



Yeovil Cycling Club

April 1998

# The Pedaller

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## Mothers day strongly contested

**A very big thank-you to all the helpers that turned out on Mothers Day to assist with the first of our road races, and contributed to yet another successful event.**

The *Ham Hill* and *Pittards* had a smaller than usual pre-race field but this was boosted by a considerable number of late entrants and entries-on-the-line. Both races were well supported and the fiercely contested right from the start. A little too fiercely on the final corner – which led to some riders crashing out and a disqualification!

A full race report appeared in the *Western Gazette*, (and hopefully this weeks issue of *Cycling*), so as they

say "see Press for details".

The prizes for the *Pittards Road Race* were presented by Mr Richard Williams, the Financial Director of Pittards. This is the 36th year the *Pittards road race* has been staged, and without Pittards continued support races like this could not be run. It is from events like these that the *cycling greats* emerge, as the 1991 Winner might say, a rider by the name of....Jeremy Hunt.

The next Road race is the John Andrews Memorial Road race in June, how about a few more Yeovil riders, surely we can muster enough for a crack at the team prize. And if you can't face the mileage your help with a red flag would be appreciated

### Time is running out

**The annual membership fee** remains at the bargain price of £8.00, but it must be paid by 10th April, after that date it will rise to £9.00, (£5.00 for Juniors, Juveniles and full time students).

Anyone wishing to ride the evening 10s must have paid

before the event, if you're not on the members list you will not be allowed to ride.

Cheques or cash to Mike please, details on back cover.

**Entries for the Spring 10** must be in to David Notley by Tuesday 14th April, the entry fee is £4.00.

# AGM

The 1998 Annual General Meeting was held at Preston School on Monday 9th February. The items discussed were as follows:

**The Treasurer** reported that the accounts were as published in the January issue of *The Pedaller*. Although the annual expenditure appears greater than income the primary reason was the increase in stock of club clothing, accounting for nearly £600. The evening time trials were an excellent source of revenue with a profit of almost £200 for the year.

The road races were well supported and profitable too, the increase in field size allowed more entries on the line, at double the normal fee, which boosted the balance. Thanks were expressed to all the people that helped make the events such a success.

There was only one new record for 1998, Douglas Northcott taking the adult 10 record with a time of 20.59.

Despite interest being expressed no one had tried to beat any of the place-to-place records.

The traditional Sunday Club rides have run each weekend throughout the year with only a few being lost to bad weather. A core bunch of riders turn out each week to participate in two runs.

The total membership for 1998 remains almost unchanged from 1997, with 46 paid up members.

Pittards have agreed to continue their sponsorship of our early season road race. Any additional sponsorship will be directed towards specific events rather than the club, but none is being actively sought.

The Newsletter was published quarterly, as this is the main means of communicating with all the club members the content aims to be as informative as possible. Articles for inclusion are always welcome, at any time of the year.

The Time Trial Secretary expressed his thanks to David Notley and Mike Northcott for running the early season evening tens, and to Derek Todd and Kevin Mahon for their continuous support as time keepers. An excellent attendance both by club members and visiting riders resulted in a healthy profit, as already noted, which included the cost of spot prizes. As part of this years schedule YCC are to take on the running of the 4-up team time trial, and buffet.

Membership fees are to remain unchanged at £8 (£4 juniors etc).

The committee was elected as follows:

|                          |                    |
|--------------------------|--------------------|
| <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>M Loader</i>    |
| <i>Runs Secretary</i>      | <i>D Todd</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>     |

The possibility of a trip to the World Championships in Valkenburg was discussed, with the windfall money being used to partially subsidise the journey. As no costs were available the decision was deferred until the full details are known.

Affiliations to other cycling associations were considered and joining the Womans ?? was approved. Nominations for any other affiliations were invited, but none were forthcoming. If there are any that would benefit the club then please inform a committee member so that action may be taken.

## STREET LEGAL

There have been one or two amendments to the regulations regarding the riding position of time trialists in this years handbook, (for those with a copy already the relevant rules are on page 98). In summary the sections of rule 53 most likely to affect club riders are:

a) Handlebars minimum width 35cm, brake levers must be easily applied whilst holding bars at widest point.

d) Tribars. Wrist no lower than elbows. Point of elbow no more than 3cm in front of head tube. Height to elbow supports must be minimum of 80% of saddle height. Spinacci bars without elbow supports not allowed.

g) Disc wheels are only allowed on rear.

