



Yeovil Cycling Club

January 1999

The Pedaller

The New Year is traditionally the time for reflection and resolutions, the time to plan your year and set personal goals. Whether you are a racing or leisure cyclist the Club is here to help you enjoy your riding.

The Open events for 1999 are already set out (see back page), Evening Time Trials will be held each Thursday and Merryfield Road Race training every Tuesday, both starting in April. Until then the Sunday rides, and Tuesday evening sessions, should give you those quality winter miles. And it is not just our own events that will provide opportunity, the Wessex Road Club is promoting the Men's National 10 on the P451 this year (see page 8), and other Clubs are promoting events on local courses.

But what should the Club be doing as we head towards the millenium? How can we do more to get people out on their bikes, and make the roads, and other road users, friendlier to riders? If we all persuaded just one person to join then our numbers would double. All day rides, weekend rides, organised trips to Manchester, or even Paris, formal training sessions, coaching, what do you want. The AGM is your chance to express a view, so come along and lets here what you really want from Yeovil Cycling Club.

Take notice

The Annual General Meeting will be held at Yeovil Sports Centre on Monday 8th February 1999, starting at 8.00pm. (Please note the Sports Hall does not open until 8). For those that still have not found their way to the Sports Club yet, it is at the top of Ilchester Road.

Formal resolutions should be submitted in writing to the Secretary by 31st January, Agendas will be available at the Meeting or upon request to the Secretary 5 days prior to the event.

Summary of Accounts '98

Opening Balance £3076.07

Income £1419.96

Subs, 312.00; Evening TTs, 225.55; Open events, 440.18 (inc Pittards sponsorship); Clothing 392.00

Expenditure £788.75

Affiliations, 386.00; Insurance and Permits, 85.00; Trophy Engraving 153.63; School hire, 35.75; Buffet room hire, 35.50;

Closing Balance £3706.28

The items listed are only the major expenditures, full accounts will be available at the Meeting. The improvement in this years excess of income over expenditure is due to sale of club clothing, for which the cost was incurred last year, but which generated nearly £400 income this year.

Winners of the 1998 Club Trophies – Road Races

Veterans Road Race Champion

Nick Armstrong (3 wins)

Senior Road Race Champion

Darren Edmonds (one 4th, two 5th places)

Juvenile Road Race Champion

Olive Tabor

Best Yeovil CC rider in any of the Club's Open Road Races

Darren Edmonds

Best Yeovil CC rider in a National Championship

Chris Absolom

Junior Road Race Champion

No contenders

BSCA Road Race Champion

No contenders

BCF HANDBOOKS

These should be ordered with your membership and/or racing license. The Club will not be purchasing any this year, as the minimum order required for a discount is far greater than we require.

Winners of the 1998 Club Trophies – Time Trials

Time Trial Champion

Dave Walters 23.685 mph

10 – 23.19, 25 – 1.02.05,

50 – 2.06.36, 100 – 4.43.44.

Veteran Time Trial BAR

Nick Armstrong +4.326

10 – 23.17, 25 – 1.00.22,

50 – 2.04.17.

Short Distance Time Trial BAR

Doug Northcott 25.274

10 – 20.50, 25 – 58.35, 50 – 2.20.05

Junior Time Trial BAR

Olive Tabor 25.274

10 – 25.55, 26.27

25 – 1.05.05, 1.08.06

Juvenile Time Trial BAR

Olive Tabor 22.612

10 – 25.55, 26.27, 26.45, 27.03.

Fastest 25 Chris Absolom

56.47

Fastest 50 Nick Armstrong

2.04.17

Furthest 12 hour

Dave Walters 216.090 miles

Evening Time Trial Champion

Chris Absolom

10 mile Handicap TT Champion

Neil Boxall

Club Hill Climb Champion

Chris Absolom

Snap!

If you have any of the following Sachs Power Chains: PC-41, PC-51, PC-61, PC-80R and PC-91, with a date code **F** stamped on the links then please return them to your nearest dealer for a free replacement.

There is a fault with the chain which may cause it to break. Despite knowing of this problem since November 1997 the Manufacturer has only just issued the recall details to the trade!

