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Andy Newham and Ian Pike spared no effort in the 15 mile championship to set a tandem trike age record

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Merry Christmas



and a Happy New Year



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Well that was truly a rushed time trialling season, which for our most enthusiastic members did not finally end until the much delayed 25 mile championship concluded the season on a chilly mid-October Saturday afternoon. On his local fast course it gave the incredible Ron Hallam a last gasp opportunity to win a champion's jersey in 2020. I am sure we all hope to hang on to some modest semblance of cycling ability when we are into our ninth decade, let alone emulate Ron!

This edition carries reports of our three shortest distance championships (10, 15 and 25 miles), which were all delayed from Lockdown 1 and which all subsequently drew big fields. There are also listings for our three season long competitions. Although there were no awards this year, due to difficulties with travelling and scarcity of events in many areas, it was a useful trial of the new internet based system for collating these results directly from the CTT website results. Thanks to our Chairman and IT Manager and the resources provided by XN Creations it all seems to have been most successful and augers well for the future.

The effort of the national officials over the last two years has been focused on providing an attractive and informative website and then setting up internet systems for age records collation and the above noted competitions. That task is now predominantly

complete, although there are always ideas to take it further, and we are well equipped to cater for our members in future years. The focus has now switched to ways of increasing our membership - any of us who ride time trials will be well aware of the many riders over 40 who are not members of the VTTA. None of us like to accept the inevitable slowing down which comes with increasing age nor the acceptance of the moniker 'veteran' which accompanies that process. To that end the committee have recently concluded a strategic review, which will be discussed fully at the forthcoming AGM and if acceptable will be rolled out over the next couple of years.

(Unfortunately we are not able to resolve this issue by distributing anti-ageing pills!)

The AGM is coming up again in January and your agenda accompanies this Veteran. It will be conducted by Zoom, and there are important issues to consider. So please hold your group Zooms and together we can come out of this as a better organisation, ready for the challenges of 2021 and beyond.

It only remains to wish everyone a happy but socially distanced Christmas and a successful and healthy New Year. Keep safe.

Mike Penrice

CAROLE'S FINAL PIECE AS PRESIDENT

Life trundles on with covid-19 dominating all our lives, but at last there appears to be light at the end of the tunnel. The good news is that a vaccine to counter the pandemic appears to be close to being rolled out to the population, but until such time as this is a reality we have to try and lead as normal a life as possible. Exercise is something that we can all try to do, which means getting the bike out and enjoying the countryside. We might not be training hard at this time of the year but at least riding the bike is an enjoyment in itself even if it has to be done mostly alone, as socialising and visiting cafes etc is not possible; even after the second lockdown there may still be restrictions in place that curb socialising.

Our Group is hoping to hold some sort of Luncheon in February next year but of course this is in the balance and there is little to celebrate regarding competition successes for riders as so little in our county took place. Like every group we have submitted our programme for 2021 and hope that it will be a full season.

When writing this piece there was only five weeks to Christmas and on my daily walks I am amazed at the number of households who have dressed their Christmas tree and put up their Christmas decorations and lights, showing that there is a real determination to make Christmas even more special this year.

We spent one short week in the Cotswolds in our camper van at Adam Henson's Park Farm a week before Halloween. Park Farm is a delightful place for children to explore and see the rare breeds that Adam has collected together as well as choosing a pumpkin to take home for Halloween. Going further afield for a holiday will of course rely totally on whether we are able to curb the pandemic

I am coming to the end of my term as your President and thank you all for your support. I have discovered how much hard work the NEC put in to making sure that our Association keeps abreast of modern technological developments and I know that they will continue to work tirelessly to keep our sport relevant to all riders over the age of 40. I am also impressed that when asked the groups contributed so readily to the funding for the development of the web site regarding the season long competition.

Best wishes to you all for a Happy Christmas and may 2021 be the year we are all hoping for and that a full racing calendar takes place.

Keep safe everyone.

Carole Gandy

MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL REMINDER

Just a reminder that memberships are now due for renewal, unless you joined after 1st October 2020. To continue to receive all the benefits of VTTA membership why wait, do it now! You can rejoin by logging into your account at vtta.org.uk or by sending the appropriate fee to your Group Secretary. Fees differ by group but can be found on the website.

While you are doing this please also check that your personal details, including email and postal addresses and phone numbers are correct. If you intend racing and have not already linked your VTTA and CTT accounts this is also a good opportunity; your VTTA profile will show whether this still needs to be done.

THE CHAIRMAN'S CONTRIBUTION

What a challenging and difficult year this has been for the country and indeed the world. However much we love our cycling the pandemic has kept us aware that there are bigger issues we have to contend with. In retrospect though, we can be grateful that we could still ride our bikes (at times on delightfully quiet roads) and that we had a fair number of events after the CTT was able to recommence time trials in mid-July. Among those events, we are very grateful to the organisers of our 10, 15, 25, 50, 100 and 12 hour VTTA championships who ran them successfully while also complying with the additional demands presented by the covid regulations. I managed to organise the diary so I could ride five of the championships (I still cannot face trying a '12') and this gave me the qualifying rides for the 3 Distance Competition. But as things turned out I only rode the one '25' so I didn't qualify for the Short Distance Competition, and for the first time in sixteen years I did not achieve a single standard. I am sure many of you experienced similar frustrations. But there is always next year!

On the subject of the season long competitions, it was very satisfying to see the project to automate the results go live back in July and to provide the running status of the competitions and the final results. More on this elsewhere in the magazine.

The lockdown back in March presented the NEC with some particular challenges in terms of the impact on membership and finances. When lockdown commenced in March, renewals and new memberships for the year, plus honorary life members, amounted to about 2300, well down on the final figure of 2729 for 2019. If membership had remained at the March figure, we would have faced a subs deficit of almost £5000 on the year. As things turned out there was a pick-up in membership once events resumed and by 30th September we had 2550 members and an income shortfall of less than £2000. The NEC (now meeting via Zoom) took various cost saving measures and we ended the year with an overall deficit of just over £2500. Most of that figure could be accounted for by the one-off contribution the NEC made to the automation of the results of the season long competitions. So, we have not finished the year in too bad shape.

In the summer the NEC formed a couple of sub-committees to consider some strategic questions for the Association. One looked at how we may address our marketing of the VTTA including our national competitions and championships. It considered such questions as 'Is 'Veterans' still an appropriate title when the sporting world has moved to the term 'Masters'? The other sub-committee reviewed

the workings of the NEC and in particular how we could better engage with all the Groups in making decisions and changes for the Association. We reported the findings and recommendations of the sub-committees to the NEC at the end of November and we plan to make a number of proposals to the AGM at the end of January, albeit for the first time it will be conducted via Zoom!

Finally, I am pleased to say that having been acting National Treasurer for the last year, Ian Pritchard has kindly agreed to take on the role. Ian has been West Group Treasurer for some years so he understands VTTA finances. I am sure Ian will be an 'asset' to the Association.

Andrew Simpkins

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I.T. MANAGER'S REPORT

Last issue I ended by saying that I hoped to be racing again in September. Well I did manage to do enough events to qualify for the short distance competition, but the times were such many would not call it racing! Anyway, it felt good.

The race day event tool I said I was working on in the last issue was piloted at the National 25 in October and I have tested using the entry lists, start sheets and results files from several events held in the 2020 season. The tool has the following capabilities:

- produce results for distance events of any length and time events of any time
- produce results for up to 200 solo riders and 50 tandem pairs
- produce results for bike and trikes
- produce results overall (aka scratch), VTTA standard and vet's handicap (normalised times and distances)
- produce results for male and female solo riders
- produce results by age band (both age on race day and UCI age on 31st December of year of event) – age bands are configurable
- produce overall and VTTA standard results for clubs
- produce VTTA standard results for groups
- determine who has won awards for events, with user defined custom text describing the awards
 - select views - one or more of general information, overall (scratch), VTTA standard (plus and normalised), age band, tandem so you only see what you want to see, or what you have data for
- import and append CTT format solo entry lists for calculation of VTTA standard, best plus and rider seeding (300 riders allowed on entry list)
- accept riders for an event dependent upon scratch (aka personal best) seeding or best plus seeding
- copy accepted rider details from the entry list to the start sheet for manual editing of start time and bib number

- build the solo start sheet from accepted entrants on entry list according to rider (personal best) seeding
- import and append CTT format solo and tandem start sheets and calculate VTTA standard and solo rider (personal best) seeding
- import VTTA membership data, if missing from the start sheet, and match to startsheet information, providing alerts where appropriate for inactive riders, unlinked riders, and club mismatches
- add a rider from entry list to the start sheet (for addition of a reserve rider)
- replace a rider on the start sheet with another from the entry list (for managing withdrawals)
- delete a rider from the start sheet (to create a slot for a reserve rider)
- add results data both actual and watch time, rider by rider, during an event and present a report of status during the event
- produce results as described above in printable portrait format for publication as a PDF; the folder may be shared (e.g. Dropbox) so results can be viewed online
- export CTT format solo and tandem result sheets for upload to the CTT web site
- import CTT format solo and tandem result sheets (instead of adding results data rider by rider)

I have produced some self-training material so users can get familiar with it. The last phase of the pilot is to test the material out with a few people. The tool will be released in time for next season so any organiser, or one their assistants, can use it at events. Users need to have basic level Excel skills – navigating around a workbook and clicking macro buttons. The tool does all the calculations for you. Watch out for news items and documents on the VTTA website describing it.

Now the competitions project has been successfully delivered the NEC is thinking about future IT projects that will deliver benefits to members and reduce administration work, both of officials and members. A project to automate Standards Awards is now in the planning and estimating stage. I hope to report on that in the next issue.

Jon Fairclough

C. W. COOKE TROPHY AND TED BRICKNELL MEMORIAL AWARDS 2020

These awards may be nominated by the groups and are determined by the NEC. Despite the difficulties which we have lived through in 2020 we have two very deserving winners.



Ted Bricknell Memorial Award is given for outstanding services to the Association and for 2020 is made to Carole Gandy of Kent Group.

The National Executive were pleased to endorse the Kent Group Committee nomination of Carole Gandy for the Bricknell Memorial Award. Carole's term of office as National President comes to an end at the forthcoming AGM, so this is a very appropriate time for her to receive this award.

Carole enjoyed an illustrious racing career, which included winning the BBAR and national '100' championship in 2004, as well as many other national awards and placings. In the VTTA Carole has won the ladies' national three distance competition on 11 occasions and despite having now retired from racing, she still holds national age records at 10, 25, 30, 50 and 100 miles.

However, Carole's work as a cycling administrator is equally impressive. She is secretary of the Kent Group, a post she

was elected to in 2011, and has been able to update the group committee on a regular basis on developments nationally.

Carole is also Kent Group President, and a member of the CTT South East District Committee. Carole can often be found marshalling or helping in other ways at Kent Group promotions.

C. W. Cooke Trophy is given for the most meritorious racing performance of the season and for 2020 is awarded to David Shepherd of Wessex Group.

Dave Shepherd is a name well known for his long distance time trialling, winning the VTTA 12 hour championship and Best All Rounder Competition in 2019. Riding the Breckland 12 hour on 2nd August of this year he covered 293.76 miles at age 59; this is a new age record by a considerable margin, adding 6 miles to his age 58 record and also obliterating age records for ages 53 and 54. The only current age record which is longer is Adam Topham, with 313.87 miles at age 47 (i.e. 12 years younger). The only other VTTA members who have gone further than this are:

45yo 2009 Andy Wilkinson 302m

44yo 2015 Richard Bideau 309m

40 yo 2011 Jeff Jones 306m



VTTA NATIONAL 10 MILE CHAMPIONSHIP

Saturday 12th September 2020

Report by NEC Rep and Race Organiser Rachael Elliott

Saturday 12th September saw the running of VTTA National 10 Mile Championships by London & Home Counties Group with generous support from title sponsor Snug Kitchens and NoPinz.

The event was on the H10/3A course, west of Newbury in Berkshire. Riders were faced with a testing but fair course with its fair share of undulations and sweeping turns. It was last used as a championship course in the CTT National 10 in 2009. Warm conditions were slightly muddled by a stiff westerly breeze making the return leg tough for those who had put a little too much effort into the first half.

All events in this truncated racing season have drawn large entries and, being a fairly quiet road, organiser Rachael Elliott was able to increase the field size so that there were 150 men (plus 7 reserves), 27 women in their own event and 3 tandems.

The overall men's championship title went to on form Richard Oakes (Team Ohten Aveas/Notts & East Midlands group). The 51 year old, perhaps better known for his world class performances on the track, put in a blistering scratch time of 19:49 to earn him a plus of +7:05. It should be noted that the only time a rider has gone faster on this course was Michael Hutchinson, at the peak of his career, when he won the CTT National 10 in 2009 with a time of 19:34.

The silver medal went to Mark Vowells (CC Bexley/Kent group) whose trike time of 25:20 equated to a plus of +6:49. The bronze medal went to a regular face on the podium, Keith Ainsworth (Sheffrec CC/North Midlands group). Keith's scratch time of 21:10 gave him a plus of +6:43.

The women's championship was retained by last year's champion, Angela Carpenter (...a3crg/Wessex group). The 51 year old has been on a fast improvement curve recently, and posted a fast 20:xx ride just the weekend previously. Carpenter was the only female rider to dip below 23 minutes (no mean feat on this course) to take the crown with a plus of +6:14.

The silver medal in the women's competition went to local rider Melanie Sneddon (TORQ Performance/London & Home Counties group). Melanie's ride of 23:01 earned her a plus of +5:35 to narrowly push Jo Buckland (FTP Racing/South Wales group) into the bronze medal position with a plus of +5:32 (23:49).

Amongst the tandems, the pairing of Ian Greenstreet and Rachael Elliott (Aerocoach/London & Home Counties group) again took the honours with their scratch time of 20:02 giving them a plus of +6:43. Special mention to the only other tandem competition of the day, Mary Corbett and Norman Harvey. With a combined age of 150, the pair managed a sub-30 time on their tandem trike, earning them a national age record.

The VTTA Group competition was won by Wessex Group (Angela Carpenter, Neil Mackley and David Shepherd) with a combined plus of +18:04. The same trio also took the club team gold medals for ...a3crg.

A socially distanced presentation by the National Secretary was carried out with the champions.

London & Home Counties Group would like to give a huge thank you to Newbury Velo whose organisation and enthusiastic squad of volunteers helped make the event such a success.