These rules apply to all riders in all events, so please check that your machine complies. In these litigious times, in the event of an accident, it could mean the difference between you getting compensation and being sued!

## TVCRA

The Tuesday evening race training sessions at Merryfield Airfield, near Ilton, will start on Tuesday 21st April, starting at 7.00pm.

These are organised by the Taunton Vale Cycle Racing Association and consist of a training race of about ten laps of the 2.5 mile perimeter road. The rides are open to anyone that wants to try road racing, although all riders start off together it inevitably splits into one or two bunches of equally matched

riders. So even if you are not super fit you will find plenty of competitive riding through out the season.

The cost is £8.00 for the year with a 20p fee payable on the night. This is a military base and riders will not be allowed in without a pass. Cash or cheques to Nick Armstrong, please allow a week for your pass to be processed. Nick can be contacted on 01935 851262, but ideally send your details to him at The Pines, Keep Street, West Camel, Yeovil BA22 7QP.

# Setting the Record Straight

Titanium sprockets, aluminium frames, disc wheels and a liberal sprinkling of aerodynamic bits should mean that today's club cyclist is going much faster than some of the *golden oldies*, yet a quick glance at the dates on the records below show that this isn't the case. Whilst some of the distances are rare, and the tricycle is all but extinct, there are plenty of times that could be broken.

The weather men are promising a good year so let's make the most of it and get some new names into our record book. Claims to Mike Northcott please, together with a copy of the results sheet where appropriate, within 60 days of the event.

## 5 Miles

|                           |       |                 |
|---------------------------|-------|-----------------|
| Single bicycle schoolgirl | 13-02 | Georgina Ellery |
|---------------------------|-------|-----------------|

## 10 Miles

|                               |         |                                      |             |
|-------------------------------|---------|--------------------------------------|-------------|
| Single bicycle schoolgirl     | 24-59   | Georgina Ellery                      | 1983 U4     |
| Single bicycle schoolboy (12) | 28-23   | Keir O'Donnell                       | 1981 U37    |
| Single bicycle schoolboy (13) | 26-37   | Adrian Kirby                         | 1988 U37    |
| Single bicycle schoolboy (14) | 22-33   | Chris Davis                          | 1990 U4     |
| Single bicycle schoolboy (15) | 22-05   | Douglas Northcott                    | 1994 P613   |
| Single bicycle schoolboy (16) | 21-21   | Douglas Northcott                    | 1995 F5/10  |
| Single bicycle junior         | 21-10   | Douglas Northcott                    | 1996 P613   |
| Single bicycle junior team    | 1-12-59 | Lee Ackland/Gareth Davis/Chris Davis | 1990 U37R   |
| Single bicycle ladies         | 23-33   | Georgina Ellery                      | 1983 U4     |
| Single bicycle senior         | 20-59   | Douglas Northcott                    | 1997 U30/10 |
| Single bicycle senior team    | 1-5-54  | John Saunders/Dave Driver/Tony White | 1991 U4     |
| Single bicycle lady veteran   | +3-03   | Pat Ellery                           | 1991 U37R   |
| Single bicycle veteran team   | +17-25  | John Saunders/Tony White/Dave Driver | 1991 U4     |
| Single tricycle               | 26-18   | M Jarvis                             | 1966        |

## 12.5 Miles Ladies

|                |       |                 |      |
|----------------|-------|-----------------|------|
| Single bicycle | 40-42 | Miss P Kerswill | 1939 |
|----------------|-------|-----------------|------|

## 25 Miles

|                                |         |                                      |              |
|--------------------------------|---------|--------------------------------------|--------------|
| Single bicycle schoolboy (15)  | 59-08   | Douglas Northcott                    | 1994 P612    |
| Single bicycle schoolboy (16)  | 55-02   | Douglas Northcott                    | 1995 025/A1  |
| Single bicycle schoolboy/girl  | 1-0-45  | K O'Donnell                          | 1984         |
| Single bicycle junior          | 53-33   | Douglas Northcott                    | 1996 F1A/25  |
| Single bicycle novice          | 59-34   | Douglas Northcott                    | 1994 U30     |
| Single bicycle ladies          | 1-6-16  | Patricia Ellery                      | 1982 V137    |
| Single bicycle senior          | 53-15   | Jason Gunney                         | 1992 H25/13B |
| Single bicycle senior team     | 2-50-47 | Tony White/Jason Gunney/Dave Driver  | 1992 H25/13B |
| Single bicycle veteran team    | +44-10  | John Saunders/Tony White/Dave Driver | 1991 R25/7   |
| Single tricycle                | 1-6-05  | P Hounsell                           | 1957         |
| Single tricycle team           | 3-57-46 | G Sartom/D Chaffey/B Routledge       | 1962         |
| Single bicycle low gear <63.5" | 1-4-49  | G Chiles                             | 1957         |
| Single bicycle medium gear     | 1-2-46  | G Chiles                             | 1957         |