It is only those with a date code of **F** that are faulty, most are fitted to American spec bikes but some were sold in the UK, so check before you venture too far from home without that link extractor.

~~22.55~~ ~~P613~~

~~22.59~~ ~~P613~~

23.06 U30/10

P'd off?

The P613 at Andover, popular for its fast start and short return leg has now been declared an illegal course.

Why? because the start and finish are too far apart. The fact that everyone has known this since it was first used, and that it must have been approved by the RTTC originally, counted for nothing as soon as a National record was set on the course.

No clear instructions have been issued by the RTTC at the time of going to press, but presumably all PBs set on the P613 are now null and void. So don't forget to amend your Entry Form, before you enter your next event!

Bike 99

This years Bike 99 promises to be even bigger, and better than last year. Running from Friday 9th April to Sunday 11th at the NEC, Birmingham. From MBX to MTB, and Family fun to fashion there is sure to be something there to interest every cyclist. Tickets are on Sale now from the box office, call 01369 708008.

Keeping track of your bike

You only have to scan through the local papers to see an endless litany of cycle thefts. Until now, the only option was to have your favourite piece of steel engraved with your postcode – not a pretty thought – or to lock it every time you dismount.

Now help is at hand from the Datatag system, originally developed by Yamaha to protect their bikes, it uses a small electronic transponder, concealed in the seat tube. This enables the police to instantly identify the registered owner. A discreet, unremovable, warning decal declares the bike has been fitted with the device (detering theft in the first place).

Every year the police discover large quantities of bikes which they believe to be stolen, but they are often unable to prosecute as the true owner cannot be traced.

The Datatag system is already in widespread use – motorcycle manufacturers, JCB Diggers and even horses – if it is taken up by the cyclist too it may just make prosecution easier and stop the crime of cycle theft slipping even lower on the Police priority list.

Datatag is a DIY system costing around £20, this is a one off fee, for which you name is permanently recorded on the Datatag database, it may even qualify you for a reduction on your bike insurance!

Brooks bows out

After a long and successful 'career' in the saddle Clive has decided to take some time out to concentrate on his family.

After getting under the 20 minute mark on the U30 what more is there to achieve!

I am sure we all wish him a "Happy Retirement", and if you ever feel like a ride on Thursday evening Clive, you know where to come.

Help needed

The dates for the Open road races and time trial appear on page 8, if you want to ride then please get your entries in on time. With the demise of the P613 and the ever decreasing number of Road races we could well see much fuller fields this year.

If you aren't riding then please find the time to help with at least one of the events, simply contact the organiser and let him know you are willing to help. Marshals are essential to the success of the race and it is always nice to have some volunteers rather than having to press gang people.

A selection of **Club Clothing** is held in stock, currently available are Road vests long and short sleeved, Training Tops, Thermal Jackets, Shorts and Skinsuits.

Sun daze...

If your bike is just about to come out of hibernation, or if you are in need of a steady ride once a week don't forget the Sunday Morning Club runs. Starting at the Yeovil Sports Club at 9.00am.

The fine weather will be with us shortly, and the Sunday afternoon ritual of scraping thick mud from every crevice of your bike should be a distant memory, so out with the shorts and road vest, see you on Sunday.

Or Tuesdaze

For those in need of mid week miles too there is a run every Tuesday evening. The route is mainly flat and quiet roads, ideal for a good hard steady 'level two' ride on the front, or well below that on the back. The route:

- 1800 Coppitts roundabout Yeovil
- 1824 Sparkford (Haynes)
- 1840 Castle Cary (chip shop)
- 1852 Lydford Crossroads (traffic lights)
- 1926 Ilchester (petrol stations)
- 1942 Coppitts roundabout Yeovil

Yeovil C.C. and any other club members very welcome. (For further information please telephone Chris Absolom on Yeovil (01935) 477965).

... early days

If you are already yearning to get out and start racing then here are some of the early season West DC events. The list covers up to Easter but there are no details of the cost, so you will need to check in your Handbook or ring the organiser.

21st Feb. **Corsham 2-up**

U369, 10, 10.00

J R Hevin, 125 Trowbridge Rd,
Bradford-on-Avon, BA15 1EQ.