FINISH ORDER - 2020 VTTA NATIONAL 10 MILE TIME TRIAL CHAMPIONSHIP

Pos	Name	Club	Group	Gdr	Age	Std	Actual	Plus
1	Richard Oakes	Team Ohten Aveas	N&EM	M	51	26:54	19:49	+07:05
2	Mark Vowells (Trike)	CC Bexley	Kent	M	67	32:09	25:20	+06:49
3	Keith Ainsworth	Sheffrec CC	N Mids	M	61	27:45	21:10	+06:35
4	<i>Angela Carpenter</i>	<i>...a3crg</i>	<i>Wsx</i>	<i>W</i>	<i>51</i>	<i>29:11</i>	<i>22:57</i>	<i>+06:14</i>
5	Anthony Turner	Mickey Cranks CC	L&HC	M	50	26:49	20:37	+06:12
6	Neil Mackley	...a3crg	Wsx	M	57	27:22	21:16	+06:06
7	Alan Murchison	Drag2Zero	L&HC	M	49	26:45	20:49	+05:56
8	Chris Holmes	Twickenham CC	L&HC	M	44	26:22	20:31	+05:51
9=	Kevin Tye	VeloRefined Rule 5	Kent	M	58	27:28	21:38	+05:50
9=	Robert West	AeroCoach	L&HC	M	45	26:27	20:37	+05:50
11	David Shepherd	...a3crg	Wsx	M	59	27:33	21:49	+05:44
12	Colin McDermott	Festival RC	S/S	M	53	27:03	21:26	+05:37
13=	Rob Muzio	Team Ohten Aveas	N&EM	M	55	27:12	21:37	+05:35
13=	<i>Melanie Sneddon</i>	<i>TORQ Performance</i>	<i>L&HC</i>	<i>W</i>	<i>44</i>	<i>28:36</i>	<i>23:01</i>	<i>+05:35</i>
15	<i>Jo Buckland</i>	<i>FTP Racing</i>	<i>S Wls</i>	<i>W</i>	<i>53</i>	<i>29:21</i>	<i>23:49</i>	<i>+05:32</i>
16	Jon Woolrich	Velo Sport Jersey	Wsx	M	40	26:02	20:34	+05:28
17	Graham Winstone	Oxonian CC	L&HC	M	48	26:40	21:19	+05:21
18	Ian Patterson	Utag RT	Wsx	M	54	27:07	21:47	+05:20
19	Lee Perrott	Cycle Specific	S Wls	M	41	26:07	20:50	+05:17
20	Terry Icke	Velo Club St Raphael	Wsx	M	76	30:13	24:57	+05:16
21	Massimiliano Radi	Team Bottrill	L&HC	M	43	26:17	21:09	+05:08
22	Jeff Roberts	High Wycombe CC	L&HC	M	55	27:12	22:07	+05:05
23	<i>Linda Dewhurst</i>	<i>Team Milton Keynes</i>	<i>L&HC</i>	<i>W</i>	<i>61</i>	<i>30:09</i>	<i>25:07</i>	<i>+05:02</i>
24	<i>Janet Birkmyre</i>	<i>TORQ Performance</i>	<i>Mids</i>	<i>W</i>	<i>54</i>	<i>29:27</i>	<i>24:26</i>	<i>+05:01</i>
25=	Philip Watts	North Hampshire RC	Wsx	M	60	27:39	22:41	+04:58
25=	Justin Webb	VTTA (L&HC)	Wsx	M	41	26:07	21:09	+04:58
27=	<i>Helen Roby</i>	<i>Spirit CC</i>	<i>L&HC</i>	<i>W</i>	<i>53</i>	<i>29:21</i>	<i>24:28</i>	<i>+04:53</i>
27=	<i>Jayne Paine</i>	<i>Les Filles RT</i>	<i>L&HC</i>	<i>W</i>	<i>55</i>	<i>29:32</i>	<i>24:39</i>	<i>+04:53</i>
29=	Christopher Davis	Giant CC Halo Films	West	M	65	28:13	23:22	+04:51
29=	Niel Dunnage	PDQ Cycle Coaching	West	M	48	26:40	21:49	+04:51
31=	Nick English	AeroCoach	L&HC	M	41	26:07	21:17	+04:50
31=	<i>Danuta Tinn</i>	<i>Maidenhead & Dist CC</i>	<i>L&HC</i>	<i>W</i>	<i>55</i>	<i>29:32</i>	<i>24:42</i>	<i>+04:50</i>
33	Wayne Smith	Team Ohten Aveas	N&EM	M	53	27:03	22:15	+04:48
34	Jamie Murray	Peterborough CC	N&EM	M	42	26:12	21:27	+04:45
35	Issy Zimmerman	Verulam Really Moving	L&HC	M	53	27:03	22:19	+04:44
36=	Matt Fisher	Newbury Velo	Wsx	M	47	26:36	21:55	+04:41
36=	Antonio Maschio	Sotonia CC	Wsx	M	55	27:12	22:31	+04:41
38	Bob Richardson	Bournemouth Jub Whs	Wsx	M	55	27:12	22:34	+04:38

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39	Bryan Long	VTTA (East Anglia)	EA	M	54	27:07	22:30	+04:37
40	Robert Jones	Performance Cycles CC	Wsx	M	44	26:22	21:52	+04:30
41	Tim May	PDQ Cycle Coaching	Mids	M	42	26:12	21:44	+04:28
42	Rob Vessey	Didcot Phoenix CC	West	M	57	27:22	22:58	+04:24
43	Robin Short	Cotswold Veldrijden	West	M	44	26:22	21:59	+04:23
44	Sean Quinn	Law Whs	Scot	M	47	26:36	22:14	+04:22
45	David Evans	Team Echelon	Mids	M	64	28:06	23:46	+04:20
46	<i>Wendy Gooding</i>	<i>Team Bottrill</i>	<i>EA</i>	<i>W</i>	<i>56</i>	<i>29:38</i>	<i>25:23</i>	<i>+04:15</i>
47	Andrew Thomas	...a3crg	Wsx	M	40	26:02	21:48	+04:14
48	Tim Davies	CC Luton	L&HC	M	53	27:03	22:52	+04:11
49	Paul Winchcombe	Chippenham & Dist Whs	West	M	60	27:39	23:29	+04:10
50=	Michael Parker	TMG Horizon CT	L&HC	M	55	27:12	23:06	+04:06
50=	Nigel Sign	Fareham Whs CC	Wsx	M	63	27:59	23:53	+04:06
52=	Steven Loraine	Team Swift	Mids	M	64	28:06	24:03	+04:03
52=	Andy Tucker	Newbury Velo	L&HC	M	48	26:40	22:37	+04:03
54	James Hargreaves	Kenilworth Whs	Mids	M	58	27:28	23:28	+04:00
55	Scott Povey	MediaVelo	Mids	M	41	26:07	22:10	+03:57
56	Crispin Doyle	VTTA (Wsx Group)	Wsx	M	47	26:36	22:41	+03:55
57=	Peter Baker	Lewes Wanderers CC	S/S	M	62	27:52	23:58	+03:54
57=	Simon Bowden	Newbury Velo	L&HC	M	52	26:58	23:04	+03:54
59	Martin Stanley	Didcot Phoenix CC	L&HC	M	46	26:31	22:39	+03:52
60	<i>Dena Ford</i>	<i>High Wycombe CC</i>	<i>L&HC</i>	<i>W</i>	<i>54</i>	<i>29:27</i>	<i>25:36</i>	<i>+03:51</i>
61	Alan Allcock	Didcot Phoenix CC	L&HC	M	65	28:13	24:23	+03:50
62	Robert Barrett	AS Test Team	L&HC	M	69	28:48	24:59	+03:49
63	Mark Cain	Army Cycling	S/S	M	44	26:22	22:36	+03:46
64=	Mark Woolford	Team Swindon Cycles	West	M	54	27:07	23:22	+03:45
64=	<i>Teresa Robbins</i>	<i>Reading CC</i>	<i>L&HC</i>	<i>W</i>	<i>48</i>	<i>28:56</i>	<i>25:11</i>	<i>+03:45</i>
66	Justin Robbins	Team Swindon Cycles	West	M	49	26:45	23:01	+03:44
67	Stu Wright	QN Racing	N&EM	M	52	26:58	23:15	+03:43
68	Steve Bray	FTP Racing	West	M	50	26:49	23:07	+03:42
69	Paul Blamire	Amersham Road CC	L&HC	M	45	26:27	22:48	+03:39
70	Michael Stevens	Fareham Whs CC	Wsx	M	59	27:33	23:55	+03:38
71=	Jymmy Trevor	Jem Hadar Racing	Yorks	M	48	26:40	23:04	+03:36
71=	Chris Ford	High Wycombe CC	L&HC	M	57	27:22	23:46	+03:36
73	Andrew Simpkins	Team Echelon	Mids	M	66	28:21	24:46	+03:35
74	Stewart Ball	Successcycling.co.uk	Mids	M	47	26:36	23:07	+03:29
75=	Andrew Halliday	Westerley CC	L&HC	M	48	26:40	23:18	+03:22
75=	<i>Gillian Reynolds</i>	<i>Willesden CC</i>	<i>L&HC</i>	<i>W</i>	<i>71</i>	<i>31:41</i>	<i>28:19</i>	<i>+03:22</i>
77	Dave Nolan	trainSharp	Yorks	M	48	26:40	23:28	+03:12

VTTA 10 MILE CHAMPIONSHIP GALLERY



Men's champion Richard Oakes



2nd woman Melanie Sneddon



Third man Keith Ainsworth



Tandem champions Ian Greenstreet & Rachael Elliott



3rd woman Jo Buckland



Women's champion Angela Carpenter



2nd man Mark Vowells

Pos	Name	Club	Group	Gdr	Age	Std	Actual	Plus
78	<i>Lucy Mitchell</i>	<i>...a3crg</i>	<i>Wsx</i>	<i>W</i>	<i>43</i>	<i>28:31</i>	<i>25:20</i>	<i>+03:11</i>
79	James Scarth	Bishop's Stortford CC	EA	M	42	26:12	23:03	+03:09
80	Kyle Bateman	Vector Cycling RT	L&HC	M	41	26:07	23:00	+03:07
81	Roger Taylor	Frome and Dist Whs	West	M	74	29:45	26:45	+03:00
82	Paul Rogoll	Salt and Sham CC	West	M	64	28:06	25:09	+02:57
83	James Moss	North Road CC	L&HC	M	43	26:17	23:21	+02:56
84	Neal Marrin	Finsbury Park CC	EA	M	50	26:49	23:54	+02:55
85	Simon Collins	Vector Cycling RT	L&HC	M	41	26:07	23:15	+02:52
86	Sandy Wallace	Fife Century RC	Scot	M	74	29:45	26:54	+02:51
87=	Robin Harris	Clapham Chasers	S/S	M	53	27:03	24:14	+02:49
87=	<i>Virginia McGee</i>	<i>...a3crg</i>	<i>Wsx</i>	<i>W</i>	<i>57</i>	<i>29:43</i>	<i>26:54</i>	<i>+02:49</i>
89	Barry Eeles	North Hampshire RC	Wsx	M	54	27:07	24:19	+02:48
90	<i>Arja Scarsbrook</i>	<i>Team Echelon</i>	<i>West</i>	<i>W</i>	<i>72</i>	<i>31:54</i>	<i>29:07</i>	<i>+02:47</i>
91	David England	Crabwood CC	Wsx	M	77	30:29	27:44	+02:45
92	John McGlashan	Redmon CC	Kent	M	69	28:48	26:05	+02:43
93	Simon Inman	OVB	N&EM	M	47	26:36	23:58	+02:38
94	<i>Claire Davies</i>	<i>Hinckley CRC</i>	<i>N&EM</i>	<i>W</i>	<i>43</i>	<i>28:31</i>	<i>25:56</i>	<i>+02:35</i>
95	Andrew Harbourne	Cowley Road Condors CC	L&HC	M	40	26:02	23:28	+02:34
96	Mark Thomas	Bigfoot CC	EA	M	57	27:22	24:52	+02:30
97	Michael Naulls	Velo Club Venta	Wsx	M	50	26:49	24:22	+02:27
98	Alexander Munro	SVTTA	Scot	M	87	34:27	32:01	+02:26
99	Steven Madeley	Ogmore Valley Whs	S Wls	M	59	27:33	25:11	+02:22
100	Vincent Halpern	Twickenham CC	L&HC	M	51	26:54	24:39	+02:15
101	John Eames	Chippenham & Dist Whs	N Mids	M	73	29:32	27:19	+02:13
102	Mike Boyce	...a3crg	Wsx	M	64	28:06	25:54	+02:12
103=	John Robertson	Wrekinsport CC	Mer	M	65	28:13	26:03	+02:10
103=	Jon Fairclough	Woking CC	S/S	M	66	28:21	26:11	+02:10
105	Cliff Voller	Newbury RC	West	M	69	28:48	26:50	+01:58
106	Gary Chiverton	Bournemouth Jub Whs	Wsx	M	59	27:33	25:45	+01:48
107	Murray Kirton	A5 Rangers CC	Mids	M	79	31:03	29:27	+01:36
108	Brian Lewis	Bicester Millennium CC	West	M	82	32:05	30:34	+01:31
109	Ronan McCurtin	Newbury Velo	L&HC	M	49	26:45	25:23	+01:22
110	Philip Skinner	Welwyn Whs	L&HC	M	55	27:12	26:06	+01:06
111	Paul James	VTTA West Group	West	M	49	26:45	25:44	+01:01
112	John J Murphy	Gloucester City CC	West	M	80	31:22	30:22	+01:00
113	John Bush	Maidenhead & Dist CC	S/S	M	60	27:39	27:10	+00:29
114	<i>Gillian Morgan</i>	<i>Westerley CC</i>	<i>L&HC</i>	<i>W</i>	<i>60</i>	<i>30:02</i>	<i>29:37</i>	<i>+00:25</i>
115	Peter Wilson	Bath CC	West	M	86	33:54	33:46	+00:08
117	Robert Jolliffe	New Forest CC	Wsx	M	68	28:39	28:54	-00:15

Pos	Name	Club	Group	Gdr	Age	Std	Actual	Plus
118	Graham Hewson	Birmingham Midland CC	Mids	M	67	28:30	29:12	-00:42
119	<i>Rosslyn Young</i>	<i>Serpentine Running Club</i>	<i>L&HC</i>	<i>W</i>	<i>76</i>	<i>32:53</i>	<i>33:41</i>	<i>-00:48</i>
120	Nicholas Williams	Newbury Velo	L&HC	M	40	26:02	27:44	-01:42
121	Andy Delaney	Northumbria Police C.C.	North	M	52	26:58	29:10	-02:12
122	Bob Brabbins	Wellington Whs CC	West	M	77	30:29	34:04	-03:35
132	Brian James	Brighton Mitre CC	L&HC	M	90	36:29	41:04	-04:35
DNF	Andrew Larkins (Newbury Velo)							
DNS	Peter White (VC 10), Simon Davis (VTTA (Mids)), Donald Parker (Brighton Mitre CC), Bob Symons (PDQ Cycle Coaching), Simon Kinsey (Virtual CC), Garry Shuker (Walsall Roads CC), Haydn Davies (Giant CC Halo Films), Alan Harvey (Finsbury Park CC), John French (Oxford City RC), Daryl Stroud (Gloucester City CC), Frank Anderson (SVTTA), Roger Porter (Verulam CC), Robert Gilmour (Hounslow & Dist Whs), Brett Lowndes (Pro Vision Clothing), Peter Smith (Team Jewson - MI Racing), Joe Schvartz (Team Swindon Cycles), Tony Ball (Team Swift), Jez Willows (Sherwood CC), Phil Brown (TORQ Performance), Mike Appleyard (Lancashire RC), Paul Newman (Shorter Rochford RT), Andrew Butcher (Cwmcaron Paragon RC), Mark Stafford (...a3crg), James Fawcett (...a3crg), Paul Hart (Hart Coaching), Liam Maybank (Twickenham CC), Chris Loake (AeroCoach)							
DNS	<i>Celia Brown (Beacon Roads CC), Samantha Messenger (Bicester Millennium CC), Helen Willis (Camel Valley C & TC)</i>							

GROUP TEAMS RESULT		
Pos	Group	Agg. Plus
1	Wessex (Angela Carpenter, Neil Mackley, David Shepherd)	+18:04
2	London & Home Counties	+17:59
3	Notts & East Midlands	+17:28
4	Kent	+15:22
5	West	+14:06
6	Midlands	+13:49
7	Surrey/Sussex	+13:17
8	South Wales	+13:11
9	East Anglian	+12:01
10	Scotland	+09:39

CLUB TEAMS RESULT		
Pos	Club	Agg. Plus
1	...a3crg (Angela Carpenter, Neil Mackley, David Shepherd)	+18:04
2	Team Ohten Aveas	+17:28
3	Newbury Velo	+12:38
4	High Wycombe CC	+12:32
5	Didcot Phoenix CC	+12:06
6	Team Echelon	+10:42

FINISH ORDER - 2020 VTTA NATIONAL 10 MILE TANDEM TIME TRIAL CHAMPIONSHIP								
Pos	Name	Club	Group	Gdr	Age	Std	Actual	Plus
1	Ian Greenstreet	AeroCoach	L&HC	M	56	26:45	20:02	+06:43
	Rachael Elliott	AeroCoach	L&HC	W	42			
2	Norman Harvey (Trike)	Sotonia CC	Wsx	M	87	35:15	29:45	+05:30
	Mary Corbett (Trike)	Sotonia CC	Wsx	W	63			
DNS	Richard May & David Shannon (both Islington CC)							

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VTTA NATIONAL 15 MILE CHAMPIONSHIP

Sunday 20th September 2020

Report by NEC Representative Andrew Simpkins

The 15 mile championship, postponed from March, was run on Sunday 20th September, despite fate in the form of roadworks conspiring against it. However organiser Phil Guy worked valiantly to produce a major course modification only six days before the event - a change which also necessitated relocating the HQ and notification to all riders and helpers. The new course was generally considered to be a bit quicker than the original proposal. There was a bright and dry morning but with a noticeable breeze slowing riders on the outbound leg on the A53 towards the roundabout at Ternhill, north of Shrewsbury.

The event was oversubscribed but all VTTA members got a ride as did all 10 reserves. The women's championship was won by Deb Hutson-Lumb of Merseyside Group, winning her first VTTA championship in an impressive 35:58, with Debbie Moss (North Lancs & Lakes) taking the silver medal and Sue Semple (Midlands) the bronze.

