



Yeovil Cycling Club

July 1998

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Yeovil Sports Club, based at Johnston Park in Yeovil, is to be our new Club Headquarters.

After years of gathering outside the public toilets in the Old Station Car Park in Yeovil, we are finally moving upmarket.

From the beginning of July we have access to the building at Johnston Park for Committee meetings, Club runs and other social occasions. Some of the *surplus money* that we have been hoarding for the past few years will be used to subsidise the cost for the first year, whilst we assess if this is a worthwhile facility.

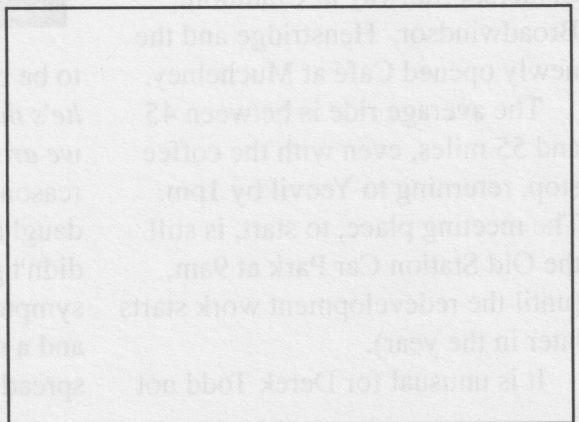
Every Club member is entitled to make use of the facilities – including a cheap bar – and can also sign in a guest. A personalised Membership Card should be attached to this Newsletter, if you haven't got one then check the envelope, if it isn't there contact Mike Loader.

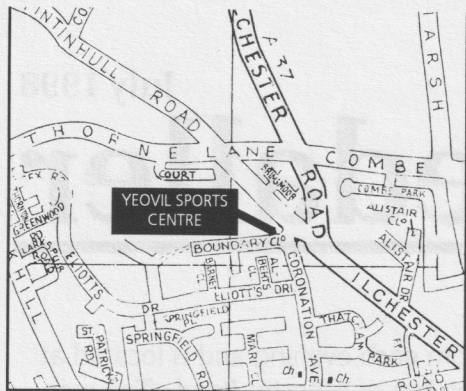
The Sports Hall has Sports and Lounge Bars serving drinks at club prices, skittle alley, pool table, several meeting rooms, a notice board and plenty of parking space. It is open from

8pm each evening and is located at the top of Ilchester Road. (See map on page 2)

If there is sufficient interest we could have a *club evening* once a week, just to meet and chat. Later in the year we hope to organise some turbo sessions, as well as the occasional film evening. The AGM and *Date Fixing* will also be held in the Meeting Room and, in due course, Club runs will start from there too.

The Notice Board can be used to inform members of Club activities, and to help co-ordinate travelling to local events. It can also be used to promote the club and its activities to





Several of the grants available to cycling clubs, to promote cycling and its development in the locality, require a Club Headquarters, so this move may also prove useful if we decide to pursue any of these options.

With a more formal base it is hoped that the social side of the Club's activities can be strengthened, and that this will lead to a stronger club with more members truly participating in all aspects of cycling.

an already *sports minded* audience.

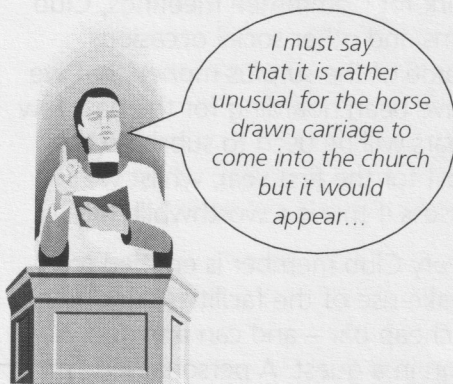
Other facilities at the Centre are: Tennis Courts, Rugby and Football pitches, Archery field and even a childrens play area.

Being led astray?

The Sunday morning club runs have been journeying through the lanes and roads of Somerset and Dorset, on a regular basis throughout the year. Some of the recent destinations have included Wookey Hole, Glastonbury, The East Somerset Railway at Cranmore, Broadwindsor, Henstridge and the newly opened Café at Muchelney.

The average ride is between 45 and 55 miles, even with the coffee stop, returning to Yeovil by 1pm. The meeting place, to start, is still the Old Station Car Park at 9am, (until the redevelopment work starts later in the year).

It is unusual for Derek Todd not



to be out on the Club Run, (*usually he's the only one who knows where we are going*) but he did have a reasonable excuse last Sunday, his daughter was getting married. So he didn't get too many withdrawal symptoms a few clumps of grass and a smattering of mud were spread down the aisle!!