Telephone 01225 867 464

28th Feb. **Severn 2-up**

U18R, 25, 09.00

K Moss, Midland Cottages,
Victoria Rd, North Common,

Warmley, BS30 5LA

Telephone 0117 967 6486.

6th March. **Dursley**

U7, 10, 14.00

E Price, 50 Barrowfield Rd,

Farmhill, Stroud, GL5 4DF

Telephone 01453 764 523

7th March. **Chippenham Hilly***

U83, 27, 09.00

P Stevens, 22 Turpin Way,

Chippenham, SN14 0UF

Telephone 01249 461 552

13th March. **Trowbridge**

U303, 18, 14.00

R Pearcy, 37 Rock Road,

Trowbridge, BA14 0BS

Telephone 01225 763 652

14th March. **Weston 2-up**

U27, 25, 09.00

L Summers, Lulworth, 7 Berrow

Rd, Burnham on Sea, TA8 2ET

Telephone 01278 784 015

20th March. **Vegetarian**

U30, 10, 14.00 (Old Cycles), 14.30

S Oxbrow, Abingdon, 25

Allingham Road, Yeovil BA21 4SA

Telephone 01935 413 396

21st March. **Bath Hilly***

U32, 30, 09.00

A Trussler, 1 Orchard Close,

Westwood, Bradford-on-Avon,

BA15 2AP

Telephone 01225 862 485

28th March. **Severn***

U19, 24, 10.00

T Gradidge, 91 Bakers Mead,

Yate, Bristol BS37 7GB

Telephone 01454 316 065

2nd April. **Western TTA**

U88, 25, 08.30

J Galway, 21 Paxcroft Way,

Ashton Park, Trowbridge,

BA14 7DG

Telephone 01225 762 153

3rd April. **A&S Police**

U7, 10, 14.00

C Bland, Poplars, Hillside, Long

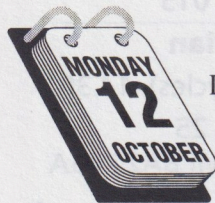
Ashton, Bristol, BS41 9LG

Telephone 01275 393 696

Events marked by an asterisk (*)
indicate these are part of the
WTTA Points Series.

Committee Notes

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



Correspondence.

Details of the *Borneo Cycling Challenge*, A 224 mile sponsored ride commencing either

4th March, 11th, 18th or 25th.

Minimum sponsorship required. A leaflet called *This is cycling*, promoted by the BCF and can be purchased at a cost of 13p each. BCF Membership and License forms received, for use of new members. A Coaching Leaflet containing information of courses on Sports Psychology. The *Cycle Inn* in Bridgwater requested information on the club to be available for visitors. CTC Magazine received. Trek Arabia, another sponsored ride starting on 25th March. Letter from the BCF with details of the West DC AGM, and reminder that there will be no EoLs for the Division Championships.

The Treasurer reported the affiliation fees have been paid for the RTTC (£20), WTTA (£10). Interest on the C&G account was £21.89.

Evening TTs Income for the year was £225.55. The Open 25 was moved to 4th July at date fixing meeting.

Sunday Club runs continue with a regular attendance.

The RR Secretary reported the Ham Hill and Pittards was now to take place on 11th April, due to other Clubs

promoting events at Castle Combe on our chosen date. The circuit was not available on other dates so our event had to move.

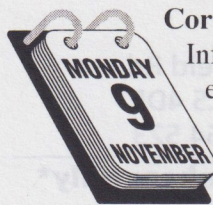
Membership. Two new members, Barry Whitehead and Ian McCullun, bring the total to forty two.

Records Sec confirmed the trophy and BAR details were being prepared.

TVCRA. Planning of the 99 season is in hand.

Newsletter Editor, reported the Autumn edition had been published and distributed.

AOB. A profit of £12.63 was made on the Open 10. The death of Roger Lloyd from Odcombe, a former Club member was reported by the Chairman. Result sheet from the Evening 10s to be sent to non members who rode the events.



Correspondence.

Information on relevant events for 1999 was requested by the CTC. Details of the RTTC delegates

meeting to be held on 29th November at Kington Langley, to discuss the National AGM and approve club events.

The Treasurer stated there had been no transactions during the month. .

