both the evening TTs and Open events.

Wilf was a great cyclist, he loved the sport and gave freely of his time whenever he was asked. He had a wealth of cycling tales and enjoyed recounting the exploits and activities of his early years. He will be missed by all that knew him.

The 1998 AGM

The Annual General Meeting will take place on Monday 9th February in Room 3 at Preston Community School, Yeovil. The meeting will commence at 7.00pm.

Any formal resolutions for the meeting should be submitted in writing to Kevin Mahon by 26th January 1998. Agendas will be available on the evening, or 7 days prior to the meeting upon request.



Vice President Ivy Walker presents the 1997 winners with their awards at the Club Buffet.

The *in form* riders were Chris Absolom and Nick Armstrong, with Darren Edmonds, Doug Northcott and Olive Tabor collecting silverware too. The most contested trophy was the Evening 10 Points Cup with thirty three members competing during the season. Nick Armstrong clinched the title with a consistent performance throughout the year. The top ten places were:

- 1 Nick Armstrong157
- 2 Dave Walters121
- 3 David Notley119
- 4 Chris Absolom97
- 5 Peter Kench77
- 6 Darren Edmonds69
- 7 Chris Williams54
- 8 Derek Todd52
- 9 Mike Northcott51
- 10 Olive Tabor50

Darren won the John Hart Cup for the *Best Result in a Yeovil RR* for his placing in the John Andrew Road Race during July, he finished

the season just two points short of his 2nd Cat license.

Senior RR Champion was Chris Absolom, fittingly for the Time Trial Secretary he also won the *Club Handicap Cup*, and he ended the season by winning the *Hill Climb*.

Nick's haul of cups also included the *Best 50 Trophy* with a time of 2.00.12, the *Veteran BAR* with a speed of +4.3, the *Veteran RR Cup*, *Time Trial Champion* and the *Short Distance BAR* with a speed of 24.35 and 25.047 respectively.

Douglas won the *Best 25* with a time of 57.36.

In her first season Olive won both the Junior and Juvenile BAR cups with an average of 20.585 and 21.123mph.

The Webb Trophy (for services to the Club) was awarded to David Notley.

Congratulations to the winners and to everyone that made it such a competitive season.

LYCRA LOUTS

Do they mean us? I certainly hope not. This tabloid reference was coined to describe the more anti-social cyclists, riding on busy

pavements. With spot fines for no lights, and one for riding on the pavement coming, the law is focusing on cycling, lets hope it is applied equally to poor driving!

1998 starts here...

Don't let that New Years resolution lapse already come and join the Sunday morning club runs. There are two runs every week, starting at 9.00am in the Old Town Station car park, back in Yeovil for 1.00pm.

Christmas presence

Congratulations, Gary is now officially a Grandad. This first Mitchener grandson was born on 13th December 1997. Time to start saving for his first bike Gary, it has got to be a Bianchi!

Wanted... Marshals

Bike events are looking for anyone that enjoys marshalling (aren't we all!), but in their case they are prepared to pay for the privilege of sitting by the roadside. There are several cycling promotions in the Winchester, Salisbury and Basingstoke areas, further details from Kevin Mahon.

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)

Chris Absolom 01935 477965
69 Plantagenet Chase, Yeovil

NEWSLETTER & CLOTHING

David Notley 01963 440291
Oakley, Church Road, Sparkford.

Bike Express

The specialist *bike-bus* coaches which serve many of the popular destinations in Europe were virtually sold out last year. For 1998 there are now more destinations, the number of vehicles has increased and they will all be higher quality too.

France is particularly well served by the two main routes, these split at Paris one taking the west coast whilst the other travels down through Dijon, Lyon, Grenoble, Montpellier and on into Spain. There is also a route down to the Italian/Austrian border via Belgium, Germany and Switzerland.

The great thing about the service is that you can tailor the transport to fit your cycling plans, you can get off at one point and rejoin at a different stop.

