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Yeovil Cycling Club

January 2001

Where are we now?

Well if you are a BCF member you now belong to the South West Division, if you are entering a RTTC event we still belong to the West DC.

The BCF has now implemented *Divisionalisation*, despite saying it wasn't going to happen as recently as November. We are one of a small number of clubs changing Division, most are staying in the same area which then has a new division name.

Had we remained in the Western Division we would now be part of the Western Area of the Wessex Division. We as a Club did not have a choice, the boundary changes were instigated by the BCF with very little consultation at Club level. Consequently the clubs in South Somerset are now part of the South West Division.

The good news from our point of view is that the South West Division seems better prepared for the change and far more positive in it's attitude to our Sport. It has already started to prepare for the common minimum standards which will

affect our road races this year. It has promised us all the support we need in implementing these new regulations, and they are already involved to ensure the smoothest possible change over.

There will be no change as far as the riders are concerned, you can still enter any race in any division, the only difference will be that if you wish to

compete in the Divisional Championships then you will now be racing against the other riders in the South West (formerly Devon and Cornwall).

The South West Division is also in the process of obtaining the funding for a purpose built cycle facility in Exeter. It will have a track for both BMX and mountain biking but more importantly a closed circuit road race track. Complete with a fully fitted club house on site. The number of road races in the division has increased this year and includes a series of events at Westpoint in Exeter.



Surprize, surprise

After the feast that was the Xmas Buffet the club trophies were presented, unfortunately Ivy could not be with us to present the trophies so the winners had to settle for a kiss from the Chairman (*surprisingly few took up the option*). The new owners of the silverware managed to struggle out of their seats to collect the prizes. In keeping with the increase in active members several of the trophies found new homes this year, the winners were:

Best Result in a Yeovil RR and Senior RR Champion,	Toby Creighton.
Best National Championship performance,	Doug Northcott.
Veteran RR Champion; Veteran BAR, (+4.569)	Nick Armstrong.
Best 25 (54.57); and Best 50, (1.56.56); Short distance BAR, (29.925mph); Points Cup	Mike Loader .
Hill Climb Champion	Chris Absolom.
Junior BAR, (22.905mph)	Olive Tabor
Handicap 10 TT,	Steve Pym
Web Shield (for service to the Club)for his work as the Time Trial Secretary,	Chris Fendt

Congratulations to all the winners.





Testing times ahead

The evening time trials remain one of the most popular, and most profitable,

events we promote, as well as one of the most demanding to organise. In recognition of his hard work last year Chris Fendt was awarded the Chairman's Trophy, and we are pleased that Chris has agreed to continue in the position of TT Sec for 2001.

The calendar for 2001 (overleaf) is similar to last year but with a few of the start times amended to

ensure we finish before dusk. The last event in September has been dropped again due to poor light. So file it somewhere safe!

The Club Handicap will change slightly this year to ensure the handicap times are as accurate as possible. Riders will be required to submit five times in order to compete, these must be their best times from the U30/10 evening events. With nine opportunities prior to the Handicap event it should not be too difficult to provide sufficient results from the current season but in the event of a rider not managing to ride five times their two best results from last year will be allowed.

Summary of Account 2000

Opening Balance 3261.79

Income 2240.02

Subscriptions 395.00

Race promotions 606.58

Pittards sponsorship 360.00

Clothing 724.50

Interest 73.94

Other 80.00

Expenditure 1342.61

Affiliations and Permits 563.00

Clothing 642.74

*Trophy Engraving** 22.11 *

Travell/secretarial 67.72

Newsletter postage 28.90

Other 18.14

Profit on year 897.41

Closing Balance 4159.20

The items listed are only the major expenditures, full accounts will be available at the Annual General Meeting.

** The engraving cost for the 2000 trophies and medals has not yet been received*

THURSDAY EVENING TIME TRIAL EVENTS FOR 2001

<i>DATE.</i>	<i>DIST (MILES/COURSE)</i>	<i>START TIME</i>
12-APR	10 (U30/10)	19:00
19-APR	10 (U30/10)	19:00
26-APR	10 (U30/10)	19:00
3-MAY	10 (U30/10)	19:00
10-MAY	10 (U30/10)	19:00
17-MAY	10 (U30/10)	19:00
24-MAY	25 (U30/25)	19:00
31-MAY	10 (U30/10)	19:30
7-JUN	25 (U30/25)	19:30
14-JUN	10 (U30/10)	19:30
21-JUN	21 (4UP TTT) Association event.	19:15
28-JUN	50 (U30/25 twice)	18:30
	25 (U30/25)	19:00
5-JUL	10 (U30/10)	19:30
12-JUL	25 (U30/25)	19:30
19-JUL	10 (U30/10) Club Handicap	19:30
26-JUL	25 (U30/25)	19:00
2-AUG	10 (U30/10)	19:00
9-AUG	10 (U30/10)	19:00
16-AUG	10 (U30/10)	19:00
23-AUG	10 (U30/10)	19:00
30-AUG	10 (U30/10)	18:45
21-OCT	HILL CLIMB (High Ham)	10:30

Entry fees will remain as last year, 25p for YCC Senior riders, 20p for juniors (any club) and £1 for non YCC riders.