The men's championship saw another outstanding ride by Keith Ainsworth (North Midlands) giving him a winning margin of over one minute. Second on standard and fastest time of the day went to Mark Holton (North Lancs & Lakes) with a 30:30 just beating Anthony Brown (East Anglian) in bronze medal position. Honorable mention should be made of Ken Stevens who at age 90 rode sub 50 minutes to set a new age record.

The group team award went to Merseyside (Deb Hutson-Lumb, Paul Grindley, Tim Beardmore) who provided a strong and large contingent of riders for a 'home' championship event with the club team award going to Pirate Juice CC (Victor Chetta, Stuart McCormick and Philip Hill).

In the tandem event Ian Greenstreet and Rachael Elliott continued their winning ways, setting a blistering time of 29:53 for a plus of 10:26. The tandem trike pair of Andy Newham and Ian Pike also set an age record.

Keith Ainsworth commented on the event *'I really enjoyed it, I thought the semi-sporting course was a great challenge, had to be cautious to hit those early inclines with purpose but not overbake...heart rate was quite escalated at one point early on but pleased that I maintained form where my 5 mile splits were all pretty much identical. Big kudos to Phil Guy and the team for putting on such a great event and of course surmounting the issue regarding the original course. They saved the day - most appreciated.'*

On the day we even managed to present Keith with his championship jersey and cap (at a safe distance!).

Photographs of the event can be viewed here:

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FINISH ORDER - 2020 VTTA NATIONAL 15 MILE TIME TRIAL CHAMPIONSHIP

Pos	Name	Club	Group	Gdr	Age	Std	Actual	Plus
1	Keith Ainsworth	Sheffrec CC	N Mids	M	61	41:51	31:50	+10:01
2	Mark Holton	Springfield Financial	NL&L	M	42	39:30	30:30	+09:00
3	Antony Brown	Kettering CC	EA	M	61	41:51	33:00	+08:51
4	<i>Deb Hutson-Lumb</i>	<i>Nova Raiders CC</i>	<i>Mer</i>	<i>W</i>	<i>55</i>	<i>44:32</i>	<i>35:58</i>	<i>+08:34</i>
5	Paul Grindley	Liverpool Century RC	Mer	M	57	41:16	32:57	+08:19
6	Tim Beardmore	Nova Raiders CC	Mer	M	48	40:12	32:08	+08:04
7	Victor Chetta	Pirate Juice CC	Mer	M	43	39:37	31:47	+07:50
8	David Williams	Velotik Racing Team	Mer	M	41	39:22	31:34	+07:48
9	Joseph Costello	Walsall Roads CC	Mids	M	61	41:51	34:07	+07:44
10	Alan Chorley	Seamons CC	M&NW	M	49	40:19	33:01	+07:18
11	Stuart McCormick	Pirate Juice CC	Mer	M	52	40:39	33:25	+07:14
12	<i>Deborah Moss</i>	<i>Team Merlin</i>	<i>NL&L</i>	<i>W</i>	<i>50</i>	<i>43:52</i>	<i>36:39</i>	<i>+07:13</i>
13	Richard Coleman	Stourbridge Velo	Mids	M	66	42:46	35:40	+07:06
14	Jez Willows	Sherwood CC	N&EM	M	55	41:01	33:56	+07:05
15	Sean Quinn	Law Whs	Scot	M	47	40:05	33:07	+06:58
16	<i>Susan Semple</i>	<i>Stafford RC</i>	<i>Mids</i>	<i>W</i>	<i>54</i>	<i>44:23</i>	<i>37:30</i>	<i>+06:53</i>
17	Kenneth Addison	Southport CC	N Mids	M	64	42:22	35:44	+06:38
18	Phillip Warburton	Liverpool Phx CC (Aintree)	Mer	M	59	41:33	34:56	+06:37
19	Jonathan Mills-Keeling	Cycle Club Bridgnorth	Mer	M	48	40:12	33:41	+06:31
20	Simon Dighton	Beacon Roads CC	Mids	M	57	41:16	34:50	+06:26
21	Steven Loraine	Team Swift	Mids	M	64	42:22	36:01	+06:21
22	Philip Hill	Pirate Juice CC	Mer	M	57	41:16	34:57	+06:19
23	Greg Plummer	Springfield Financial	NL&L	M	60	41:42	35:30	+06:12
24	Jonathan Lloyd	Westmead Team 88	M&NW	M	52	40:39	34:30	+06:09
25	Kenneth Stevens	South Pennine RC	N&EM	M	90	55:15	49:07	+06:08
26	Alexander Munro	SVTTA	Scot	M	87	52:08	46:06	+06:02
27	Alastair Semple	Stafford RC	Mids	M	53	40:46	34:47	+05:59
28	David Evans	Team Echelon	Mids	M	64	42:22	36:27	+05:55
29	Brett Lowndes	Pro Vision Cycle Clothing	Mids	M	45	39:52	34:00	+05:52
30	<i>Jenny York</i>	<i>Mid Shropshire Whs</i>	<i>Mer</i>	<i>W</i>	<i>62</i>	<i>45:39</i>	<i>39:49</i>	<i>+05:50</i>
31	Andrew Simpkins	Team Echelon	Mids	M	66	42:46	37:06	+05:40
32	Mark Hamer	Stratford Cycling Club	Mids	M	45	39:52	34:14	+05:38
33	David Taylor	Ravensthorpe CC	Yorks	M	65	42:34	36:57	+05:37
34=	Matt Stell	Springfield Financial	NL&L	M	43	39:37	34:05	+05:32
34=	Steve Aston	Wrexham RC	Mer	M	43	39:37	34:05	+05:32
36	Warren Mason	VTTA (North)	NL&L	M	55	41:01	35:30	+05:31
37	Gino Trasatti	North Shropshire Whs	Mer	M	70	43:42	38:20	+05:22
38	Rob Kennard	Stourbridge Velo	Mids	M	55	41:01	35:42	+05:19

Pos	Name	Club	Group	Gdr	Age	Std	Actual	Plus
39	<i>Sue Cheetham</i>	<i>North Lancashire RC</i>	<i>NL&L</i>	<i>W</i>	<i>57</i>	<i>44:49</i>	<i>39:34</i>	<i>+05:15</i>
40	Steve Cornish	Mid Shropshire Whs	Mer	M	64	42:22	37:30	+04:52
41	Alan Chell	Crewe Clarion Whs	M&NW	M	48	40:12	35:22	+04:50
42	Martin Horrobin	Horwich Cycling Club	N Mids	M	53	40:46	36:06	+04:40
43	Ben Love	Pirate Juice CC	Mer	M	41	39:22	34:56	+04:26
44	Barrie Whittaker	Lyme Racing Club	M&NW	M	63	42:12	37:48	+04:24
45	Steve Biddulph	Born to Bike	Mids	M	45	39:52	35:33	+04:19
46	Graham Noble	Pirate Juice CC	M&NW	M	46	39:59	35:47	+04:12
47	Ben McCaulder	Stone Whs CC	M&NW	M	45	39:52	35:46	+04:06
48	Richard Tyson	Rock to Roll CC	NL&L	M	53	40:46	36:54	+03:52
49	<i>Claire Davies</i>	<i>Hinckley CRC</i>	<i>N&EM</i>	<i>W</i>	<i>43</i>	<i>42:59</i>	<i>39:14</i>	<i>+03:45</i>
50	<i>Joanna Cebzat</i>	<i>Bury Clarion CC</i>	<i>M&NW</i>	<i>W</i>	<i>41</i>	<i>42:42</i>	<i>39:00</i>	<i>+03:42</i>
51	Brian Morrell	Dumfries CC	Scot	M	60	41:42	38:03	+03:39
52	Nigel Briggs	South Pennine RC	N&EM	M	59	41:33	38:01	+03:32
53	Anthony Marlow	Mercia - Lloyds Cycles CC	N&EM	M	75	45:15	41:47	+03:28
54	Jeff Mace	Chester RC	Mer	M	56	41:08	37:42	+03:26
55	Mark Shore	Walsall Roads CC	Mids	M	61	41:51	38:32	+03:19
56	James Meldrum	Liverpool Phx CC (Aintree)	Mer	M	40	39:14	35:59	+03:15
57	Gareth Brookes	North Shropshire Whs	Mer	M	52	40:39	37:25	+03:14
58=	Stephen Turner	Westmead Team 88	M&NW	M	60	41:42	38:30	+03:12
58=	Nev Ashman	Manchester Velo CRC	M&NW	M	81	47:55	44:43	+03:12
60	David Pottinger	North Wirral Velo	Mer	M	59	41:33	38:22	+03:11
61	<i>Jenny Newton</i>	<i>Nova Raiders CC</i>	<i>Mer</i>	<i>W</i>	<i>50</i>	<i>43:52</i>	<i>40:42</i>	<i>+03:10</i>
62	Andrew Clarke	North Shropshire Whs	Mer	M	61	41:51	38:45	+03:06
63	Paul Wynne	Exeter Whs CC	West	M	60	41:42	38:38	+03:04
64	John Robertson	Wrekinsport CC	Mer	M	65	42:34	39:43	+02:51
65	Ian Casson	Birkenhead Victoria CC	Mer	M	68	43:13	40:35	+02:38
66	John Westhead	Paramount CRT	Mer	M	63	42:12	39:37	+02:35
67	Derek Hodgins	Stockport Clarion CC	M&NW	M	86	51:16	48:45	+02:31
68=	Philip McCormick	Pirate Juice CC	Mer	M	73	44:34	42:23	+02:11
68=	Mark Jones	Deeside Olympic	Mer	M	53	40:46	38:35	+02:11
70	Philip Gardner	Mid Shropshire Whs	Mids	M	53	40:46	38:43	+02:03
71	Dave York	Mid Shropshire Whs	Mer	M	65	42:34	40:41	+01:53
72	Eurwyn Parry	VTTA (Merseyside)	Mer	M	50	40:26	38:56	+01:30
73	John J Murphy	Gloucester City CC	West	M	80	47:23	46:14	+01:09
74	<i>Helen Tudor</i>	<i>Oswestry Paragon CC</i>	<i>Mer</i>	<i>W</i>	<i>51</i>	<i>44:00</i>	<i>43:01</i>	<i>+00:59</i>
75	Les Boughey	North Shropshire Whs	Mer	M	57	41:16	40:34	+00:42
76	Ian Corrin	Port Sunlight Whs	Mer	M	66	42:46	42:05	+00:41
77	David Wilson	North Shropshire Whs	Mer	M	78	46:27	45:48	+00:39

15 MILE CHAMPIONSHIP GALLERY

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Mark Holton fastest overall in 30:30 and second on standard



Deb Hutson-Lumb was best woman on standard (and 4th overall) on her local roads



Ken Stevens took the 90 years age record to sub 50 minutes



Bronze medallist in the women was Sue Semple



Leader of the winning Pirate Juice CC club team was Victor Chetta

Pos	Name	Club	Group	Gdr	Age	Std	Actual	Plus
78	David Smith	Deeside Olympic	Mer	M	77	46:01	46:09	-00:08
79	Alan Shuttleworth	Weaver Valley CC (Trike)	M&NW	M	73	50:20	50:35	-00:15
80	Stephen Cooke	Walsall Roads CC	Mids	M	61	41:51	42:44	-00:53
81	Stephen Glenwright	VTTA (Merseyside)	Mer	M	57	41:16	42:10	-00:54
82	Peter Norman	Wrexham RC	Mer	M	83	49:06	50:06	-01:00
83	Robert Jolliffe	New Forest CC	Wsx	M	68	43:13	44:27	-01:14
84	Russell Carter	South Pennine RC	N&EM	M	59	41:33	43:20	-01:47
85	Andrew Moss	Crewe Clarion Whs	M&NW	M	50	40:26	42:15	-01:49
86	Derek Black	Wigan Whs CC	NL&L	M	71	43:59	46:14	-02:15
87	Paul Jennings	Lyme Racing Club	M&NW	M	73	44:34	48:44	-04:10
88	Simon Davis	VTTA (Mids)	Mids	M	43	39:37	44:01	-04:24
<i>DNS Sandra Burrows (VTTA Yorks), Brigid Night (Frodsham Whs), Janet Fairclough (Liverpool Phx CC Aintree)</i>								
DNS	Steve Burrows (VTTA Yorks), Bryn Davies (Hafren CC), Tony Harvey (Mid Shropshire Whs), Rob Vessey (Didcot Phoenix CC), Glen Knight (Newbury Velo), George Richardson (VTTA Mids), Matthew Bottrill (Team Bottrill), Alan Parfrey (Phoenix Velo), John Frydman (Leamington C&AC)							

GROUP TEAMS RESULT		
Pos	Group	Agg. Plus
1	Merseyside (Deb Hutson-Lumb, Paul Grindley, Tim Beardmore)	+24:57
2	North Lancs & Lakes	+22:25
3	Midlands	+21:43
4	North Midlands	+21:19
5	Manchester & NW	+18:17
6	Notts & East Midlands	+16:58
7	Scotland	+16:39

CLUB TEAMS RESULT		
Pos	Club	Agg. Plus
1	Pirate Juice CC (Victor Chetta, Stuart McCormick, Philip Hill)	+21:23
2	Springfield Financial	+20:44
3	Nova Raiders CC	+19:48
4	Mid Shropshire Whs	+12:45
5	North Shropshire Whs	+11:42
6	Walsall Roads CC	+10:10
7	South Pennine RC	+07:53

FINISH ORDER - 2020 VTTA NATIONAL 15 MILE TANDEM TIME TRIAL CHAMPIONSHIP								
Pos	Name	Club	Group	Gdr	Age	Std	Actual	Plus
1	Ian Greenstreet	AeroCoach	L&HC	M	56	40:19	29:53	+10:26
	Rachael Elliott	AeroCoach	L&HC	W	42			
2	Andy Newham (Trike)	Lincoln Whs CC	N Mids	M	47	43:34	35:00	+08:34
	Ian Pike (Trike)	Lincoln Whs CC	N&EM	M	52			
3	Phil Barnes	SheHair Racing Team	NL&L	M	65	42:10	37:52	+04:18
	Sharon Clifford	SheHair Racing Team	NL&L	W	60			

VTTA AGE RECORDS SET DESPITE THE DIFFICULTIES OF 2020

Road Records (reported by Geoff Perry, Road records Secretary)

In the end, 2020 saw 22 new age records, inevitably reduced by the impact of the Covid, compared to 79 in 2019, 88 in 2018 and 77 in 2017. Full details are available on the website but they are summarised below.

	Bike	Trike	Tandem Bike	Tandem Trike	Grand Total
Men	7	1	1	1	10
Women	3	0	0	0	3
Mixed	N/A	N/A	5	4	9
Total	10	1	6	5	22

At one time, it looked like there might only be one road age record in 2020, as Mary Corbett and Norman Harvey (Wessex) on the Tandem Trike managed to sneak one in at 10 miles just before lockdown in Mid-March. Post lockdown and with the resumption of a much reduced time trialling season, Mary and Norman then carried on with their record breaking; twice at 10 miles and once at 25 miles.

The proficient mixed tandem record breakers from 2019, Rachael Elliot and Ian Greenstreet (LHC), continued their achievements into 2020 and managed to set three new marks at 15 miles, 25 miles and 50 miles.

Tim Bayley and Adam Broyad (Kent) added to the list by being the first tandem pair to break 300 miles over 12 hours. Lincoln Wheelers regular solo trike riders Ian Pike (N&EM) and Andy Newham (N Midlands) took to a tandem trike and set a new mark at 15 miles as did Andrew and Catherine Hutchison (East Anglian) on a tandem bike. So in terms of number of records broken, covid had little effect on tandem records in 2020.

There were far few age records on solo bikes for both men and women, but some serial record breakers still managed to prevail. Both Jackie Field and David Hargreaves achieved a brace of records at 50 miles and 100 miles, with Jackie now becoming the oldest woman (55yo) to break the 4 hour barrier at 100 miles. She was the only woman of any age (including seniors) to achieve this in 2020 and this helped her to become the CTT WBAR winner.

CC Breckland events generated eight records in 2020, with David Shepherd 59yo at 12 hours and Andrew Grant at 50 miles benefiting from the fast dual carriageway roads, in addition to those included in the text above.

Despite the government encouraging older people to stay at home, when out of lockdown, two 90yo evergreen regulars ventured out to put their personal markers in the sand at VTTA National Championships, and returned home with age records; Ron Hallam at 25 miles and Ken Stevens at 15 miles.