John Andrews Road Race

The early predictions of the race staying together for the first laps could not have been further from the truth when the sixty riders set off for the 88 mile John Andrews Memorial Road Race on Sunday.

A loan rider broke away from the bunch on the straight heading towards The Halfway House, on the very first lap. He was quickly joined by number 20, M Cook of the RAF, who then went on to ride away from the original break. For nearly four laps he stayed away from the pursuing riders, gaining almost 2½ minutes at one stage, but the distance was taking its toll and as the riders completed the fourth lap a bunch of three riders finally caught him. He managed to stay with the group until the climb of Coppitts Hill when, Bob Phillips and another rider, slipped away after the 'feeding area'. All the while the bunch were working, sometimes more than others, to try and bring the breakaway back. But some particularly strong riding from the Bristol RC man saw the gap edge back to two minutes.

The threatening rain never really materialised and the conditions remained ideal for the two riders who were just far enough ahead to be out of sight of the chasing group. Small groups tried to escape from the main bunch but all were brought back for the final sprint save

for the two lone riders.

Bob Phillips always looked the stronger of the two and it was his power that ensured victory by just two lengths.

The two Yeovil riders, Darren and Mike, both made the start, but Mike's recent illness and lack of race form saw him pull out on the second lap. Darren contributed strongly to the activity in the bunch but never managed to get in the right breaks and finally finished in the main bunch, *(but at least you did stay upright this time – Ed)*.

A special thank you to all of the helpers, who contributed to such a successful event. I am sure the lack of rain was appreciated by all the marshals who turned out, *(whilst we have not yet had the Commissaires report, poor marshalling certainly cannot be on the list of complaints)*.

The prizes were presented by our Vice President, Ivy Walker, *(Formerly Mrs Andrews– who was John Andrews mother)*, in the School Hall.

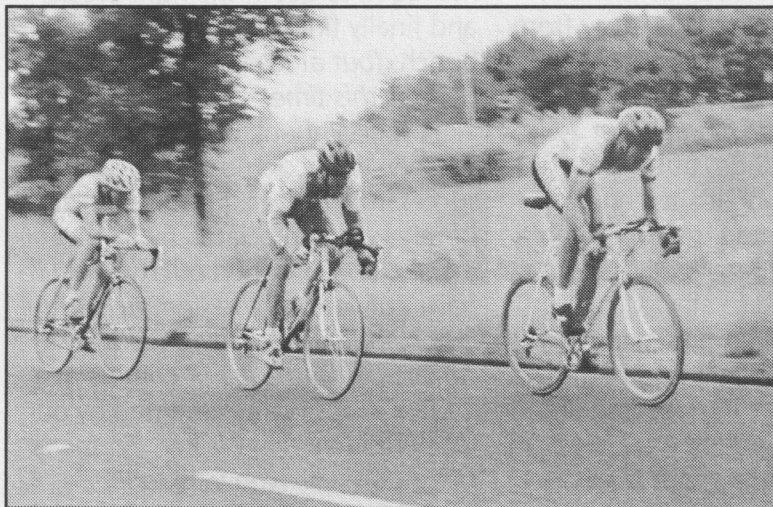
The lack of local events for riders is always a talking point, and our three events certainly form an important part of the race calendar each year, hopefully these will be joined by a new Chard Wheelers promotion next year. Following the success of their first Time Trial it is rumoured that the *Two Counties road race* may be restored, as well as an additional TT event for 1999.

A good time was had by all

The TVCRA 4-up was hosted by Yeovil CC this year, after missing 1997 when Wellington were unable to run it, and with eleven teams turning out for the event it proved a very popular evening.

Despite the road works causing a last minute alteration to the course, the route found favour with all the riders. The total distance was around

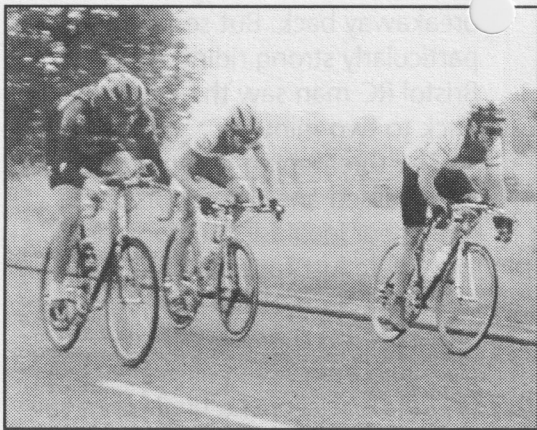
The evening concluded with an excellent buffet at the Podimore Inn, with a wealth of Curry and Chilli con Carne really appreciated. After the feeding frenzy finished, and a few pints of the ale had been consumed, the prizes were presented, the Haywain Trophy for the winners and congratulations to the rest of the field.