If you cannot, or do not wish to, ride please consider helping. We always need a pusher off and traffic counter

as well as two timekeepers. If you would like to help then please contact Chris Fendt, details on back page.

For any new members the HQ is the lorry park at Podimore roundabout just off the A303.

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



Matters arising. Yeovil Sports Club levy had been paid. Club levies and traffic counts need submitting to RTTC.

Gen Secretary reported he received the BCF Annual Report, national membership analysis and brochure, CTC form for nominating cafés, some notes on BCF Regionalisation (looks unlikely to proceed). Details of the new membership scheme for the BCF, Gold, Silver and Bronze. Information on West DC accounts and forthcoming meetings. Letter from RTTC requesting dates for club events for 2001.

Treasurer confirmed YSC affiliation paid, cheques for affiliation to RTTC and BCF have cleared. Membership of £12 received.

TT Secretary not present, will be contacted to ensure dates are submitted and reminded the balance from the Evening TTs is still awaited.

Road Race Secretary. Race HQ has been booked. Commissaires to be appointed. Start time for Pittards confirmed as 10.50am. New Pelican crossing in Mudford road discussed, it was agreed marshals will be required at the crossing during any races.

Club Runs proceed regularly with some cancelled due to rain. Henstridge coffee stop seems to be closed.

Records Secretary, still awaiting claims for club trophies.

Newsletter October edition published.

TVCRA. Negotiations for the use of Merryfield were under way.

Membership Secretary reported 49 members, with Martin Wills joining.

AOB. It was noted Toby Creighton had moved away from the area, but was still in possession of the Pittards trophy, will be contacted to ensure it's return before March.



Matters arising. Club levies and traffic counts have been sent to District. Toby had been contacted re trophy.

Gen Secretary reported no correspondence. Letter from SSDC, via G Mitchener, inviting attendance at first Yeovil Sports Forum.

Road Race Secretary. Reported on divisionalisation (*see page one*). Dates for road races confirmed as 8th April for Ham Hill and Pittards, and 10th June for the John Andrews. RR Sec to check with South West Div on permits etc. Dan Coast has been booked for first aid. Still no information on minimum standards for racing on the highway. Gen Sec to contact SW Division to check, permits, insurance, levies and commissaires will be appointed by new Division.

TT Secretary confirmed the dates for 2001 had been submitted to District, along with club levies (£48.00) and traffic counts. Balance of income paid to DT, £230.54.

Treasurer, Records Secretary, TVCRA, Newsletter, Membership Secretary no report.

Club Runs increased to three separate runs to cover varying abilities.

AOB. Buffet accounts submitted, income matched expenditure exactly. It was agreed the event was very successful with excellent food.



Matters arising. The Secretary apologised to the committee as he had not been able to attend the SSDC Sports Forum

Meeting, he will obtain a copy of the minutes of the meeting.

Gen Secretary reported arrival of CTC Magazine, BCF racing licences for Mike Loader, Darren Edmonds and John Clemit received, notice of the WTTA AGM, Leaflet on Road Peace (affiliation agreed, cost £20).

Correspondance from Malcolm Prince (BCF West) and Eddie McClean (BCF SWest) was read, basically outlining the divisionalisation situation.

Road Race Secretary. Confirmed he had spoken to Eddie McClean and all the items discussed at the last committee meeting were checked. Some are still being handled by Western Division but Eddie McClean undertook the task of liasing with Western to ensure everything will be ready for our races in April. He also offered assistance in preparing and complying with the new minimum standards and risk assessment. South West have already started to prepare the training courses for marshals and are organising the risk assessment of courses.

The race organisation is well in hand, lead cars, marshals and officials have yet to be appointed. Pittards have been informed of the date and agreed to continue with their sponsorship.

There is a possibility that the road from Yeovil to Sparkford is being resurfaced and the Secretary was requested to contact WS Atkins to see if a date had been set for the work, just in case it clashed with any of our events.