And finally, Angela Carpenter and Mark Vowells continued their record breaking ways from 2019 with Angela setting new marks at 10 miles and Mark at 15 miles.

So overall, perhaps more was achieved during the season, in age record terms, than was anticipated from the grim outlook in late March. Of course you only need one ride to break a record.

Track Records (Reported by Ian Greenstreet, Track Records Secretary)

There was only one attempt in 2020 by Peter Horton who set 5 new records including 100 km!

Name	Age	Dist.	Record	Course	Event	Date
Solo bike - Men						
Ken Stevens	90	15 Mile	0:49:07	D315/1	VTTA National Championship (Mersey)	20/09/20
Keith Ainsworth	61	25 Mile	0:50:20	A25/34	VTTA National Championship (NEM)	17/10/20
Ron Hallam	90	25 Mile	1:11:42	A25/34	VTTA National Championship (NEM)	17/10/20
Andrew Grant	67	50 Mile	1:45:56	B50/20	CC Breckland	15/08/20
David Hargreaves	73	50 Mile	1:52:24	B50/20	CC Breckland	15/08/20
David Hargreaves	74	100 Mile	4:03:52	A100/4	BDCA	05/09/20
David Shepherd	59	12 Hour	293.76	B12/3	CC Breckland	02/08/20
Solo bike - Women						
Angela Carpenter	51	10 Mile	0:20:46	P881	Utag RT	05/09/20
Jackie Field	55	50 Mile	1:51:27	B50/20	CC Breckland	15/08/20
Jackie Field	55	100 Mile	3:59:37	A100/4	BDCA	05/09/20
Solo trike - Men						
Mark Vowells	67	15 Mile	0:38:57	G15/92	Sussex CA	19/09/20
Tandem bike - Men						
Tim Bayley	90	12 Hour	300.11	B12/3	CC Breckland	02/08/20
Adam Broyad						
Tandem bike - Mixed						
Ian Greenstreet	98	15 Mile	0:28:29	B15/1	CC Breckland	05/09/20
Rachael Elliott						
Andrew Hutchison	112	15 Mile	0:34:26	B15/1	CC Breckland	05/09/20
Catherine Hutchison						
Ian Greenstreet	98	25 Mile	0:47:56	A25/34	VTTA National Championship (NEM)	17/10/20
Rachael Elliott						
Ian Greenstreet	98	50 Mile	1:37:47	B50/20	CC Breckland	15/08/20
Rachael Elliott						

Name	Age	Dist.	Record	Course	Event	Date
Tandem trike - Men						
Ian Pike	99	15 Mile	0:35:04	D315/1	VTTA National Championship (Mersey)	20/09/20
Andy Newham						
Tandem trike - Mixed						
Mary Corbett	150	10 Mile	0:28:48	P415	Poole Wheelers	27/09/20
Norman Harvey						
Mary Corbett	150	25 Mile	1:15:47	P901/25	Southdown Velo	23/08/20
Norman Harvey						
Outdoor track - Solo bike - Men						
Peter Horton	53	20 Km	28:23.91	Quibell Park Stadium		17/10/20
Peter Horton	53	25 Mile	57:24.52			
Peter Horton	53	50 Km	1:11:45.28			
Peter Horton	53	100 Km	2:29:10.51			
Peter Horton	53	1 Hour	26			

NEW NATIONAL TREASURER - A SHORT INTRODUCTION

Hi, following on from a couple of emails and phone discussions with Andrew (our VTTA National Chairman and acting Treasurer) I decided that I would take on the role. Andrew has assured me that it will not be a lot of work umm, we shall see. This was last week, and on Sunday I sat in on my first National Executive Committee (NEC) meeting - so hit the ground running.

The meeting made me aware that the NEC members are a good enthusiastic team, and this is an exciting time for the organisation with lots of good things happening to take us forward. There will more information on this coming out shortly.

I am the West Group Treasurer and have been since 1996, starting my 25th year so I am familiar with balancing the books! I am a keen vegetable grower and also the Treasurer of the Portishead and District Horticultural Society which was founded in 1863, so there is over 150 years of history there, but I digress.

I retired from my job as Principal Mechanical Engineer three years ago after working in the nuclear industry for most of my career. I started my apprenticeship as a fitter/turner in the maintenance department of the Keen-e-ze Brush Company. (How many people remember the Kleen-e-ze man calling house to house?) I am currently doing some part time work from home on nuclear projects that I was previously involved in.

I have always cycled; in my early twenties joined the Bath CC, which happened because the Club Captain was in the cycle shop when I purchased my first proper bike and he suggested I join the Sunday club run the following day. I have raced and completed all distances apart from a 24. My first and only 12 hour ride was the Welsh, some years ago, and I finished fourth with 250 miles. This was due to my then training partner Keith Wright (Chippenham Wheelers) who looked after me that day.

Ian Pritchard



EAST ANGLIAN

Mary Horsnell's musings

Yet another dull, dark, damp and drizzly day - do I sound downhearted, dispirited and depressed? If so I am not alone, but we are told to look on the bright side and, as the daylight fades in the west, a weak, watery, winter sunset is struggling to be seen.

New Members

The group has a long list of new members to be welcomed, plus others who have rejoined or transferred from other groups. *(The editor apologises for having to omit this list, which at 49 names was just too long to include - Ed)*

Among our new members is Julia Freeman, the daughter of Wendy and George Reynolds, who have contributed so much over the years both as leading competitors and as very capable organisers. Julia is the wife of Steve Freeman, for 30 years time trial secretary of Chelmer CC and a life member, still suffering from a grievous accident - he always will, but is still cheerful and is riding well. Their 18 year old son Aaron is also now carrying the family name into the higher echelons of the sport.

Also worthy of note are Andrew and Catherine Hutchison of Lowestoft Wheelers who have rapidly made their mark amongst the vets by taking a 15 mile national age record in the Breckland event with 34:26 (112 combined age).

Who is Doing What?

Chris Dyason stands out as one of the few organisers, to send me a start and result sheet. His Cambridge CC 25 took place on 13th September on F2A/25, a course not so widely known, and drew support from far and wide. Of the vets Jackie Field took first on standard and Andy Grant contented himself with fourth place

The redoubtable and reliable John Golder found himself as organiser of the RTTC Circuit

Championships at short notice due to the current circumstances. It was 25 miles based on two laps of the 12 hour finishing circuit and thanks to the staunch backing of his partner Chris and an army of willing volunteers, he made a faultless job of it.

In the women, Jackie Field won her 55-59 age group in 1:01:26 and amongst the men Keith Dorling was best 60-64 with 56:57, with Andrew Grant top 65-69 in 57:43 and CC Ashwell's Richard Glover continued his comeback success by winning 80-84 in 1:10:33.

I have lost count of the number of age records and awards, mostly at national level, won by Andrew and Keith, who both still find time for official and committee duties. Wearing one of his many other hats our revered Chairman and Newsletter Editor Andrew intends to produce another issue shortly, if enough copy is available.

John Golder is already TT secretary of our group and is Chelmer CC general secretary; after he and Chris attended the CTT district AGM John has also now taken on the position of CTT London East District Secretary. In one of those awkward pauses, when no-one comes forward, he feels obliged to step up, which shows a commendable spirit.

After 13 years of service as District Secretary Wendy Dorling, wife of treasurer Keith, will be a hard act for John to follow. She had to retire due to many other commitments, but will remain on the committee and still be a timekeeper, thus following the example of her father, Ian Davidson. Father and daughter are both firmly grounded in the Bishops Stortford CC, where Chris is TT secretary and rides when she is able.. The two couples (Golder and Dorling) are close friends, which augers well for the future, whatever it may bring.

Summing up the season, it's good to report no incidents or accidents. There has been praise from village hall keepers and no complaints about behaviour. Everyone has been sensible by

following the guidelines, which has made life much easier for those in charge.

2021 Events

The London East have now agreed a full programme for 2021, including the following East Anglian Group events:

Sat 10th April - Group 10 - E2/10 (Andy Beaman)

Sat 17th April - Group circuit 25 - E33/25 (Mick Hodson)

Sat 1st May - Leo 30 (inc Group 30) - E2/30c (John Golder)

Wed 2nd June - Group 10 - E2/10 (Gary Boyd)

Wed 9th June - Group 10 - E2/10 (Harry Moore)

Sun 13th June - Nat VTTA 50 (inc Group 50) - F2/50 (Chris Dyason)

Wed 16th June - Group 10 - E2/10 (Keith Dorling)

Wed 23rd June - Group 10 - E2/10 (Michael Martin)

TBE - Breckland 100 (inc Group 100) - B100/4 (Mark Fairhead)

TBE - Breckland 12hr (inc Group 12hr) - B12hr (Mark Fairhead)

Sun 8th Aug - Group 25 - E2/25 (Gary Boyd)

Sat 4th Sept - Group 10 - E2/10 (Dominic Whitehead)

Sat 25th Sept - Group 25 - E2/25 (Michael Martin)

Not Another Joe

Sue and Peter Swetman of Surrey/Sussex group have emerged in my opinion as the stars of the new book "Not Another Joe", written by L&HC member Brian Jones. I was reminded of what I wrote about the 'trikies' Stan Spelling and Stan Bray. How did these people cram all this activity into their lives and still find time to record it all in so much detail?

To read the Swetman's life story you will have to read the book, which is reviewed and advertised elsewhere in this issue. I can recommend it.

In Conclusion

Grateful thanks are due to everyone for co-operating and contributing in any way towards keeping the VTTA such an active body, and especially the national officials - not least the Editor of the Veteran for such a lively and interesting magazine.

It will be a different sort of Christmas this year, with some not able to enjoy it for various reasons. Think of them with sympathy, while looking on the bright side, and with good wishes for better times in the coming year.

KENT Ian Turner

In the brief respite between Covid lockdowns, the Group managed to stage its 25 Mile Championship event on Sunday 13th September on course Q25/12, which apart from the Wednesday 10 series is the only event we have succeeded in running.

The 25 mile Championship event was beset by problems. A lack of marshals resulted in a shortening of the course. Then, on the morning of the event, a further shortening was necessary as the Brookland level crossing was closed for maintenance. These factors led to the event becoming a 21.08 mile TT. The weather was very kind with a really nice, sunny morning with only a very light breeze. The event was won by Andrew Meilak (Velorefind Aerosmiths) with +12:06 and he will be awarded the Jack Hunter cup for his performance. Andrew also took the team prize in partnership with Mark Hill with an overall plus of 22:10. Other prizewinners were: Richard Birtwhistle (+11:07), Mark Hill (+10:04), Steve Gooch (+9:44), Dave Clark (+9:21). Second team was Rye & District Wheelers (Steve Gooch and Rebecca Wilson) with +18:24. Andrew Meilak was also first veteran on scratch with 44:15 and Rebecca Wilson first lady veteran with 52:21.

The Wednesday 10 Series came to a conclusion on 14 October, five events having been held with the best four counting. The first five places were as follows: Mark Vowells (CC Bexley) +29:23, Ian Pike (Lincoln Wheelers) +25:59, Colin Jarman (Southborough Wheelers) +23:06, Chris Bax (Thanet RC) +22:39, and Roger Wilson (Thornton RC) +19:56.

Three group members have achieved National Age Records this year: Tim Bayley and Adam Broyard for their tandem performance on 2nd August at the CC Breckland 12 Hour event with 300.11 miles, joint age 90; and Mark Vowells for his solo trike performance on 19th September at Sussex CA's 15 mile TT with 38:57 aged 67.

Whilst on the subject of age records, over the last eight months, and especially during lockdown, I have been gradually loading the group's age records onto the national website, with lots of help and advice from Jon Fairclough, the National IT Manager. This means that any member can now view the current state of play on both group records and national records by accessing the VTTA website and selecting 'Kent Group' and 'Group Records', or, from the Home Screen, select 'Records' and 'Record Tables' for national records.

The group held its AGM on Sunday 22nd November by Zoom, with eleven in attendance including the committee. Reports were received from the officers and the election of officers for 2021 was conducted, which resulted in the same committee members being re-appointed. There was a proposition from the committee to change the Group Racing and Competition Regulations, essentially to replace the award of medals for event prize winners with cash prizes. This was proposed partly because in recent years it has been very difficult to distribute many of the medals as only those winners who attend the annual lunch collect them, and partly to modernise the process and provide an incentive for contestants to join the VTTA to qualify for cash prizes. Some medals will remain, principally those which accompany the winning of trophies, for example in the group's championship events. The proposition was agreed.

Finally, and inevitably we have had to cancel the Group's Annual Lunch and Prizegiving, although we may, if covid allows, arrange a less formal get together lunch during the early part of 2021. The main reason for the cancellation is of course covid, but in any case there would have been very little in the way of silverware to present – about eighteen medals and three trophies.

Let's all hope for a better 2021.

LONDON & HOME COUNTIES

John Hoskins

So we come to the end of this very strange time trialling season. We've got prize winners and season's champions along with all of those who have achieved their standards quests in this truncated racing year. But no awards luncheon to hand out the medals and the cups, although the

London & Home Counties group are looking at the possibility of having an awards ceremony online for 2020/21, even though we know it won't be the same. But who knows?

We held our AGM online, following six months of online Zoom meetings instead of "real" committee meetings – and it seemed to work. We received the reports of the officers, we elected a new committee, we discussed a few matters of importance, but was it the same, who knows? The new committee has a striking similarity to the 2019/20 committee, with all of the officers continuing with their roles for another year. Two new event organisers, Brian Jones and Wolfgang Emmerich, join the committee along with Karen Stuart-Smith - welcome to you all.

So Katja Rietdorf continues as "chair" (we felt we couldn't keep calling Katja Chairman!) and John Hoskins is still Secretary and Treasurer. Geoff Perry is staying as Recorder – a job helped considerably by the extended IT system now in place within the VTTA - with Geir Robinson still dealing with the trophies and engraving. Glen Knight and Rachael Elliott are once again taking on many of our events, along with David Guy running the July 10 on the F11.

Amongst the general subjects discussed at the AGM, the committee were charged with investigating the possibility of promoting events on closed circuits. Cost will obviously be a problem, but not even that is insurmountable as there are already a lot of events being organised on closed circuits so it's obviously possible. The Group feels that this would be a way of both attracting new members (particularly ladies) at the same time as encouraging older members to continue time trialling without the constant worry of increasing traffic levels. A survey of members' opinions which we carried out during the months of no time trialling didn't give us very much new guidance, with a fairly even split between members wanting fast (dual carriageway) courses and those preferring quieter "sporting" courses. In terms of finance the fast courses generate income due to full or nearly full fields, but sporting courses promote an increased sense of "club" and attract many who really don't want to ride up and down the long traffic laden "A" trunk roads.

Anyway, back to the prize winners for 2020. This is a provisional list as our Group Recorder, Geoff

Perry, is still finalising some of the competitions. Those awaiting confirmation are marked as TBC.

Dick Goodman Cup (Best 10 on Std): Claire Emons (Newbury RC) +07:35

Don Byham Cup (2nd on Std May 10): Melanie Sneddon (TORQ) +05:35

Russ Cup (Best 25 on Std): Claire Emons (Newbury RC) +18:25

Arthur Wilkins Trophy (Fastest 25): Massimiliano Radi (Team Bottrill) 53:29

Tom Drew Medallion (Fastest 50): James Churchard (Reading CC) 1:49:32

Charlie Cole Cup (Best 50 on Std): Peter Richards (Icknield RC) +31:10

Laurie Dixon Bowl (Fastest 100): James Churchard (Reading CC) 3:47:22

Members' Cup (Best 100 on Std): James Churchard (Reading CC) +58:57

Mal Rees Shield (Best 12hr on Std): Jeff Roberts (High Wycombe CC) +69.02 (TBC)

BAR Founder's Trophy (BAR 10/25/50/100): Peter Richards (Icknield RC) TBC

Fastest Ten: Richard Harrison (Drag2Zero) 20:12

Fastest 12 Hour: Jeff Roberts (High Wycombe CC) 265.57

Numerous trophies weren't competed for due to the relevant events not being promoted during 2020.

So to 2021, and once again we are honoured to be promoting a VTTA Championship. Glen Knight will be leading the team to promote the National VTTA 15 on 11th April 2021. This will be on a course (H15/3) just west of Newbury. Possibly the biggest change to our program will be that the Rocco 25 will be brought forward into September, with a new (to the L & HC) organiser in Wolfgang Emmerich. The remaining program is based on the past two or three years with two 10s on the F11 (both on Sundays) and two midweek events on the Longwick circuit near Princes Risborough. One of those will be promoted by another new (to us) organiser in Brian Jones.