Chris Absolom leads home the highest placed Yeovil team in single file...

...Yeovil B cross the line, using a little more of the road!!

20 miles, with the turn at the South Petherton roundabout being replaced by the Stoke/Ash interchange. The winning team of Dave Barnes, Steve Chattell, Steve Crossman and Neil Brooks clocked 44.04. The strongest of the four Yeovil teams finished in the now traditional second place, Chris, Nick and Darren crossing the line in 44.56.



The final placings were:

1	Team Zoyland	44.04
	Crossman/Chattell/Barnes/Brooks	
2	Yeovil D	44.56
	Armstrong/Edmonds/Childs/Absolom	
3	VJ's	46.17
	Bartlett/Kiss/King/Yates	
4	VC Camelot	46.27
	Millward/Lackford/Law	
5	Yeovil B	47.10
	Walters/Notley/Gregory/Fazakerley	
6	Somerset RC Tri A	47.26
	Fieldhouse/Price/Wren/Richards	
7	Somerset RC Tri C	48.54
	Davies/Holman/House/Ramsay	
8	Yeovil C	51.10
	Boxall/Tetley/Williams	
9	Chard Wheelers	52.03
	Mills/Lawrence/Trout	
10	Yeovil A	53.04
	Tabor/White/Regan	
11	Somerset RC Tri – The Girls	54.31
	Pearson/Coffin-Jones/Trish/Hannaford	

Thank you to all the helpers that made the event such a success. See you all again next year, for some even better times!

A 'Float' Morning – literally

Despite the forecast of storm force weather, a small break in the cloud saw the *Yeovil Open 25* run in blustery and very wet conditions. Over half of the sixty strong field started, but unfortunately the rain arrived just as the first rider set off. Dave Russell, Mendip CC, rode a storming race, to nearly steal the win from Clive Brooks, but finished just three seconds short. Clive won clocking 55.00, with Dave Russell at 55.03 and Andy Winterbottom on 55.56. The Veterans standard was won by Dave Barnes with +14.45, Olive Tabor took the Juvenile Prize (1.15.37) and Lindsay Beale won Ladies Prize (1.06.29). Team winners were CC Weymouth (2.57.01).

A special prize should go to all the helpers and marshals that braved the appalling conditions, standing in the torrential rain for two hours, thank you one and all.

For those that have mislaid their schedule the helpers for the remainder of the season are printed below. Please make an effort to attend, especially during July and August when the traffic counts are essential, in order that we can hold the following weeks event.

16th	10	H'cap	K Mahon/D Todd
23rd	25		D Todd
30th	10		K Mahon/D Todd
August			
6th	10		K Mahon
13th	10		K Mahon/D Todd
20th	10		K Mahon/D Todd
27th	10		K Mahon/D Todd
September			
3rd	10 miles		K Mahon/D Todd

T White	M Tetley	19.00
D Hammett	K Mahon	19.00
G Stayner	D Hammett	19.00
J Sharp	G Stayner	19.00
M Curtis	J Sharp	19.00
M Bailey	M Curtis	18.45
M Hendrick	M Bailey	18.45
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.



Matters arising from the March meeting: only six entries for the LVRC event, if there are not more than 30 it may be cancelled. The RTTC

entry forms had arrived and a supply passed to Chris Absolom and David Notley.

Correspondence. Details form a firm of **Solicitors** offering their services for accident claims. **BCF training sessions** are to be held at Hengrove for Juniors and Juveniles, every fourth Thursday evening in the month. Helmets are compulsory but riders do not have to belong to the BCF. Details on the **Isle of Man cycling week**, both for riders and visitors. **CTC Magazine** received.

The Treasurer has paid the Pittards RR Levy (£203.00), School Hall hire (£50.00), CTC affiliation fees (£50.00 plus 40p per member and a £15 fee to cover non members riding with the Club).

Evening TTs started with a rather wet event, and seven riders.

Sunday Club runs continue with a regular attendance.

The RR Secretary reported on the Ham Hill and Pittards Road Races, The event incurring just a small loss of £11.80, but this did not include the

sponsorship money from Pittards, £360.00. The BCF report had not arrived. The lack of Police cover was discussed, and the Secretary was requested to write to see why there were no *Specials* present. The lack of Marshals was also discussed, the clash with Mothers Day led to several members not being available and the unexpected lack of Police cover left us short of Marshals on two key junctions. It was also reported that one rider was disqualified for riding an unroadworthy bike, and that a crash on the final lap had left one rider with a broken collar bone and several others badly bruised.