|                             |         |            |              |
|-----------------------------|---------|------------|--------------|
| Single tricycle low gear    | 1-22-59 | L Hayter   | 1939         |
| Single tricycle medium gear | 1-27-03 | L Hayter   | 1939         |
| Single bicycle hardriders   | 1-05-32 | D Ellery   | 1961         |
| Single bicycle veteran      | +18-38  | Tony White | 1992 H25/13B |

### 30 Miles

|                            |         |                                     |          |
|----------------------------|---------|-------------------------------------|----------|
| Single bicycle junior      | 1-12-03 | John Andrews                        | 1963     |
| Single bicycle junior team | 3-51-31 | J Andrews/L Rollo/F Griffin         | 1962     |
| Single bicycle senior      | 1-9-17  | Dave Driver                         | 1990 E72 |
| Single bicycle senior team | 3-29-01 | Dave Driver/Tony White/Gareth Evans | 1990 E72 |
| Single tricycle            | 1-20-50 | G Sartin                            | 1962     |
| Tandem bicycle             | 1-11-58 | L Hayter/E Cooper                   | 1934     |
| Single bicycle veteran     | +15-25  | Dave Driver                         | 1990 E27 |

### 50 Miles

|                             |         |                                      |           |
|-----------------------------|---------|--------------------------------------|-----------|
| Single bicycle junior       | 2-06-35 | Douglas Northcott                    | 1966 U33  |
| Single bicycle junior team  | 7-00-26 | J Andrews/L Rollo/F Griffin          | 1962      |
| Single bicycle senior       | 1-52-35 | G Chiles                             | 1980      |
| Single bicycle senior team  | 5-57-47 | Tony White/Dave Driver/John Saunders | 1991 P209 |
| Single tricycle             | 2-22-22 | P Hounsell                           | 1954      |
| Single bicycle veteran      | +30-43  | Tony White                           | 1991 P209 |
| Single bicycle veteran team | +88-27  | Tony White/Dave Driver/John Saunders | 1991 P209 |

### 100 Miles

|                            |          |                            |      |
|----------------------------|----------|----------------------------|------|
| Single bicycle senior      | 4-13-18  | Clive Brooks               | 1984 |
| Single bicycle senior team | 13-22-59 | R Garrett/M Jarvis/J Avery | 1965 |
| Single tricycle            | 4-59-39  | P Hounsell                 | 1957 |
| Single bicycle veteran     | +51-41   | Dave Driver                | 1991 |

### 12 Hours

|                     |         |                            |      |
|---------------------|---------|----------------------------|------|
| Single bicycle      | 245.977 | B Rice                     | 1961 |
| Single bicycle team | 693.306 | B Rice/D Shorey/J Saunders | 1961 |
| Single tricycle     | 221.521 | P Hounsell                 | 1953 |
| Tandem bicycle      | 239.5   | L Hayter/D Evans           | 1937 |

### 24 Hours

|                |       |                  |      |
|----------------|-------|------------------|------|
| Single bicycle | 438.0 | E Stainer        | 1954 |
| Tandem bicycle | 391.0 | L Hayter/P Moore | 1938 |

### Yeovil-Taunton and back

|                |         |                   |      |
|----------------|---------|-------------------|------|
| Single bicycle | 2-10-09 | R Garrett         | 1963 |
| Tandem bicycle | 1-58-56 | R Callow/N Callow | 1955 |

### Yeovil-Weymouth and back

|                |         |          |      |
|----------------|---------|----------|------|
| Single bicycle | 2-29-39 | M Jarvis | 1965 |
|----------------|---------|----------|------|

### Yeovil-Weston Super Mare and back

|                |         |                     |      |
|----------------|---------|---------------------|------|
| Single bicycle | 3-31-06 | R Garrett           | 1963 |
| Tandem bicycle | 3-4-32  | R Callow/P Hounsell | 1954 |