MANCHESTER & NORTH WEST Ken Workman

Congratulations to those who managed some competitive miles this year, particularly if you got an age record or beat a standard. Also to those exceptional souls whose efforts led them to stand

on our championship podiums. I'm happy that Bury Clarion's Joanna Cebrat (a mere lass in VTTA terms) is a M&NW member and she distinguished herself very nicely this season. Joanna's blossoming career has resulted in second and fourth placings respectively in our National 50 miles and 12 Hours Championships. Even better, Joanna also earned the VTTA equivalent of CTT's 'stripey jumper' with her first place in our National Championship 100 miles event. Again I say; well done that girl!

A small fall in membership might have been anticipated this year, and that's exactly what happened. But we were almost able to get up to last year's strength by welcoming these new and returning members: Jon and Elizabeth Batt, Alan Chell, Robert Croke, Andy Cumming, Peter Hallam, Steve Hankey, Patrick Healey, Jason Henson, Steve Hilton, Malcolm Horner, Peter Howarth, Andrew Moss, Graham Noble, Ian Slater, Chris Southworth, Jamie Town and Ben Whatley.

Currently there are two vacancies on the group committee and it would be good to see new or existing members offering their services. These are non-executive positions so the only commitment is to attend two or three meetings; currently these 'meetings' are held via electronic means, so you won't even have to leave home!

As of 15th October 2020, 27 M&NW Group members paid for Standards this year, one for more than one type of machine. This compares favourably with the 28 who paid in 2019.

Those M&NW Group members who paid for their Standards for this year will qualify for Standards awards in 2021. Three members have qualifying times for Standards this season.

2020 Standards Awards:

Neville Ashman (aged 81) Manchester Velo CRC:
15 miles: 44:43 +03:12

Derek Hodgins (86) Stockport Clarion CC: 10 miles:
32:12 +01:42 , 15 miles: 49:45 +02:31

Alan Chorley (49) Seamons CC: 10 miles: 19:39
+7:06, 100 miles: 3:37:52 +1:14:16

The two rides above by Alan Chorley were also Group Age Records, as was Derek Hodgins' 15 miles in 48m 45s. Alan Shuttleworth also got a

group record - 15 mile trike in 50:35 at the age of 73.

As time trialling news has been relatively scarce this season, I'd like to refer back to my report published here one year ago featuring the M&NW member, Trevor Bracegirdle, who has ridden for 65 consecutive seasons (his only club being Stretford Wheelers). I issued a tongue-in-cheek challenge to other groups to propose someone who could match Trevor's exploits, but none were forthcoming. Am I to assume that Trevor's record cannot be bettered? I'll be interested to hear.

Trevor tells me 2020 was Stretford Wheelers' centenary, but due to Covid-19 they have not been able to celebrate fully. He also comments that he and his wife Cathie were considered extremely vulnerable so spent six months shielding. Despite this they both tested positive for the virus in October. Here's hoping for a swift recovery to them and to all Covid-19 sufferers.

Whilst mentioning VTTA members of extended length of service, many M&NW members will know John Thornhill, who joined Stone Wheelers in 1948. But not everyone will know that on 12th November,

John reached a major milestone; his 90th birthday. Happily, in the present day, a member reaching that age is not such an exceptional event, but John's commitment to the VTTA in particular and our sport in general is worthy of appreciation, which is why our group committee sent him special birthday wishes.

Belated birthday wishes also to Cyril Wynne, another group member who attained the age of 90 in June. Cyril was 15 when he got his first bike and soon joined Stretford Wheelers. He rode his first club '10' shortly after and took first handicap. He raced regularly and was an ever present on club-runs and touring holidays until his 'national service' call-up to the RAF.

Cyril returned to 'civvy street' to the news that his bike had been stolen and many of his former club-mates had left the sport. He replaced the bike, but also bought a car and pursued other interests until 1979 when he rejoined Stretford Wheelers. By 1980 Cyril was back racing at all distances up to 12 hours, and until this year has ridden every season since. His name appears on most of Stretford's trophies.

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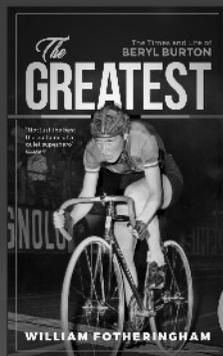
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Cyril had been looking forward to celebrating his 90th birthday and competing for yet more 'standard' wins, but like many others his ambitions have been put on hold. Cyril was a regular at the veterans' sessions at Manchester Velodrome since it opened, he had already started his winter training there when the March lockdown curtailed that. However, he remains confident that when life and our sport return to normal, his name will appear on start sheets once again.

In other member news, our group committee has granted a well deserved Honorary Life Membership to our stalwart organiser and timekeeper Graham Lawrence.

I'd also like to mention 87 year-old Ken Jones, whose name will be unfamiliar to most readers as he isn't a cyclist. Ken was interviewed on TV before the start of the recent, delayed London Marathon, and I'm in awe of him as he has completed every one of the 40 editions of the London event from its inception in 1981! This includes posting times of under three hours!

Ken's London Marathon experiences include waking up in an ambulance during one race after slipping and knocking himself out. Were the infamous letters DNF to be appended to his name? Not likely. He rapidly exited the ambulance and carried on to finish!

Ken can't recall exactly how many marathons he has completed, but it's at least 112, and he has no plans to retire. What an example to us all. Sadly, due to the current situation only the elite runners started this year's 'live' London Marathon, so Ken and around 45,000 others in various parts of the world were obliged to compete remotely.

As this newsletter was being finalised we heard the sad news that our group stalwart, Roy Deakin, had passed away. Roy was a former committee member who had promoted our early-season 10s for some years. Only one year ago Roy felt obliged to step down from his committee duties due to ill health and family circumstances. As the publishing deadline of 'The Veteran' didn't allow time to prepare an obituary for Roy, it will appear in the next issue.

The infamous Victorian author, playwright and poet, Oscar Wilde, once received an invitation from a London society lady stating that she would be "at

home" on a particular date, indicating she could receive callers without appointment. Wilde, who treated the aristocracy with scarcely veiled contempt, immediately replied "So shall I." Following Oscar's dictum, I have also been "at home" as despite my best intentions, not one event have I attended this season.

In the full expectation that the year's final edition of 'The Veteran' will drop onto your doormat (or into your inbox) in time, apart from my exhortations to take care on the road, my last words this year must be to wish everyone a Merry Christmas and a happy, healthy, and prosperous New Year. And please stay safe!

MERSEYSIDE

Geoff Edgerton

Was I the only one that thought this covid thing would be all over in a matter of weeks and everything would then get back to normal? I even thought that my trip to Mallorca in May would still be going ahead. My first perception, but how wrong was I.

As time progressed, I resigned myself to not racing at all, but we did indeed get a reasonable opportunity to time trial, and a chance for the Mersey group to finally promote the Vets 15 mile time trial Championship, that had been postponed from March. But that in itself didn't come without its own difficulties. There was always the doubt that it would again have to be postponed and also doubts about meeting the covid-19 criteria to stage the event. However everything was in place and all possible obstacles were overcome and as they say, what could possibly go wrong?

Phil and I went for a midweek ride just to check the course only to find warning signs of impending roadworks. A quick check and yes, they would be finished before the weekend of the race. Good to go only to find that another set of traffic lights had appeared on the course and on the week of the race. A last minute change of course and headquarters is not the order of the day but that was required and I have to say it went pretty well on the day. I would just like to thank the timekeepers and marshals for their help on the day. One or two gave up their chance to ride the event and even

brought their better halves to assist, which was greatly appreciated.

On the result sheet, the Merseyside Group really excelled and showed on the national scene they indeed can be a force. I know it was a local event and well supported but that shouldn't detract from the performances. Individually, Nova Raiders' Deb Hutson-Lumb had a pretty good morning. Her time of 35:58 gave a plus 8:34, more than good enough to become Women's National Champion on standard and also fastest lady on the day. Pirate Juice CC took the honours as club team on standard with Victor Chetta 31:47 (+7:50), Stuart McCormick 33:25 (+7:14) and Philip Hill 34:57 (+6:19) combining to give a plus 21:23. Mersey were also group team champions on standard. Deb Hutson-Lumb, together with her Nova Raiders club mate Tim Beardmore 32:08 (+8:04) and Paul Grindley of Liverpool Century RC 32:57 (+8:19) to give an overall plus of 24:57. The group had six members in the top ten on standard and four on actual time and altogether we had 35 members competing, which was tremendous.

I have been writing this newsletter for a number of years now and this is certainly the best turnout for an event we have ever had. I wanted to give everyone a mention here but the editor applied his red pen as the full result is included elsewhere in this magazine.

As I am writing this, another vaccine has just been announced, which is really good news; hopefully this is the turning point we were all wishing for. Whilst there are more important things in life than sport, participation or spectating, it still has a part to play in our lives and just maybe when the cycling season gets into full swing again, we all may be in a better place.

Just leaves me to wish you all a good Christmas and New Year and stay safe.

MIDLANDS Alastair Semple with help from Steele

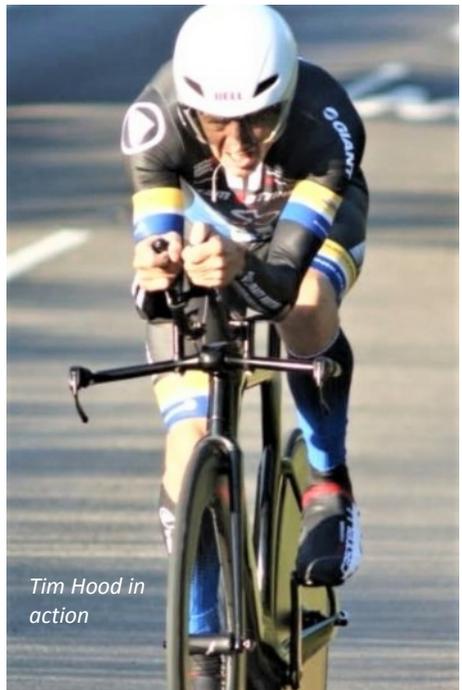
Competitions

Despite this Covid-ravaged season, we were still very fortunate to be able to run our Midlands VTTA 10 mile competition on 12th September using the

Weston/Aston-by-Stone course (K48/10) and had a good field of riders able to take part on the day.

Tim Hood (Midlands VTTA), a 59 year old youngster riding for Team Bottrill, got the better of the other 61 riders by delivering a very swift 21:24 ride to win the championship with an impressive +6:09.

Not content with that, on 17th October in the Midlands 25 championships which piggy backed on the Nottingham & East Midlands National VTTA champs held on the A25/34 course East of Nottingham, Tim was again the fastest Midlands rider delivering an impressive 51:27 to finish fourth overall on the day with a +18:32.



Great rides there Tim and congratulations for taking a clean sweep on both Midlands VTTA championship events that took place, not to mention laying down the gauntlet for 2021.

National Age Records

Someone else for us to be very proud of is Peter Horton. In February, after hitting a bad crack in the road surface during a race in the USA, Peter

sustained a punctured lung, multiple breaks to his pelvis, a broken collarbone, broken ribs and hand, and had to be airlifted to a trauma hospital.

After a month's rehabilitation in the USA, Peter returned to the UK and undaunted, resumed training. With so many of his former 2020 target events cancelled due to the pandemic, Peter set his sights on VTTA outdoor track age records and went to Quibell Park Stadium, Scunthorpe, on 17th October. He set the following impressive new records for a 53 year old:

20Km	28:23.91
50Km	1:11:45.28
100Km	2:29:10.51
25 miles	57:24.52
1 hour	26.14 miles

Currently Peter is training for the BC masters indoor hour record on the same weekend as Alex Dowsett's hour record attempt, so watch this space!

Looking Forward

Midlands CTT has approved over 30 open events for next season at varying distances up to 50 miles, so we look forward to running our usual plethora of Midlands VTTA competitions for women and men at all distances.

Being terminally optimistic, all these open events will successfully take place, so we invite you to come along and enjoy great racing with us in the Midlands district, where the sun always shines and the wind is always with you, no really! (We wish!)
Enjoy the ride!

NORTH **Gavin Russell**

With no opportunity this year to hold our annual general meeting in a face to face scenario and very little on the agenda to really justify a virtual meeting, a group newsletter was issued by email, covering all the general points. The newsletter informed the members that the group had remained in the black this year, with a surplus of just over £100. With limited awarding of the standard medals/plaques in 2020, this obviously contributed to this surplus.

All current incumbents agreed to continue for a further year, with the exception of the group recorder and the retiring president, the officers and committee are as follows:

President - Dave Oliver
Vice Presidents - G W Morgan, R Luckett, J Athey, A Harrison
Chairman & Treasurer - Paul Dawson
Secretary & Press Secretary - Gavin Russell
Recorder - Phil Wright
Points Competition Recorder & Social Secretary - Ruth Crossley
Auditor - Mrs L J Magson
Committee Member - Phillip Kennell
CTT & National VTTA Delegates - Ruth Crossley & Paul Dawson

With Dave Oliver relinquishing the recorder's duties, Phil Wright has kindly agreed to take over the role. In appreciation of the work that has been and continues to be undertaken, Dave has accepted the invitation to take over the role of Group President from Albert Harrison (whose tenure has come to an end). Thanks go out to Albert for his contribution over his period as President and we also wish him well in his new environment in North Wales.

During the last season, Allen Armstrong, of Sunderland Clarion tendered his resignation as a committee member, due to him no longer being able to attend meetings. Our thanks go to Allen for his support over a great number of years, often being the only representative from the north of the group's geographical area.

Following an appeal in the November Group Newsletter, Phillip Kennell, of GS Metro has kindly volunteered to join the committee, so again the group has a representative from "up North".

2020 Group Standard & Age Awards:

In a year that has seen very little competition and with no group events taking place, all the 2020 competitions and awards were suspended. This did not prevent two members from claiming their personal standard awards, as well as setting group age records. Gary Hunt of Hartlepool CC claimed standard awards at 10, 25 & 50miles. In securing his standard at 50 miles, Gary, at 57 years of age, managed to establish a group age record of 1:48:55. Meanwhile Phillip Kennell, of GS Metro, achieved his standard awards at 50 & 100miles, also recording a group age record for a 53 year old at 100miles, with a time of 4:08:32.

Unfortunately due to covid-19 imposed restrictions, the annual group award luncheon will not take place

this year, so the above awards and certificates will be posted out to recipients.

Members are reminded that if they paid for their standards in 2020 and did not claim them, their payment has been transferred to the 2021 season.

With the VTTA National 100 mile Championship being organised in late August in Northumberland by Tyneside Vagabonds (reported on in the last edition of the Veteran), it was gratifying to see that the group's pride was upheld by our new group committee member, Phillip Kennell, who with a superb standard of +47:24 (actual time of 4:08:32), gained second place and was awarded a silver medal.

At the 100 mile championship event, unfortunately an accident occurred involving a group of 6 cyclists and a motor vehicle, which resulted in a road closure. Whilst the cyclists involved in the accident were not connected with the event, it did mean that some riders, as reported in the last "Veteran", took to the fields to bypass the closure. What was not reported, was that a number of members forfeited their rides to assist with the injured. This came to light when enquires were made as to why some of the group's stalwarts recorded DNF in the result. Our thanks go out to them for showing compassion and selflessness in helping the injured fellow cyclists. *(Apologies from the Editor; the 100 report was very much 'stop press' due to printing deadlines.)*

2021 VTTA North Group Events

The North Group in liaison with local clubs are promoting seven events in 2021, which in addition to welcoming VTTA members also welcome non-members, of all ages to all events.

The 2021 North Group VTTA events are confirmed as follows:

Sunday 23rd May - 10 - Hartlepool CC/VTTA (North Group) - T107

Sunday 6th June - 10 - Cleveland Coureurs CC/ VTTA (North Group) - T102

Sunday 13th June - 25 - Hartlepool CC/VTTA (North Group) - T252/3

Sunday 25th July - 50 - Hartlepool CC/VTTA (North Group) - T502/2

Sunday 8th August - 25 - Cleveland Coureurs CC/ VTTA (North Group) - T252/3

Sunday 12th September - 15 - VTTA (North) - T155

Sunday 22nd September - HC - Cleveland Whs CC (Incorporating VTTA North Group Hill Climb Championship) - THC33

All the above events incorporate both tandem and road bike categories and are open to all ages.

It is hoped that the North Group's Nouveau Shield, will be competed for, as best on standard in a 25 mile time trial in the North East CTT district on a M course.