Membership now stands at 24 with quite a few regulars still to pay, 5 or 6 new riders had expressed interest in joining, Final numbers are expected to be around 50.

TVCRA. Seven Yeovil riders on the first night, more anticipated as the weather improves.



LVRC event cancelled.

Correspondence.

Bike for Sale see Page 8. Details on a **Bike Sale** at Bristol, already published in *Cycling*.

Treasurer. Pittards sponsorship money received. Approx £200 in membership fees banked.

TT Secretary. Four events now held, numbers slightly down due to poor weather. Profit of £20.87 so far passed to DT. Road works on 25 course

led to cancellation of first 25.

RR Secretary. Report on Pittards received, critical of poor marshalling, no machine check, and inexperienced second lead with no radio, suggests maximum of 60 riders. These points were strongly debated and the Secretary was requested to write to the BCF giving 1) an explanation of why the Marshal coverage was poor, and to point out that we have often received praise for the standard of marshalling. 2) That the second lead did have a radio, but that it did not function properly. 3) To request guidance on bike checks, (as it was a letter from the BCF that suggested race organisers should not do bike checks as it may make them liable in the event of an accident). Preparations for the John Andrews Memorial Road Race are in hand and plenty of Marshals will be sought.

Membership up to 32.

AOB. Wellington Wheelers to borrow Tea Tent in August. Details on Barnsfield Heath races, to be mentioned at Merryfield next day.

Affiliation to the Yeovil Sports Centre was discussed, costs £6 per member. Mike Loader to seek further information *see Main story.*



Correspondence. Letter from Avon and Somerset Constabulary received, there is no policy change and they would hope to provide

Specials for the John Andrews RR,

although it was pointed out that it is a purely voluntary duty and their presence cannot be guaranteed.

CTC Magazine. BCF Magazine. London Triathlon Poster, promoting the Mencap event. Details of the Plymouth City Centre Crits (clashes with John Andrews RR). Sponsored Bike Rides: British Diabetic Assoc. UK rides, ride across Jordan minimum £2000 sponsorship. Prutour details and promotion pack.

Treasurer. £40 more membership fees, and £40 from Evening TTs. Paid *Schumend* bill for £18.63, for small trophy and engraving of Pittards RR, .

TT Secretary. Events attracting 20+ riders. The 25 course still has road works and may mean the 4 up has to turn on the Stoke flyover, reducing the distance to 20 miles.

Membership. Up to 36 with three new ones being approved.

TVCRA. Not as many members as last year, but good quality rides with all contributing. The 4 -up is scheduled for June and has been promoted at Merryfield. *See page four.*

RR Secretary. John Andrews RR in hand. 55 entries on start sheet, EoLs expected. *See page three*

AOB. Affiliation to Yeovil Sports Club discussed and approved, *see page one.*

Next meetings: 13th July (Preston School), 10th August and 14th September (Date Fixing) at Yeovil Sports Club.

HANDBOOKS

There are still some RTTC Handbooks available, either from Kevin Mahon or Chris Absolom, price £3.50 to members (£4.00 non members).

Kevin also has some of the *Technical Regulation Handbooks* from the BCF which are available to all BCF members.

Get it right!

Erratum: Two of the records which appeared in last months issue were not correct:

The senior 25 team, although ascribed to the right riders, should have been 2.30.40

The veteran 50 time should have been attributed to Frank Deurden with a plus of 32.07.

Apologies to all concerned.

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FOR SALE

55cm Stan Pike. 531 tubing, Lime green, fully equipped with Shimano 600, Mavic wheels, this bike has been stored for 12 years and hardly ridden, looking for a good home £300 ono. Phone Ray Darch on 01460 72040.

U-ers sincerely

The Yeovil CC Open 25 is now over but don't forget the other events on the U30, the Wellington Wheelers 25 on 23rd August and our Open 10, 26th September.

Other local events include a 10 on the U27 Glastonbury course on 25th July and 15th August, a 25 on the U3 on 26th July, and a 50 on the U369 on 5th Sept. If you want to travel a bit further the U18 in Bristol also has several events coming up.

Going clubbing?

There is a wide selection of club clothing in stock with most garments available in a range of sizes.

Road vests, short and long sleeve; training tops; shorts and a few bib shorts; thermal training tops and skin suits. They are usually in the car on Thursday evenings, but if you want something just give me a ring on 01963 440291