Evening TTs. The schedule for the '99 season will be as this year, including the TVCRA 4-up in June.

Sunday Club runs are growing in popularity again with several new riders attending.

The RR Secretary reported he had details from the Division meeting. Proposals were to be put at the NAtional Meeting to abolish machine checkers (but retain gear checkers where needed). The BCF are to approach the LVRC to consider the future of Veterans events. Only those riders resident in the UK and holding UK passports will be eligible to ride National Championships.

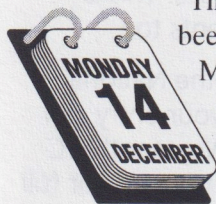
Membership. No report.

Records Sec trophies being engraved.

TVCRA. The Oldsters clash with other LVRC events is still being reconciled. Both the London and Welsh events are scheduled for the 9th May.

Newsletter Editor, No report.

AOB. The Xmas Buffet was discussed, very few tickets had been sold, more takers were anticipated. Mike Northcott is to re-apply to be a coach, but no applications were being taken at present (this restriction is also affecting Dave Walters).



The following items had been received. CTC

Magazine, RTTC training weekend details, BCF affiliation forms and request for £50 affiliation fee. 10

RTTC handbooks were ordered.

The Treasurer reported the cost of

engraving the Club trophies was £135.00, which had been paid. The BCF affiliation fee was paid £50. RTTC Handbooks will cost £35 for ten. The Buffet and Prizegiving Accounts were presented showing the income covered the cost of the food and made a small contribution to the hall hire, the net subsidy from Club funds was £35.50.

Sunday Club runs, several new members have joined the regular group, and some more "old" members are now riding too.

The RR Secretary reported permits and principle officials have been appointed for the three road races. BCF Divisional meeting passed resolution in favour of 1) abolishing machine examiners and 2) The LVRC/BCF joint talks both are now being resolved at National level. Special Police will be requested for all Road Races, although we cannot rely on their support and must arrange marshalling accordingly.

Membership. No change

Records Sec informed the Committee that the P613 had been declared illegal. The record held by Doug Northcott, which was done on the course was discussed, the general feeling being that the record should stand, as it was an approved RTTC course when the record was made.

Newsletter Editor, invited contributions for the Jan issue.

AOB. Doug Northcott has requested to be released from the Club as he is intending to join another Club. The Tea Urn had been loaned to the Running Club. Xmas Donation of £20 to Q8 staff agreed.

PLANNING AHEAD

The club has ordered ten **RTTC Handbooks** at a cost of £3.50 each, hopefully these will be available in January/February. If you want a copy please contact Derek Todd, they will be sold on a first come first serve basis.

Once these copies have been sold you will have to buy direct from the RTTC at £4 each.

Yeovil CC events

Road Races:

11th April. Pittards & Ham Hill

9th May. LVRC Road Race*

13th June, John Andrews

** To be confirmed*

Time Trials:

25th April. Spring 10

4th July. Open 25

25th Sept. Autumn 10

CLUB CONTACTS

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TIME TRAILS (Evening events)

Chris Absolom 01935 477965
54 Heather Way, Brympton, Yeovil

NEWSLETTER & CLOTHING

David Notley 01963 440291
Oakley, Church Road, Sparkford.

FOR SALE

Set of Mavic MA40 rims, complete with spokes. Silver anodised. £5 the lot, Contact Richard Parish on 01935 471 959.

Mens National 10

This year the Mens National 10 is being hosted by Wessex RC, using the P451 course at Warmley (Not far from Dorchester). As part of their 75th Anniversary the Wessex are prompting a weekend of cycling starting with a Weymouth CC 10 on Saturday 8th May. There will be an evening social ride on the same day with the main event on Sunday.

The Haven Holiday Park is the HQ and chalets can be booked for the weekend direct with Haven (0870 242 222). All the leisure facilities will be available to anyone staying at the Park.

On Sunday the restaurant will be serving food until 2 pm, starting with breakfasts up to 10am, then a wide selection of main courses. This is available to non-residents too.

Entries are invited for the National and should you wish your entry can be transferred to the Weymouth CC promotion if you don't get in. For full details see David Notley. To see some of the event a section of the club run will probably ride down on Sunday.