Please note: all the above events (with exception of hill climb) contribute to the North Group season long competitions. Information on the group's season long competitions will be found in the 2021 North Group's Handbook which will be distributed to all members in January 2021.

2021 VTTA Membership is Now Due.

The 2021 North Group membership fee for an individual is: £15, and for couples/partners living at same address £16.50.

For those that claimed their standard awards in 2020, the North Group Standard Award fee for 2021 is £12. Please be aware that standards must be paid for before a qualifying ride.

In 2021, the group, identified two members, Keith Alderson and Norman Beilby, both of Cleveland Wheelers CC, as having contributed and supported the group and local cycling for a considerable number of years, and having reached the age of 80 years plus, have been awarded VTTA Honorary Life Membership. Congratulations goes to them both, as well as thanks for their continued support to the group.

National VTTA Chairman Request

Can all group racing members, please re-visit their Cycling Time Trials web profile and ensure that they have ticked the box that states that their profile can be shared with the VTTA website. This will ensure any results recorded in CTT open events can be accessed by the VTTA website for the collation of results for the national VTTA competitions. By completing this straightforward task, it will ensure that the VTTA competitions shown on the VTTA website are in real time. This new process for 2021

(although limited trialled in 2020) will also assist the North Group Recorder to maintain the local competitions up to date.

Closing Information

Finally, should any group members require information regarding any of above, the group's activities or wish for anything to be included in future "Veteran" magazines, please do not hesitate to contact the writer either by email on gavin_russell@hotmail.co.uk or by telephone on 01642 654419.

As we come to the end of a troubled and disruptive year 2020, let us all adhere to the government guidelines, hope for vaccine and look forward to a better and full season of events next year. Have a good Christmas and stay safe during the winter months.

NORTH LANCASHIRE & LAKES

Richard Taylor

In the previous issue of this fine publication, the post of correspondent was advertised by the incumbent Dave Brown, and for those enthusiastic enough to show off their literary talents to contact himself or the Group Chairman, myself, with their CV in hand. Alas, the reaction was less than a trickle, so yours truly has taken the helm from the illustrious Mr Brown.

I would like to take this chance to thank Dave for his efforts over the last 12 years, his witty and informative reports have kept us eagerly awaiting the arrival of The Veteran on the doormat over the years. Not only that, he has only recently retired as the cycling correspondent at the Lancashire Telegraph, coupled with a very successful era in the saddle for the North Lancs RC and of course the North Lancs vets. We wish you an enjoyable retirement dear friend.

The Group Championships for 2020 were inevitably abridged from their normal format, but we did manage to find a winner or two to take the plaudits. With some serious re-jigging and only three qualifying rides required we managed to cobble together our BAR competition. The use of the BDCA 100 and several events on L courses saw four riders complete the required number of rides. National VTTA 12 hour champion Andy Whiteside took the honours with 358 points from Matt Stell on

349, and joint third Sue Cheetham and Dave Hilditch both with 345 pts. Ladies national 50 champion Sue was also the Ladies Champion for 2020. There were four riders who completed the three qualifying minimum.

Andy Whiteside won the Paddy Maloney 50 on standard and also took the Ken Priestley trophy for the 12 hour. Dave Hargreaves won the 100 mile Karrimor award with Matt Stell taking the 100 handicap Baxter Trophy. The Dobson Trophy, Crowther and Team Shields went uncollected.

We did however manage to salvage an event, albeit a 10 mile event from the jaws of a 25 due to the almost expected roadworks at Stakepool. The encouraging aspect was a field of 99, unprecedented in my era of promoting VTTA events. Ironic in the year of social distancing that we double our normal field, but some things never change, those pesky roadworks always seem to emerge on race day, and temporary lights meant not only was I timing at an impromptu finish on a pub car park (boarded up by the way), but restricting the only open 25 of the season in the district to a 10...ish. The results are:

Standard (men): 1 - Dave Hargreaves (North Lancs RC) +5:38, 2 - Mark Holton (Springfield Financial) +5:08, 3 - Russ Richardson (Mountain Goat Performance) +5:06, 4 equal - Andy Whiteside (Bella in Sella) and Peter Greenwood (Clayton Velo) +4:59

Standard (women): Fiona Davidson (Dundee Whs) +3:06, Sue Cheetham (North Lancs RC) +3:00.

Team on standard: Springfield Financial (Holton, Stell, Plummer) +11:22

Fastest man: Phil Jones (Drag2Zero) 20:23

Fastest woman: Charlotte Boothman (Team Lusso) 23:30

Nationally, Debbie Moss took second place in the 15 mile champs run in Shropshire by Merseyside group, whilst new member Mark Holton not only finished runner-up on standard, but was the fastest on the day with a very impressive 30:30.

In the 25 championship, Debbie Moss took women's bronze with an impressive actual time of 57:02. Dave Hargreaves was actually top of the national 3 distance BAR, a very impressive performance; alas the trophy won't be awarded this

year for obvious reasons, but a good effort nevertheless. Dave Hargreaves also updated, in addition to his 50, the 100 national age record, with a fantastic 4:03:52 at the youthful age of 73. A superb effort from the North Lancs RC rider who is part of our committee.

The AGM and Luncheon due to take place over the autumn and winter period have, like so many other groups, been cancelled. With regards to officials and events, apart from my notes as new scribe, all in the NL&L will remain the same until we hopefully get the chance to return to some form of normality. The luncheon, to many the highlight of the year, when glasses are raised to the athletes, and to us mortals not a singular muscular pain on the way to the bar, alas, has fallen for now, but we remain upbeat and next year's function may be brought forward to autumn in a double celebration of our racing membership.

The 2021 season has for obvious reasons an air of cautious optimism with the group maintaining the three open events we normally run. These are the Wednesday Winmarleigh 25 on 14th April, the other 25 in conjunction with the West Pennine on Clitheroe on Wednesday 2nd June, and the 50 up at Keswick on July 4th. The Group Championship will be decided over 8 races as per, with best four rides qualifying, those events will be decided on publication of the CTT handbook.

The group has sadly lost two great stalwarts recently, Ted Rawlinson and Keith Tattersall, both gentlemen who summed up the ethos of the VTTA and put the Association to the forefront of their personal and cycling activity. An obituary to Keith will be found later in this publication. Ted Rawlinson was 91, and with his late wife Vera (who only died a year or two ago), were both active into late life. Ted was still marshalling up till last year, when he had assistance from various younger generations of his famil, he was always available to do his duty on a draughty corner, and he even brought his own Hi-Viz jacket and brush to clean the road surface! A resident of Fleetwood, he almost single handedly kept the Fylde RC going, and was a regular around the cycling cafes of the Fylde area. Ted was also good friends with John and Jean Keith from the Middleton CC, who moved to Knott End on the opposite side of the Wyre in their retirement. It was very sad therefore to hear of

the death of John earlier this year after a battle with cancer. John wasn't even a member of our group, yet he was a regular marshal for us and it came as no surprise when he was invited to our annual dinner as Guest of Honour a few years ago. He may have been a Manchester & NW member, but both John and Jean were welcomed into the fold immediately, which came as no surprise to me as I had been a family friend of them in north Manchester since the 70s. The loss of Ted, Keith and John has, with others sadly departed during 2020, not only been really difficult on their immediate family, but left friends and associates within the group in a helpless situation of being unable to offer their last respects.

We welcome several new members into the fold, Callum Campbell, Simon Horsley, Alan Stark and Alistair Woodman. Mark Holton as already mentioned, and a return for Greg Plummer.

If members want to keep updated, or even contribute themselves, the group has a Facebook page, unsurprisingly called VTTA North Lancs and Lakes, which can fill in between editions of this fine journal.

NORTH MIDLANDS

Chris Lea

Despite it being late season, many VTTA North Midlands members were still busy racing, none more so than Keith Ainsworth (Sheffrec CC). In mid-September, Keith was 'on the podium' in the VTTA National 10 Championships, taking third spot with a plus of +6:43, recording 21:10; a fast time on a very undulating course at Newbury and with a fresh westerly wind hampering the return to the timekeeper.

The following weekend, and after his win earlier in the season in the VTTA National 50 Championships, Keith returned to the top step of the podium in emphatic style by winning the VTTA National 15 Championships by over a minute from second placed rider Mark Holton, with a plus of +10:01 and actual time of 31:50.

In the postponed VTTA National 25 Championships there was a very good turnout of 13 North Mids riders. These are all listed in the full report but very worthy of note was a fantastic 50:20 by Keith

Ainsworth, to take the silver medal spot in the Championship with a plus of 20:10.

So that's two first, one second and one third spot in this season's VTTA National Championships for Keith. Superb!

The combined Rutland CC and VTTA North Midlands 10 was held on the O10/1 at Hatfield Woodhouse on August Bank Holiday weekend. Saturday afternoon just about stayed dry, but a cold 20 mph north-westerly made for conditions more reminiscent of early season than late August. Nevertheless, there was a good turnout and some very strong performances. Best of the North Mids vets on both actual and standard time was a dominant Keith Ainsworth with 20:57 and +6:48, taking overall 5th place. Zoe Hibbard (Bolsover and District CC) flew the flag for the North Mids women in the main event, with an actual time of 28:30. Ala and Andy Whitehead, of the Rockingham CC, rode their tandem to a fine time of 24:11. Complete results for all solo riders from the North Mids are as follows:

Keith Ainsworth (Sheffrec CC) 20:57 (+6:48), Mat Ivings (Buxton CC) 21:10 (+5:16), Stuart Wells (Lindsey Roads CC) 21:32 (+5:17), Daryl May (Sheffrec CC) 22:45 (+3:46), Chris Lea (Buxton CC) 23:07 (+4:21), Rob Barnard (Team Cystic Fibrosis) 23:07 (+3:33), Allan Wailoo (7 Hills CC) 23:23 (+3:17), Mike Allen (Team Jewson / MI Racing / Polypipe McCann) 23:58 (+5:47), Lee Shipman (VTTA North Mids) 24:02 (+2:42), Gary Clarke (Rutland CC) 25:29 (+1:43), Ben Hamilton (Rutland CC) 26:31 (+3:14), Paul Ruta (Barnsley RC) 26:42 (+2:50), Richard Gray (Norton Whs) 26:43 (+1:47), Michael Weaver (Rotherham Whs CC) 27:23 (+1:46), Gary Hibbard (Bolsover & District CC) 27:47 (-0:44), Zoe Hibbard (Bolsover & District CC) 28:30 (-0:04),

Winners of several VTTA North Midlands competitions were decided in this event:

Cleethorpes Shield, Keith Ainsworth, Best on Standard, + 6:48.

Sheffield Central Trophy, Zoe Hibbard, Best Lady on Standard, -0:04

Ron Blythe Trophy, Mike Allen, Best on Standard aged over 70, +5:47

Other notable late season results include Mat Ivings (Buxton CC) 3:41:31 in the BDCA 100 on the A50. Despite the frankly ridiculously rapid times set by the big hitters – not least Adam Wild of the GS Metro recording 3:17:01 (30.5 mph) for the win – conditions were tough. In the VTTA National 15 Championships, the North Mids' Andy Newham (Lincoln Whs) paired-up with club mate Ian Pike on their tandem trike to set a new national age record, with an actual time of 35:04. Not fazed by the presence of big hitters such as Alex Dowsett, Dan Bigham, John Archibald, Joss Lowden or Emily Meakin in the RTTC National 25 Championships, the Peak RC duo, Steve Gibson and Andy Hicklin, recorded 56:01 and 56:51, respectively, whilst Andy Newham did 56:50, on a lumpy section of the A46 north of Leicester in cold and windy conditions.

Finally, this late season we have been interested to hear our Chair, Peter McNally (Rutland CC), tell us of his early racing exploits and first 'proper' bike, a Raleigh Lenton:

"The date is 5th October 1955. I had joined the Rutland Cycling Club some two and a half months earlier age 15. Now a month after my sixteenth birthday I was told that I was entered for the North Midlands Cycling Federation Pooled Clubs time trial. It was to be 25 miles. As many riders were involved, three courses would be used to accommodate the over three hundred riders. An early morning ride from Sheffield to Bamby Moor, the course through Bawtry to Doncaster Racecourse turn in the road and back. My time was 1:05:51. They said that was quite good. Earlier that year Norman Sheil had ridden 55:51 to set comp record so with my time some ten minutes more I had some improving to do. In the meantime Billy Holmes from Hull had done 55:49 to take the record by two seconds. The fastest ride of the one hundred and twenty in our event was Ces Lounds with a time of 59:48. It was a long time before I was able to equal and better that time.

"So that's it then. I have done my (first) time trial, October 1955. Will it be just club runs from now until next year? Four weeks later the Rutland club run was to Monsal. Along with a large number of club mates we would do the hill climb. I was then told about the roller racing league starting later in November. I would have to ride to the Firvale Hotel, change the wheel round for the bigger gear,

which I did for five weeks. The Christmas day 5 mile club time trial at Todwick was next. I was second by 11 seconds. I was still at school until the following July. My Raleigh Lenton bike was used for school, club runs, hill climb, time trials, riding to events. It served me very well.

"My bike was green. I paid £ 16-19-06 which I had saved by doing newspaper rounds for a long time morning and evening after I had asked my father if he would buy me a new bike (the answer was NO) to replace the one my mother had bought for me when I was twelve. That one was big, black with a chain guard and rod brakes and cost £ 2-10-00. Now aged 15 I thought it was time to venture further than the street where we lived. My Lenton was single speed with a 46 chain ring and an 18 tooth free wheel. I could put a fixed sprocket on the other side for time trials (82inch), rollers etc. One evening I was in the final of the 440 yds handicap with Tom Simpson. He was on scratch I had five yards. I won. This was maybe 1958/59. Soon after he went to France when he received his National Service call up. The rest is history. Ron Coe, Jim and Sid Wilson and many other good riders were competing. I was still a teenager. Happy days."

NOTTINGHAM & EAST MIDLANDS

David Herd

Although a number of time trial events have been cancelled the East Midlands has been very active in promoting races especially along the A46 corridor. It has not been easy to put events on, and the social element has had to take a back seat. On behalf of us all I would like to thank all those who have been active in promoting time trials and keeping our sport alive, which has allowed us look forward to the future.

One of the earliest of the races taking place after the first lock-down was Sherwood CC 25 held on the A25/34 on 15th August. Jez Willows, acting as race secretary, used a creative way to get over the HQ problem, social distancing and other restrictions by adopting a farm field and setting up a gazebo and portaloos. It appeared to work well and allowed the event to go ahead. Junior Joshua Giddings (MT Hospital Giant CT) was fastest with 48:17, Matt Bottrill (Team Bottrill) came in fifth on 49:45 with team mate Dan Barnett on 52:55, Ian

Guilor (Mapperley CC) 52:55, Sean Vincent (Race Hub) 53:13, Ian Wrobolski (Team Lutterworth) 55:02 and Geoff Platts (Team Bottrill) 55:02. Lincoln Wheelers pair Ian Pike and Andy Newham, each this time riding on two wheels, came in on 55:55 and 55:44 respectively, Colin Parkinson (South Western RC) 56:02, Ed Tarelli (Race-Hub) 56:33, Michael Wills (Team Lutterworth) 57:02.

Other NEM members' results: Craig Lamb (Alford Wheelers) 57:14, Chris Sprott (Ratae RC) 57:13, Ed Watson (Ratae RC) 58:13, Mike Stevens (Melton Olympic) 1:01:12, Chris Spray (Ratae RC) 1:00:27, Michael Wilkinson (North Notts Olympic) 1:00:27, Jo Corbett (Sherwood CC) 1:04:46, Louise George (Witham Wheelers) 1:06:46, Martin Hedley (Witham Wheelers) 1:08:07, Russell Carter (South Pennine RC) 1:09:37, John Scott (Sleaford Wheelers) 1:15:29.

The RTTC National 25 Championship was re-arranged from a South West District course in Devon and was held on the A25/37 (A46 Seagrave to Stragglethorpe) course on 27th September. In the ladies event senior Joss Lowden of Drops Cycling set the fastest time of 52:14. Our NEM ladies times were: Linda Hubbard (Welland Valley CC) 1:06:57, Jo Corbett 1:08:39, Emma Hill (Hinckley CRC) 1:11:34 and Coalville Wheelers' Pammie Moore on 1:11:58.