There are three price zones which vary by only £20.00, from £140 to £160. If you are looking for a hassle free way of reaching parts of Europe that you thought were beyond your budget then check out the 1998 Bike Express Brochure. More details from:

Bike Express, 31 Baker Street,
Middlesbrough, TS1 2LF.

Tel: 01642 251440

Fax: 01642 232209

e-mail: Bolero@demon.co.uk

If you belong to the CTC you can even get a £10 discount!

Testing Times

As promised in the last issue the confirmed dates for the Time Trials to be held in our area are set out below:

YEOVIL CC CLUB EVENTS

All Thursday evenings , HQ at Podimore lorry park.

April

16th 10 miles 19.00

23rd 10 miles 19.00

30th 10 miles (2 up) 19.00

May

7th 10 miles 19.00

14th 25 miles 19.00

21st 10 miles 19.30

28th 10 miles 19.30

June

4th 25 miles 19.30

11th 10 miles 19.30

18th 25 miles (4 up Team) 19.30

25th 10 miles 19.30

July

2nd 25 miles 19.30

9th 10 miles 19.30

16th 10 miles Handicap 19.00

23rd 25 miles 19.00

30th 10 miles 19.00

August

6th 10 miles 19.00

13th 10 miles 19.00

20th 10 miles 18.45

27th 10 miles 18.45

September

3rd 10 miles 18.45

The 4-up is open to all members of the TVCRA, and will be followed by a drink, or two, at the local inn!

OPEN EVENTS – February to April

Where the information is available the type of event is marked, ie. *Hilly*. Full details will be in the 1998 RTTC Handbook which should be available in Feb/March. (Order your copy from Kevin Mahon).

Date	Course	Dist.	Time		Club	Organiser
February						
22nd	U53R	20	09.30	2-up	Corsham	K Sealy, 01225 790 158
March						
1st	U18R	25	09.00	2-up	Severn	K Moss, 0117 967 6486
7th	U7	10	14.00		Dursley	E Price, 01453 764 523
8th	U83	27	09.00	Hilly	Chippenham	P Stevens, 01249 461 552
15th	U27	10	09.00	2-up	Weston	L Summers, 01278 784 015
21st	U30	10	14.00	Old*	Vegetarian	S Oxbrow, 01935 413 396
21st	U30	10	14.30		Vegetarian	S Oxbrow, 01935 413 396
22nd	U32	30	09.00	Hilly	Bath	A Trussler, 01225 862 485
29th	U19	24	10.00		Severn	T Gradidge, 01454 316 065

April

4th	U7	10	14.00	A&S Police	C Bland, 01275 393 696
5th	U18R	25	09.00	Trikes Clevedon	G Lonsdale, 0117 979 0381
5th	U18R	25	09.20	Clevedon	G Lonsdale, 0117 979 0381
5th	U18R	25	10.30	Tandem Clevedon	G Lonsdale, 0117 979 0381
10th	U88	25	08.30	Western TTA	J Galway, 01225 762 153
12th	U71	25	09.00	Hilly Ross	S Millard, 01452 840 740
18th	U7	10	14.00	Bristol S	D Kempe,
19th	U59	24	09.00	Trowbridge	R Percy, 01225 763 652
26th	U14	24	08.00	Dursley	M Hallgarth, 01454 294 735
26th	U30	10	07.30	Yeovil	D Notley, 01963 440 291

This refers to the cycles not the cyclist!

The RTTC list giving the full details of the events is with the Editor, (*it does not include details of the entry fee-Ed*). If you want to get entries in early you will have to ring the organiser. Please remember that all entries must be on a current style RTTC entry form (post July 95).

NEW RULES

The usual selection of Rule and Regulations changes were proposed at the 1997 RTTC Annual General Meeting. As you may have read in *Cycling* the club levy was not passed again this year.

The proposals to provide a new type of membership, and a new age category/championship also failed to win the required support.