TT Secretary not present. A proposal was put forward, and agreed, that the Club handicap should have a minimum qualifying number of rides to help make the proceedure of handicapping more accurate.

Treasurer, submitted preliminary accounts for inclusion in the Newsletter. The cost of engraving was unknown at this stage and not included. WTTA affiliation fee, £10, was paid. Sum of £75.50 from sale of Club clothing received, less expenditure of £9 on Newsletter postage.

Records Secretary and TVCRA, not present.

Newsletter, Membership Secretary and Club Runs reported no change.

AOB. It was agreed to recommend no change in the Club subscption as the balance of

income over expenditure for 2000 was over £800 and the current balance was in excess of £4000 with no known expenditure foreseen at present.

Those members of the committee who were present agreed to continue in their roles if no other nominations were received.

The current members are:

Officers

President	G Mitchener
Hon Vice President	I Walker

Executive Committee

Chairman	G Mitchener
Hon. Gen Secretary	K Mahon
Hon. Treasurer	D Todd
Hon. Time Trial Secretary	C Fendt
Hon. Road Race Secretary	K Mahon
Hon. Records Secretary	M Northcott
Hon. Membership Secretary	M Loader
Hon. Runs Secretary	D Todd
Hon. Press Secretary	G Mitchener
TVCRA Representative	N Armstrong
Sponsorship/PR	D Notley
Newsletter Editor	D Notley

Special Delegate	
Development Officer	D Walters

Non Committee Appointments

Time Keepers	K Mahon
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**Don't forget the
AGM on Monday
12th February at
8pm, venue the
Yeovil Sports Centre,**

Johnstone Park, Yeovil

The Committee meeting is held on the second Monday of each Month at the Yeovil Sports Club. The next meetings will be the AGM on 12th February with normal meeting on 12th March and 9th April, all at 8pm.

Handbooks

The Club will not be ordering any BCF or RTTC Handbooks this year. If you are a BCF member **both** can be ordered through the BCF when you apply for your membership. RTTC Handbooks can be obtained direct from the RTTC see right. There is no on line ordering, you have to use snail mail!

BCF Racing Licenses. If you have already applied for your BCF License it may well be with the Club Secretary. Although it was thought that they were being sent direct to members Kevin has already received some. The BCF have introduced a new choice in membership this year ranging from basic (bronze) to fully inclusive (gold). Further details are on the website or membership application form.

Club Clothing

Some items are already running short, so I may have to place another order in February, if you think you may want some new clothing this year please let me know so I can ensure we have enough items in stock.

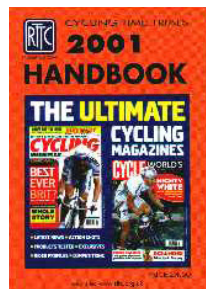
Item	£
Skisuits	48.00
Bib shorts	35.50
Skin Shorts	30.00
Thermal T/top	42.00
Training top	35.00
Road vest short sleeve	31.00
Road vest long sleeve	30.50
Arm Warmers one size fits all	9.00

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RoadPeace

If you want safer roads for all road users what can you do? As a Club we have become an affiliated member of *RoadPeace*. An organisation formed to encourage a greater awareness of the dangers and responsibilities of all road users and provide support for road victims. They have:

- succeeded in putting road deaths and injuries on the political agenda
- helping hundreds of people each year through their Helpline
- are leading the fight for lower speed limits and better enforcement of traffic law
- campaigning for change at Westminster, in Europe and at the UN.

These activities are done with the cyclist in mind: safer road design, campaigning against dangerous driving and trying to create a stress free environment for road users will benefit us all.

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Notice of Annual General Meeting 2001

The Annual General Meeting of Yeovil Cycling Club will take place on Monday 12th February 2001 at the Yeovil Sports Club, Johnston Park, Yeovil. The meeting will commence at 8.00pm.

Any formal resolutions for the meeting should be submitted in writing to Kevin Mahon by 1st February 2001. Agendas will be available on the evening, or seven days prior to the meeting upon request. The meeting is open to all members of the Club.

Officers of the Club are elected at this meeting, most of the Committee are prepared to stand for re-election but that does not exclude anyone volunteering or nominating someone for any position on the Committee.

If you have an opinion on what the Club should, or indeed should not, be doing then please come along.

A summary of the Club accounts for 2000 appears on page 3. As you can see from the figures we had a more profitable season last year. The club balance now stands at £4159.20, with such a healthy sum in the bank it is not felt necessary to increase the subs or the entry fees for evening events, if you disagree then please either submit a resolution or raise the issue at the meeting. If you have any suggestions as to how we might spend some of the money then those too can be considered.