Two amazing times were set in the men's event. John Archibald (Ribble Weldlite Pro-Cycling) set a time of 44:50 while Alex Dowsett (Israel Startup Nation) was second fastest with 45:58. Ian Guilor was the first NEM veteran home with a fine 51:53, and Geoff Platts on 56:12, Andy Newham (Lincoln Wheelers) also did a good ride with 56:50. Other NEM veteran riders: Matt Plews (Welland Valley) 57:33, Ed Tarrelli 57:33, Colin Parkinson 57:57 and Michael Wilkinson 1:12:48.

The BDCA 100 on 31st August as usual was split into two events and in the open race, senior Adam Wild was fastest with 3:17:01. Colin Parkinson came in with a very good time of 3:53:52, Ed Tarelli did 3:56:25 and Michael Stevens 4:13:48. In the Association event Michael Wilkinson recorded 4:28:31 and Russ Carter just crept under the 5 hour mark with 4:59:11.

On 13th September Bourne Wheelers ran their 18.2 miles open event over a rolling course between Edenham, Corby Glen and Colsterworth. Senior

David Fellows of Solihull CC was fastest on 38:21, with Brett Harward (Team Bottrill) on 40:04, Ian Guilor 41:19 and a rare outing this year for Michael Smalley (Witham Wheelers) 53:13.

The Ratae 10 held on the 6th September was well attended this year with junior Joshua Giddings again going fastest with 19:32. There was a fine second place by Richard Oakes (Team Ohten Aveas) on 19:39, limbering up before winning the VTTA National 10 Championship the following Saturday. Matt Bottrill came in fourth on 19:44 with his team mate Dan Barnett following with 20:14. Ian Guilor was 9th 20:47, Sean Vincent 20:52, Geoof Platts 21:47, Michael Wills 21:52, Jez Willows 22:11, Ian Wroblewski (Team Lutterworth) 22:31 and from the same team Ashley Roue on 22:31. Chris Sprott from the promoting club on 22:32, Garry Lee (Mapperley CC) 23:32, Peter Lavine (Team Bottrill) 24:24, Alan Morris (Hinckley CRC) 26:01, Rod Weston (Melton Olympic) 28:47 and David York (Ratae RC) 29:27.

The VTTA Yorkshire 10 was run on the V714 at Howden on 19th September; NEM riders achieved great success, Fastest actual time on the day was Richard Dean of Rockingham CC with 20:44 +5:23, but it was (just turned) 90 year old Ron Hallam (South Pennine RC) who was fastest on standard heading VTTA NEM members with an actual of 29:55 and +6:34, in second place on standard and well up the order of actual times was Ian Guilor with 21:02 +6:07, and in third place with a great ride Jim Boyle (Born to Bike) with an actual of 21:27 +5:50. Pammie Moore a very good ride with an actual 27:08 +3:19 and Roy Oakes (South Pennine RC) also rode well with a 27:39 +2:20.

We were finally able to run the VTTA 25 Championship, which originally scheduled to take place on 11th July. It was agreed that NEM Group would take the event forward by combining it with another postponed event by Melton Olympic - an event proposed for the Autumn. This event was to take place on the 3rd October, which was again postponed as it happened to be the wettest day since weather records began. The event eventually took place on the 16th October, bringing the start time forward by one hour. The original start sheet showed a full field of all veteran members but understandably there were a fair number of non-starters, but all went well on the day, so thanks to

all who helped in the success of the event. The full report and results appear elsewhere in this magazine.

Well, that is all for now, let's hope we can have a better season next year. I hope you all have a good Christmas and please keep safe.

SCOTLAND

James Skinner

News

Sandy Bain, aged 83, Royal Albert, is a regular on the road and still manages to clock up the miles around the Lanarkshire and Lothian areas. Sandy has in the past organised the group's road racing events, which took on the Braehead - Carnwath circuit, that passes the front door of our recent addition to the group's membership, Harry Tweed. And Harry likewise, when not busy attending to his plumbing business, can also be seen on a regular basis putting in some fast miles in the company of some notable 'fast groups'!

Mentioning another Lanarkshire rider Jocky Johnstone; after reporting his retirement from racing last year, he has been spotted out on the bike more than most, so let's hope Jocky gets the racing bug again when everything gets back to normal.

With the lockdown starting up again the decision was made to cancel the prize giving luncheon, but as we head towards the new year in hope of a bit of normality the following dates are confirmed dates for the Group's 2021 events.

Sunday 23rd May: 10TT - Law Wheelers / SVTTA, J & B. Train - CTT

Sunday 30th May: 50TT - Alistair Speed Trophy & SVTTA H. Roberts Trophy

Sunday 8th August: 100TT - Dundee Thistle SVTTA J. Reilly & J. Sharp Trophies - CTT

Sunday 15th August: 25TT - St Christopher's & SVTTA John Cramb Trophy - CTT

Sunday 22nd August: 30TT - Pinky Williams Trophy - CTT

Sunday 12th September: Boomerang Trophy. Fife - CTT

Sunday 26th September: 15TT: SVTTA - CTT

Racing

The Tour of the Campsies 26 mile Mountain TT organised by the Glasgow Wheelers incorporated

our Bill Lennon Trophy as it has in the past. Nine members took part, with Douglas Watson of G.T.R picking up the Lennon trophy, finishing with a +22:27, and an actual time of 58:55 which gained sixth place overall.

Edinburgh Road Club organised a 15 mile TT in late September with 40 entries, SVTTA members accounted for six of those. Three of us finished in the top six overall, with Douglas Watson of G.T.R Return to Life, again winning the event in a 33:02.

Several members travelled south of the border to ride events in this tough year. Sean Quinn of Law Wheelers covered an exceptional mileage in such a short season travelling for 10, 15, 25, 50 and 100 mile events with results ranging from a 22:13 over 10 miles to his best over 100 miles being a 3:50:07.

Sandy Wallace of Fife Century R.C. achieved 26:54 and 2:16:56 for his efforts over 10 and 50 miles.

Ian Dobbie of West Lothian Clarion had a couple of good results on the Levens L1015 course riding a 20:40 and a 20:19 on consecutive weeks.

Alex Munro made good use of his local events achieving a 29:05 over 10 miles, and 1:35:09 over 30 miles.

And Finally

The Scottish group welcomes the following new members: Thomas McNulty (SVTTA) and Garry Latimer (riding for Moriarty Cycles).

You can check out our Facebook page for information and pictures, and also our page on the national website at:

<https://www.vtta.org.uk/groups/scotland>.

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SOUTH WALES

Barry Williams

I have to admit that the climate in November is not my favourite, weather plays such an important role in our sport. Having said that, looking through my Strava posts, I see many friends escaping on their turbo trainer Zwift programmes. I guess they are pushing themselves in this virtual world around Central Park New York or less often up Mont Ventoux. There is another title that crops up called

Watopia, not to be found on any maps, and in which participants can sometimes abandon bikes for the ocean. Hopefully, I will get to ask them how they come to indulge in these watery meanderings.

Personally, Strava can cause a degree of stress in old guys like me, when it demands improved performances from an ailing body, that's the downside, otherwise it's good to look back on the hills climbed and routes taken. During the covid lockdown I have refused to be stuck at home, surprisingly, if you try hard enough flights abroad can be found. September saw me spending a week in Lagos, Algarve, hot sunny weather and good mountain bike trails and a chance to soak up vitamin D. I have also made two visits to not so sunny Netherlands, proving that quarantine restrictions don't actually stop the determined traveller.

Since the March lockdown there have been no open events in South Wales. However, during the summer derestricted period other districts restarted promotions, including both VTTA and National Championships. Our secretary, Bob Jones, a proud Welshman based in Essex-Hertfordshire borderland travelled the country to engage with locals. His first test was in Nottinghamshire on July 26th, the VTTA National 50 Championship; this was won on standard by Keith Ainsworth 1:49:13 (+35:17) closely followed by Matt Botrill 1:42:17 (+34:15). Knowing Bob he had probably cycled more than a 100 miles to the venue on the previous day, so a valiant 2:16:20 was good enough, especially when aged 69 and within 42 minutes of fastest of the day, professional John Archibald's 1:34:11.

In August, Bob tells me, he had an enjoyable day out towards Tiptree riding the Essex RCC 24 miler. This entailed an early ride to the start before posting 1:8:12 against winner Jason Boutell's 49:17. Afterwards, in Thames estuary country, he found himself an excellent sea food lunch. The following week's action moved to the other end of the Thames, in the Cotswolds riding the RTTC National 100 Championships. Bob got round in 4:54:19 on what must have been a good day with more than 30 other riders inside 4 hours. The Championship was won by Adam Wild with 3:28:50. Looking through the results, it was good to see one of my former rivals still racing, Garry McGarr,

Gloucester City CC 4:48:44, well done Garry! I was actually in Pangbourne Lane when Ray Booty beat 4 hours for the first time, but don't ask me how Adam Wild was 30 minutes faster than Ray Booty in 1956, that's another story.

The following week, 23rd August, saw Bob on a pilgrimage to the Merseyside 12 incorporating RTTC and VTTA National Championships – Adam Wild retained his form from the 100 to win with 295.30 miles while Bob ploughed through the Cheshire lanes to record 215.38 miles finishing 50th out of 60 who completed the course. At this stage of the season Bob took a well earned rest before turning up in Taunton for Northover Vets Hardriders 21 miler in the Quantock Hills. Then, near to home, the Lea Valley 30 on September 27th won by Harry Tanfield (Agr2r La Mondiale) in 1:00:30, Harry must have known he was soon to start the Vuelta d'España 2020. I watched much of this on Eurosport and it was great to see Harry showing good form in a Grand Tour, getting in the breaks and 21st place in the final time trial, finishing on the steep ascent to Mirador de Ezaro. Bob finished his 30 ride in 1:25:09.

This left Bob to wind up with a final 10 miler on October 3rd, API Metro 10 on a North London course, where he recorded 26:25. Farewell to the disrupted 2020 season.

I mentioned my September trip to Algarve, my daughter fixed some luxurious self-catering accommodation in Lagos, we hired mountain bikes and explored sandy trails near beaches and a few inland rides with steep climbs. At the time there was no lockdown in Portugal and we found some nice cafes in the local villages. One of the rides took us to Praia de Luz on a trail that stretched my mountain biking control. We had had a meal in a beachside restaurant in this wonderfully attractive resort with busy cafes and a beach full of surfers. As ever, going there remind us of the awful Madeline McCann abduction, that apart, I loved every minute of my time in Portugal.

I also made two visits to the Netherlands, where I keep a road bike to enjoy riding the many safe cycle paths to be found in that country. However, with so many cycle routes, cycling on the roads is discouraged. Therefore, it was on a ride from Heemskirk through Amsterdam to Almere, 65 kilometres (40 miles) that I really got it wrong.

Having started at 2pm and progressed through Zaandijk to North Amsterdam, I was confronted by a wide stretch of water separating the north from central Amsterdam. With only one cycling bridge spanning the water and knowing I had missed a turning point, I was lost in a maze of canals, bridges and paths way off the route. Frequently consulting Google maps on the phone, wasted so much time that it was dusk when I finally reached the Schellingwoude Cycle Bridge to East Amsterdam. Almost 4 hours to cover 45 kilometres and by now too hazardous to continue in the dark. I found Science Park train station closed for repairs. Wow, then I got lucky, a taxi driver employed by the railways told me to buy a ticket from the machine and he would take me to the next open station at Weesp, from there, just a short train ride to Almere. A salutary lesson on how easy it is to get lost cycling in a foreign country.

If having read this article you have a cycling story, please email it to me for the next quarterly letter. Also if any reader has information on the late John Mckellow, Cardiff Ajax, I would like to write a short obituary for this magazine. John organised training camps in Mallorca and had good results in VTTA time trials between 1980 and 1996.

SURREY & SUSSEX

Jon Fairclough

Membership news

A welcome to four new members: Robin Harris (Clapham Chasers), Arthur Waghorn (Bognor Regis CC), Roland Kitson (Horsham Cycling) and Marek Siwicki (Addiscombe CC). Alan Robinson reached the age of 80 on 24th November and, considering his contribution to time trialling, was awarded Honorary Life Membership of the VTTA.

Surrey/Sussex open events

The East Sussex CA 10 was held on G10/87 on 12th September. The first four VTTA S/S Group members on standard were Nick Dwyer (Lewes Wanderers CC) +6:02, Mark Smith (Crawley Wheelers) +5:53, David Clark (Eastbourne Rovers CC) +5:26, Tom Houghton (South Downs Bikes /Casco Pet) +5:17. Nick Dwyer is awarded the Stan Harvey Memorial Cup and a VTTA medal. The first team of three group members from the same club are awarded the Wilf How Cup: Lewes Wanderers

CC - Nick Dwyer, Peter Baker and Kaye Dwyer, total team plus: 7m.44s. They are also each awarded a VTTA team medal.

The Sussex CA 15 on G15/93 was held on 19th September. The first four VTTA S/S Group members on standard were Andy Critchlow (Norwood Paragon CC) +8:50, Colin McDermott (Festival RC) +8:41, Mark Smith (Crawley Wheelers) +8:12 and Adrian Blacker (C&N Cycles RT) +6:49. Andy Critchlow is awarded a VTTA medal.

The Surrey/Sussex 25 on G25/89 scheduled for 20th September was cancelled due to roadworks on the course.

Records

Despite the shortened season four of our members set Surrey/Sussex group age records, all as follows:

Lisa Davis (trainSharp), age 45: 10 miles in 22:32 on 5/9/20, 50 miles in 1:56:52 on 19/7/20, 100 miles in 4:28:52 on 16/8/20, 236.12 miles in 12 hours on 23/8/20

Paul Deen (Epsom CC), age 49: 10 miles in 19:57 on 5/9/20

Chris Lord (Brighton Excelsior CC), age 67: 10 miles in 21:09 on 5/9/20

Alan Robinson (Central Sussex CC), age 79: 15 miles in 44:32 on 19/9/20

Standards medals

People who paid this year and did not claim can carry their claim over to 2021. Twenty-nine members paid for standard medals this year and claims were received from two of them: Brett Davis (trainSharp) for 10 and 50 miles and Lisa Davis (trainSharp) for 10, 50, 100 miles and 12 hours.

Season Long Competitions

The schedule below summarises the winners of the season long competitions. We had two finishers in the 4 Distance BAR, the same as in 2019 and 2018. There were three finishers in the 3 Distance BAR, with five claims being made in 2019. The Short Distance BAR had 10 finishers compared to 5 and 4 in 2019 and 2018, respectively. Despite the shortened season the Short Distance BAR looks to have benefited from members not having to submit a claim and being automatically entered instead.

Hopefully with a full season in 2021 we will see these numbers grow further. If you want to take part in the 2021 competitions, you must link your accounts on the CTT and VTTA web sites. Instructions on how to do this are on the VTTA website.

S/S Men's B.A.R. Champion (Palmer Trophy) - 25, 50, 100 miles and 12 Hours: Mark Smith +77:03

S/S 3 Distance Champion (Jim Ballard Trophy) - 25, 50 and 100 miles: Mark Smith +54:55

S/S Short Distance Champion (Featherstone Trophy) - two '10' and two '25' miles: Nick Dwyer +65:33

S/S Ladies Best All Rounder (Wally Perkins Cup) - 25, 50, 100 miles and 12 Hours: Lisa Davis +49:33

S/S Ladies Short Distance (Charles Robson Cup) - 10, 25 & 50 miles: Lisa Davis +51:55

Over 70 racing

The following members are over 70 years of age and have raced in 2020: Brian Hill (77), Peter Horsfield (70), Robin Johnson (72), Donald Parker (71), Alan Robinson (79).

No Ordinary Joe

Just before writing this article I received a copy of the book "No Ordinary Joe" by Brian Jones. The book describes the cycling careers of twenty amateur cyclists, many of whom will be familiar to members of the S/S VTTA. I was intrigued to learn that my committee colleague Robin Johnson had ridden 2400 time trials. Another, Mike Morley, won his first open 100 mile time trial at the age of 23 in 4 hours and 18 minutes getting a full page spread in Cycling Weekly headlined "Morley Wins Burton 100". I guess that page is framed and hanging up in his home in Walton On the Hill! Other Surrey/Sussex members who get chapters devoted to them are Steve Dennis, John Froud, Brian Hill and Pete and Sue Swetman. If you want a copy email Brian Jones at bsj219@outlook.com.

Annual Lunch and Awards

The date for our annual prize giving lunch in Horsham had been set for Sunday 7th February but our usual venue, the Normandy Centre, tell us that they will not reopen until at least the 1st March. At the AGM on 15th November it was agreed that we should do something to recognise the 2020 award

winner, but that we should wait and see whether we are going to be able to have a social gathering before Easter. As a last resort we might try and hold a virtual awards day on Zoom. We will inform members as soon as a decision is made.