Rules regarding the riding position were passed, these are primarily aimed at banning the *Superman* position, but they may well affect some riders, especially if your tri bars are set low relative to your saddle, or even inclined below the horizontal.

Precise definitions of these new rules will be in the 1998 Handbook.

BCF HANDBOOKS

In previous years the BCF has allowed clubs to buy a small quantity of handbooks at a discounted rate, however this year the minimum qualifying order has increased to thirty books.

The club has not ordered any handbooks, these can be obtained at the same time as applying for your BCF membership/license, there is a tick box on the Application form, licenses are normally sent to the Club Secretary, but it is believed Handbooks will be sent direct.

If you were a member last year you should already have had a renewal reminder, if you weren't and wish to join Kevin Mahon has application details.

Outline Accounts for 1997

Income

Opening balance	3137.27	
Membership subs	323.00	
Race Promotions		
Spring 10	38.72	
Summer 25	21.30	
Late 10	59.62	
Evening TTs	196.76	
Ham Hill/Pittards	82.20	
John Andrew	122.87	521.47
Pittards donation	360.00	
Clothing sales	656.18	
C&G Interest	22.69	
Boiler Hire (VCC)	5.00	
BCF Insurance refund	25.00	
Total		5050.61

Expenditure

Affiliations		
RTTC	20.00	
BCF	50.00	
TVCRA	5.00	
CTC	83.80	
Preston Centre	20.00	178.80
Permits/Insurance	80.00	
Room hire (Preston)	59.40	
Engraving trophies	113.03	
Clothing	1221.14	
Watch testing	11.00	
Gas Boiler	142.00	
Road signs	118.67	
Buffet	8.00	
Handbook unsold	3.50	
YDH (Wilf Perry)	25.00	
RR Sec travel expenses	15.00	
Total		1975.54

Income for the year	1913.34
Expenditure for the year	1975.54
Deficit for year	62.20

Assets @ 31/12/98

Girobank	655.90
C&G	2378.88
Cash in Hand	40.29
Clothing Stock	1378.80

Committee Notes

A brief resume of the last committee meetings. Topics covered elsewhere in this issue are mentioned only briefly.

October

The following items had been **paid**, HQ for John Andrew Road Race (£50.00) and Insurance and permits for road races (£80.00), RTTC Affiliation (£20.00), Preston Community Centre (£20.00), Impsport for club clothing (£1050.00).

A **mailing** from Haynes Publishing offering their cycle books at a discount rate was discussed, it was felt they may be suitable to give as prizes, no decision was taken.

The dates for the **Club Open Time Trials** were confirmed.

A profit of £59.00 was reported on the final **Open 10** run by Andy Pugsley. A high number of PBs being recorded on the day.

The forthcoming **BCF Division meeting** is to be attended by KM.

Details of the **Club buffet** to be published in the *Pedaller*.

November

Notice of the **RTTC Div. meeting** had been received, but no agenda. Delegates to vote as appropriate.

Dates for the **Club Events for 1998** were discussed, final draft submitted to John Galway (RTTC Sec.).

BCF affiliation fee paid, increased to £50.00 for 1998 (£35.00 in 1997).

BCF Handbooks minimum order now 30 books, it was decided the Club would not sell that quantity.

A letter entitled *BCF in crisis* had

been received, the source of the letter was anonymous, and as the Committee had no way of establishing the accuracy of it's content it was not discussed further.

The **Club finances** are still in a good state with £500.00 remaining in the Current Account after the payment of the clothing invoice. Deposit account unchanged. Cheques for the clothing already purchased had been received.

The results of the **Points Cup and Club Handicap** have been passed to GM for preparation of the trophies.

BCF Division AGM. A number of issues on the National Committee AGM were discussed, the only one directly relevant to the Club was: *Banning EoL*, the Club opposed the ban but it was supported by Division.

BCF Fees are to increase to £25.00.

Letter from Malcolm Prince regarding **Coaching**, he wishes to come and address the Club, it was suggested that he attend the AGM.