### Yeovil-Exeter and back

|                |         |        |      |
|----------------|---------|--------|------|
| Single bicycle | 4-34-35 | B Rice | 1961 |
|----------------|---------|--------|------|

### Yeovil-Salisbury and back

|                |         |                 |      |
|----------------|---------|-----------------|------|
| Single bicycle | 4-03-52 | R Garrett       | 1963 |
| Tandem bicycle | 3-53-42 | D Evans/P Evans | 1939 |

### Yeovil-Minehead and back

|                |         |                   |      |
|----------------|---------|-------------------|------|
| Single bicycle | 4-41-08 | R Callow          | 1955 |
| Tandem bicycle | 4-09-55 | R Callow/N Callow | 1955 |

### Yeovil-London and back

|                |          |                   |      |
|----------------|----------|-------------------|------|
| Single bicycle | 13-42-00 | R Stainer         | 1950 |
| Tandem bicycle | 14-42-00 | L Hayter/E Cooper | 1931 |

### Around Somerset

|                |          |        |      |
|----------------|----------|--------|------|
| Single bicycle | 10-49-19 | B Rice | 1961 |
|----------------|----------|--------|------|

# Testing Times

Forget David Coulthard and Mika Hakinnen, the real battle starts here, man (or woman) and machine against the watch. The 1998 evening time trials start on Thursday 16th April. Below is the rota of helpers, necessary to ensure that the events are run safely and in accordance with RTTC regulations. If your name appears then please ensure you are available to help, or arrange to swap with another rider. If you cannot make it, do let Chris Absolom know who will be helping in your place.

The traffic count is a very simple job and need only take ten minutes, so it should be feasible to both do a count and ride the event.

## YEOVIL CC CLUB EVENTS

All Thursday evenings , HQ at Podimore lorry park.

| <i>April</i>     | <i>Dist.</i> | <i>Time Keepers</i> | <i>Pusher off</i> | <i>Traffic</i> | <i>Start</i> |
|------------------|--------------|---------------------|-------------------|----------------|--------------|
| 16th             | 10           | K Mahon/D Todd      | N Armstrong       | K Floyd        | 19.00        |
| 23rd             | 10           | K Mahon/D Todd      | D Walters         | N Armstrong    | 19.00        |
| 30th             | 10 (2 up)    | K Mahon/D Todd      | D Notley          | D Walters      | 19.00        |
| <i>May</i>       |              |                     |                   |                |              |
| 7th              | 10           | K Mahon/D Todd      | P Kench           | D Notley       | 19.00        |
| 14th             | 25           | K Mahon             | D Edmonds         | P Kench        | 19.00        |
| 21st             | 10           | K Mahon/D Todd      | C Williams        | D Edmonds      | 19.30        |
| 28th             | 10           | K Mahon/D Todd      | J Fazakerley      | C Williams     | 19.30        |
| <i>June</i>      |              |                     |                   |                |              |
| 4th              | 25           | D Todd              | O Tabor           | J Fazakerley   | 19.30        |
| 11th             | 10           | K Mahon/D Todd      | D Northcott       | O Tabor        | 19.30        |
| 18th             | 25 (4 up)    | K Mahon/D Todd      | R Nutt            | D Northcott    | 19.30        |
| 25th             | 10           | K Mahon/D Todd      | N Boxall          | R Nutt         | 19.30        |
| <i>July</i>      |              |                     |                   |                |              |
| 2nd              | 25           | K Mahon             | D Todd            | N Boxall       | 19.30        |
| 9th              | 10           | K Mahon/D Todd      | M Tetley          | C Fendt        | 19.30        |
| 16th             | 10 H'cap     | K Mahon/D Todd      | T White           | M Tetley       | 19.00        |
| 23rd             | 25           | D Todd              | D Hammett         | K Mahon        | 19.00        |
| 30th             | 10           | K Mahon/D Todd      | G Stayner         | D Hammett      | 19.00        |
| <i>August</i>    |              |                     |                   |                |              |
| 6th              | 10           | K Mahon             | J Sharp           | G Stayner      | 19.00        |
| 13th             | 10           | K Mahon/D Todd      | M Curtis          | J Sharp        | 19.00        |
| 20th             | 10           | K Mahon/D Todd      | M Bailey          | M Curtis       | 18.45        |
| 27th             | 10           | K Mahon/D Todd      | M Hendrick        | M Bailey       | 18.45        |
| <i>September</i> |              |                     |                   |                |              |
| 3rd              | 10 miles     | K Mahon/D Todd      | C Fendt           | T White        | 18.45        |