No change in **membership**, or any new **Club records**.

Newsletter published in October.

The death of **Wilf Perry** reported, and donation of £25.00 agreed.

December

CTC magazine and acknowledgments of fees paid in November received.

Letter from **Bike Events** asking if anyone is interested in marshalling.

Buffet Account presented showing a small deficit of eight pounds.

Pittards have confirmed their support of the 1998 Road Race.

YCC to promote this years **TVCRA 4-up** as part of the Evening events.

Accounts are in hand for publication in the January Newsletter.

January

Correspondence was dealt with, a brochure from TAL Clothing, details on holidays in Crete, Cycle Challenge funding (a grant available to local schools to team up with a club to promote cycling) for 11 to 14 year olds, and a letter from the RTTC containing information for promoters and a list of the approved TTs for the season.

Treasurer reported outline accounts will be available for publication in the January newsletter. Engraving of trophies paid £97.60. Interest on the deposit account was £22.69. It was decided that some of the **club trophies** needed replating, the cost to be obtained. At a suitable time the more valuable trophies should be valued.

Evening TTs were approved by District but July and August must have traffic counts, these to be forwarded to Div Sec. The Club will buy a supply of **RTTC entry forms** when the new Handbook is available (the design is to remain unchanged until 2001!)

The number on the **Sunday Club runs** is increasing, but concern was expressed at the decreasing speed of the second run. The distance is having to be shortened and some of the more popular destinations are no longer viable. Because of the nature of the problem no immediate solution could be found, it is hoped a *return to form* may solve the problem.

Membership fees can remain at their current level unless proposals at the AGM result in increased expense. GM and MN wish to step down as **Runs and Membership Sec.** for 1998.

Next meetings: 9th Feb (AGM) and 9th March, 13th April.

Two for the price of one

Before the Annual General Meeting, which is your opportunity to voice an opinion on how the Club should be run, Dave Wall is coming to address the Club about coaching.

The meeting will start half an hour earlier than normal, 7.00pm, and during that period Dave will give a brief presentation on becoming a Coach, the benefits to the Club of having a coach, and answer any questions on the subject.

If you would like to become more involved in running the Club then why not consider standing as a Committee member? Below is a list of the positions, with the members who are willing to stand for 1998. None of the positions is fixed until each member is elected, other nominations for any of the positions are invited.

The Committee would welcome some fresh ideas, and help to distribute the jobs amongst a few more members would be greatly

appreciated. It does not demand a lot of time, just a bit of organisation and one meeting a month. There are currently three posts that are vacant, can you help?

Positions are:

<i>President</i>	<i>G Mitchener</i>
<i>V President</i>	<i>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>C Absolom</i>
<i>RR Secretary</i>	<i>K Mahon</i>
<i>Records Secretary</i>	<i>M Northcott</i>
<i>Membership</i>	
<i>Runs Secretary</i>	
<i>Press Secretary</i>	<i>G Mitchener</i>
<i>TVCRA Rep.</i>	<i>N Armstrong</i>
<i>PR/Sponsorship</i>	<i>D Notley</i>
<i>Newsletter</i>	<i>D Notley</i>
<i>Development Officer</i>	
<i>Special delegate</i>	<i>S Wroot</i>

Please note the AGM has now changed to a Monday. See the front page for full details.

Tuesday Training

There is a training ride of about 36 miles every Tuesday evening. Meet at the Fairacre Park roundabout at 7pm. The ride takes about two hours, going out to Sparkford, Castle Cary, Somerton, Ilchester and back to Yeovil. This is a fairly level route ridden at level 2.

Good lights are essential. For more details speak to Chris Absolom.

Club Clothing

We now have thermal jackets and bib shorts as well as the usual selection of shorts, road jerseys and training tops. There is a good range of sizes available so if that Christmas money is still burning a hole in your pocket, treat yourself now.

The kit is excellent quality and no more expensive than similar items in the shops.