# Committee Notes

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

## March

**Correspondence** was dealt with, a brochure from the Irish Tourist board promoting the 1999 Tour de France. A brochure from Blue Chip travel detailing holidays for both this years four and next years starting in Ireland. The latest issue of the CTC magazine has been received. Promotional literature from BUPA offering private medical cover for BCF members. An invitation from the RTTC West Division to tender proposals for promoting the Ladies National 50 in 1999. A letter from Edward Bic thanking the Club for some enjoyable club runs during his time in Yeovil, he has now moved to Gloucestershire but hopes to join us again if he returns to the area.

**Treasurer** reported the RTTC handbooks had been purchased and two sums received for clothing. The current account has a balance of £679.90. No requested had yet been received for the CTC affiliation for 1998, usually due in March.

The TVCRA 4 up team time trial will be run by Yeovil CC on 18th June, followed by a drink (and possibly a buffet at a local inn). The evening events are one of our most popular activities and this should be a great night, so get your riding – and drinking – team sorted. If your not riding just come along for the crack.

**Evening TTs** preparations are in hand for the coming season, a rota to be published in the Pedaller in April.

The number on the **Sunday Club runs** has remained steady, there are two runs most weekends.

**RR Secretary**, reported that the Pittards and Ham Hill races are very poorly supported in terms of advance entries, it is hoped that there may be plenty of EoL provided the weather is good. The reason for the poor support may be due to the very late publication of the BCF Handbook. All the officials and support personnel have been organised with the exception of marshals which will be done immediately.

**Mike Loader**, who took over as membership secretary in February is seriously ill in hospital, Mike Northcott has resumed the position until Mike L has recovered.

**AOB. Posters** for the Road race were distributed. The **LVRC** event in May clashes with three other events, Nick Armstrong is examining what options are available. A number of **RTTC Entry Forms**, both individual and team, will be purchased for members use. In the event of a club member becoming a coach, and wishing to offer their services to the membership, it was agreed that subject to a satisfactory arrangement the cost of training could be subsidised by the Club.

In recognition of his services to the Club, **Tony White** was made an honorary member.

*Next meetings: 20 April, 11th May and 8th June.*

## HANDBOOKS

The RTTC Handbook is now available from Kevin Mahon, price £3.50 to members (£4.00 non members).

If you ordered your BCF Handbook with your license it should come direct to your home address, however the *Rules Section*, which is now separate, is with the Club Secretary so if you didn't receive a copy with your license then contact Kevin.

## Cross Training

Cross? He was furious. After a recent ski-ing holiday Mike Loader came back not with the traditional broken leg but a severe case of blood poisoning. After a prolonged spell in hospital he is now hobbling around Yeovil. Mike hopes to be back on his bike soon, in the meantime he is only too happy to collect membership subs.

## CLUB CONTACTS

### CLUB SECRETARY AND ROAD RACES

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### MEMBERSHIP

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### RECORDS SECRETARY

Mike Northcott 01458 273576  
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### TIME TRAILS (Evening events)

Chris Absolom 01935 477965  
69 Plantagenet Chase, Yeovil

### NEWSLETTER & CLOTHING

David Notley 01963 440291  
Oakley, Church Road, Sparkford.

## The Tour

*Beds will be in short supply*, proclaims the promotional leaflet on the 1998 Tour de France, so *book early!!!!*. But this is not for the exotic areas of Paris nor the beautiful Alpine passes but for Ireland, where nothing ever seems to be in short supply, especially the Guinness!

The 1998 *Tour* starts in Dublin with the prologue, stage one is from Dublin to Wicklow and stage two takes the riders from Wicklow to Cork.

Whatever your taste *in beds* there is sure to be one to suit you, from 4 star hotels to country farmhouses. A five day package including ferry, three nights accommodation and full Irish breakfast, costs from £150 p.p. for four people travelling together and stating in a farmhouse or £260 for two in a hotel. information packs from Ireland Irish Ways, The Coach House, 90G High Street, Burton Latimer, Northants NN15 5LA or phone 01536 726483.

## Spring colour

Now is the time to pack away your winter thermal wear and dust off the shorts and skin suits. If your top is looking a little moth eaten or faded then treat yourself to some new club clothing. There is a wide selection of sizes in stock so get your designer labels now, be seen in Yellow and Green!