Committee News

The S/S AGM was held on Zoom on 15th November, which resulted in the largest attendance the author has seen! We had volunteers for the two vacant roles of Group Secretary (Andy Critchlow) and Social Secretary (Eimear D'Arcy). Many thanks to them. The rest of the committee were re-elected to their positions.

WESSEX

Bob Jolliffe

Records Galore

I guess 2020 will be forever known as "The Covid Year". Some Wessex vets may have written off the season because of the pandemic, but those that did race earned their just rewards.

There were National age records for ...a3crg's Angela Carpenter and David Shepherd and for Sotonia CC's Mary Corbett and Norman Harvey, and yet another Group age record for 76-year-old Terry Icke (VC St Raphael) of 22:44.

Also claiming a Group record was ...a3crg's Neil Mackley with 20:05 at age 57.

Angela, Neil and Terry's 10-mile records were set in the Utage event on P881r on 5th September. Angela clocked a rapid 20:46 at age 51. She also set a new 25 record of 54:58.

David Shepherd set a new national 12hr age record of 293.76 miles in the Breckland event. He too set new group age records of 1:44:01 for 50 miles and 3:42:09 for 100 miles. Combined with 56:07 for 25 miles, he was fourth overall in the National BAR with a plus of 53:38.

Angela won the National Short Distance BAR and, with James Fawcett and Neil, led Wessex Group to second in the team competition with a plus of 5:39:16 behind East Anglia's +6:27:18.

Angela defended her VTTA National 10 and 25 mile titles, and in the 10, backed by Neil and David, took the club team award and Wessex to the Group win.

Mary and Norman's records were on their tandem trike, named "Trixie Trundlebarrow". They started the season back in March with a record 34:35 for a combined age of 149 years. They just kept getting faster with 29:45 for 150 years in the VTTA National Championship 10 near Newbury and then in the VTTA Wessex 10 in chilly Dorset on September 27 with 28:48.

Their 25 record was 1:15:47 in the CTT South DC Championship in the Southdown Velo event on P901 with its fast downhill run to the roundabout turn at Arundel and subsequent climb back on the A27.



CTT Awards

Angela was first veteran and ninth overall in the RTTC Women's National 25-mile Championship and Neil won the 55 to 59 year age group. Angela also won her age group in the RTTC National 10, the National Closed Circuit Championships at Thruxton, as did Neil and Terry.

She won also her age group in the National Circuit Championships near Cambridge as did both James and Neil.

David Shepherd was 10th in CTT's BBAR with an average speed of 26.777mph.

Wessex Group 10

James Fawett won the Wessex Group 10-mile Championship held as part of the Poole Wheelers' Gary Dighton Memorial event on P415 with 20:26, a plus of 6:41. Terry Icke was second (23:59, +6:14) and David Butt of CC Weymouth took third with 23:07 (+5:14). Norman Harvey and Mary took the tandem win with +6:27.

Others who ventured out on a cold and breezy morning generally found their times slower than expected on what is normally seen as a fast course.

Others: Mark Stafford (...a3crg) 22:09, Nick Jones (Bournemouth Jubilee Whlrs) 22:13, Graham Harman (Sotonia CC) 22:38, Bob Richardson (Bournemouth Jubilee Whlrs) 23:54, Stuart Peckham (VC St Raphael) 23:57, Ian Turner 24:16, Ian Hayden 25:43, Adrian Watkins 26:01 (all Tornado), Mike Boyce 26:13, Simon Craig McFeely 26:24 (both ...a3crg), Dave England (Crabwood CC) 27:26, Bill Simmons (Christchurch BC) 28:03, Martin Whitty (...a3crg) 29:05, Bob Jolliffe (New Forest CC) 29:09, Peter Cotty (Poole Whlrs) 33:26.

South DC Championship 25

Andy Langdown (Atlas Clever RT) was fastest Wessex vet in the CTT South DC Championship 25, held as part of the Southdown Velo event on the P901 Chichester-Arundel course with 52:46 while ...a3crg teammates James Fawcett and Neil Mackley were next best group vets with 53:34 and 54:09 respectively.

Other Wessex competitors: Adrian Tally (Portsmouth North End CC) 58:45, Ray Claridge (New Forest CC) 59:07, Mike Stevens (Fareham Whlrs) 1:01:18, John Glaysher (...a3crg) 1:02:44, Tom Cox (Northover Vets) 1:04:03, Lucy Mitchell

1:04:16, Adrian Watkins (Tornado) 1:06:41, Mike Boyce (...a3crg) 1:07:59, Dave England (Crabwood CC) 1:08:25, Michelle Walter (Bournemouth Arrow CC) 1:09:35, Simon Craig-McFeely 1:15:20 and Ken Rayson 1:16:45 (both ...a3crg).

Records fall in UTAG 10

Wessex vets put up some fast times in the UTAG 10 on P881r with James Fawcett nipping under the 20-minute mark by 10 seconds with Andy Langdown seven seconds slower.

Other rapid rides came from Neil Mackley 20:05, Ian Patterson (UTAG) 20:17, Nick Jones (Bournemouth Jubilee Whlrs) 20:54, Mark Stafford (...a3crg) 21:08, Shaun Smart (Southdown Velo) 21:21, Graham Harman (Sotonia) 21:31. Mike Stevens (Fareham Whlrs) 22:05, Barry Eeles (North Hants RC) 22:08, Adrian Talley (Portsmouth NECC) 22:11, Nigel Sign (Fareham Whlrs) 22:28, Terry Icke 22:44, Stuart Peckham 22:56 (both VC St Raphael), Mike Boyce (...a3crg) 24:09, Steve Skinner (Bognor Regis CC) 24:31, Dave England (Crabwood CC) 25:35, Simon Craig-McFeely 25:38, Martin Whitty 28:26 (both ...a3crg).

Juvenile Isabel Sharp was fastest in the women's competition with a new national record 20:46 while Angela Carpenter claimed her new VTTA age record in third with 20:46. Her ...a3crg teammates Lucy Mitchell and Virginia McGee clocked 23:22 and 24:35.

Sarah Didn't Act Her Age

Sarah Matthews of ...a3crg raised more than £1,500 when she set up a supreme fitness task for herself.

"My 2020 season was decimated because of the pandemic and waiting for investigations for a hereditary heart problem, which thankfully I don't have," she said. "I turned 60 in May and I'd planned to ride my first 100 but it never happened and deep down I was frustrated at not having done a memorable challenge.

"Watching BBC Breakfast whilst on the turbo one October morning gave me the solution - BBC Children in Need were doing an Act Your Age challenge. My cycling motto has always been 'old enough to know better but still young enough to do it' (I got my first road bike at 51) so acting my age was made for me. Doing 60 exercises each for 60

seconds sounded like a perfect challenge but creating a workout comprising 60 exercises turned out to be a challenge in itself."

Before she knew it, word had got round and BBC South was on the blower.

"I entered into the spirit by buying a Pudsey onesie then sent them three exercises to choose from. They included all three!"

"The skills I've learned from time trialling and business: pacing, breathing, planning and breaking a big task into manageable chunks, got me through. There were a few exercises - elbow plank, mountain climbers, box jumps and press ups - which are fine in sets of 10 but absolute killers for 60 seconds, so there were moments when I had to shout at myself to dig in to complete the 60 seconds."

The last exercise was a minute of running so she pulled on her Pudsey onesie and headed off down the road, much to the amazement of passing drivers, she said.

"It's been an amazing experience and in the absence of getting out to see friends and being outside the race season it has been a great antidote to work and lock down.

"Mary Corbett is thrilled I have a Pudsey onesie and is hoping to get me on a tandem with her whilst wearing it. It would be brilliant to do another tandem record with her - in fancy dress."

Anyone who wants to contribute can log on to

<https://www.justgiving.com/fundraising/sarahfeemathews60>.

[Chris Summers on the Mend](#)

Sotonia CC's Chris Summers, who suffered multiple injuries after being in collision with a Land-Rover while out training is slowly

on the mend and rode two club 10s this season, albeit rather more slowly than he would had wished for. Well done and welcome back Chris.

WEST Brian Griffiths

With the pandemic still causing big problems I shall have to find some items of mutual interest to fill our space this time.

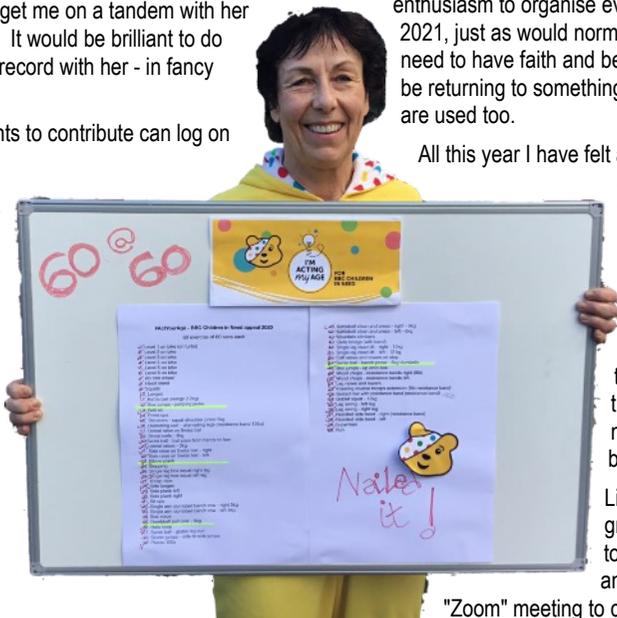
The three big tours have provided some interesting viewing this year, quite a lot of new International talent has become evident for future years and new ideas in race tactics have been used to useful effect. Personally I have never been too happy with the amount of radio contact the riders have with their back up vehicles. It will soon become like Grand Prix racing where it often seems like giant Scalextrix where the cars are driven to some extent from the pits.

The weather has been very unpredictable this year. Is this a normal long term cyclic change or are funny things happening due to the interference of man? Certainly the melting of the ice caps is of grave concern as the oceans begin to encroach on our low lying land.

I hope plans are going ahead with the usual enthusiasm to organise events to be held in 2021, just as would normally happen. We need to have faith and believe that we shall be returning to something close to what we are used too.

All this year I have felt a certain change and wonder if things will ever be quite the same again. I have sensed for some time that our events are becoming less of the social occasions they used to be - too much communication by e-mail!

Like many other groups we have had to put aside our AGM and simply hold a "Zoom" meeting to communicate and



deal with business matters. Our committee members are ageing and we are keen to get younger members involved so that they don't feel left out and to take over the reins. However this year we have had little choice and will continue as we are for the year ahead. I must thank all those who so willingly agreed to continue in their present posts for now.

It's getting time to pay our subscriptions for next year so don't forget and miss out on the eight glossy magazines that will come your way. In addition you can be sure that there will be events to ride and medals to win.

Please don't forget to keep your contributions flowing to Paul to keep our magazine as healthy and interesting as you would want it to be. *(This also goes for the national Veteran magazine - Ed)*

Gordon our secretary is still anxious to hand out last year's medals and trophies as well as this year's, but this is unlikely until we are able to get on top of the coronavirus sufficiently to hold our highly social event.

Very little news has come my way from members since my summer report so I can only assume that no one has anything to offer.

Gordon Lee

Sadly I have to report the passing of one of our most respected members who died in May, just days before his 92nd birthday. Gordon Lee was always the person you turned to for helpful and reliable advice. He lived in Downend, Bristol all his life and had gone to Kingswood Grammar School.

He started work with the Board of Trade and in the 1960's he moved to the Department of Energy where he had the important responsibility of checking the materials we would need in the event of a nuclear emergency.

For many years Gordon was the President of the Severn Road Club and he was also the President of the Fellowship of Cycling (FCOT). He did a lengthy spell as Secretary to the Western Counties Road Record Association. and rode as a founder member of Bristol Thursday Old Time cyclists.

He leaves behind a wife Valerie and a son Graham.

YORKSHIRE

Chris Goode

Blair Buss did a great job organising the VTTA 10 in September, with assistance from Tony Stott, Mike Penrice and a merry band of marshals and other helpers. The wind blew on the V714 course, from Gilberdyke to Howden and back, and which is quite exposed. The event trialled the proposed veterans' age handicap system, creating the same winners as would be on standard, but crediting riders with a time of their 40 year old male alter ego.

The remarkable Ron Hallam came out on top on VAH (veterans' age handicap) by 33 seconds from Ian Guilor, with Jim Boyle a further 11 seconds back. The two fastest women were junior Abi Smith (Moonglu CC) with 22:29 actual and Helen Goldthorpe (Otley CC) with 25:12 actual. Correspondingly the two fastest men were Richard Dean (Rockingham CC) with 20:44 actual and Simon Beldon (Team Bottrill) three seconds back. The tandem award went to Ala and Andy Whitehead (Rockingham CC) with 24:37 and the medium gear was won by the organiser, Blair Buss (Halifax Imps) in 24:10. Unfortunately Jymmy Trevor punctured and had a very late start after going home to fit another wheel. Age category awards 50-59 went to Steve Gibson (Peak RC) with 20:42 (VAH), David Taylor (Ravensthorpe CC) achieved 21:55 in the 60-69 age bracket, followed by Mike Allen (Team Jewison- MI Racing) 20:56 in the 70-79 age range. Well done to all the winners and competitors; one very interesting part of the result sheet is two awards to Graham Heaton and Ian Richardson who were the fastest non-VTTA members, their prize being membership for the forthcoming year - an innovation hoped to encourage membership. Mark Wolstenholme (Team Swift) won the new Stan Chadwick memorial trophy for best group member on VAH in tenth place, despite his 42 years only providing a small age allowance. The trophy has been engraved and is ready to present to Mark.

Long after he finished his own racing career on two and three wheels, Stan remained a benefactor with generous donations to the prize list for the fast 10 on the V718, which Mike Williams always organised. Stan also paid for the hire of the Burton Fleming village hall for Scarborough Paragon's open events. He died in November 2018, at the age of 102 years old and it was always a pleasure to talk with him; his memory was as sharp as a

butcher's knife. In fact, his first job in the late 1920s was as a butcher's delivery boy, in Scarborough.

Mike Williams has been proposed for National President and what a fitting candidate he is, after more than fifty combined years in Team Swift and Hull Thursday RC, a prolific organiser of super-fast 10s on V718 and contributor to the sport.

Mike is currently our social secretary and would have been organising our lunch in January, but not this year as a result of the pandemic. The aim is to get all the awards to members individually and then for the winner to send in photos of themselves with his/her award/s. Then, we can post them onto the Yorkshire VTTA Facebook page.

It has been another good year for our group members in VTTA National Championships - Andy Jackson: third man in the 50, Mark Burtonshaw and Simon Geraci : counters in the 50 club team for Team Swift, Darren Yarwood : second man in the 12 hour and also led the group team with Sean Sanders and Andy Jackson, Darren Yarwood : first man in the 100 and also led the group team with Grant Whiteside and Jymmy Trevor. Although there were no awards in national season long competitions this year Sandra Burrows (Vive le Velo) was ninth in the short distance B.A.R. with an aggregate +30:08.

Fiona Sharp (Team Swift) won the Yorkshire group women's best all rounder (BAR). I have also heard of an excellent PB at 25 miles by Sarah Lewthwaite (Team Sportslab) with a short 56 minute ride. Well done to all these fantastic riders. In addition, Sean

Sanders (Drighlington BC) won our group short distance BAR and Darren Yarwood (Vive le Velo) won the group's 3 Distance Competition and the Best All Rounder.

Looking forward to 2021, our planned events are a 25 miles TT on V236/1, including medium gear, on Sunday 18th April (Blair Buss); National VTTA 30 miles championship on V241/1, on Saturday 19th June (Mike Penrice); and our 10 miles TT on V714, on Sunday 5th September (B. Buss). Please either ride or help with the organisation of these events.

Many thanks to our group recorder, Jymmy Trevor; he works hard and keeps everything up to date. Unclaimed 2020 standards will be carried forward to 2021. Thanks also to all our group's officials, including George Young (Treasurer) and Tony Stott (Secretary and Trophy Secretary) plus John Hallas (Website Administrator).

A very warm welcome to the Yorkshire group for the following new members: David Bower (Yorkshire VTTA), Neil Fearn (Harrogate Nova), Mike Furby (Valley Striders), Martin Hailstone (Hull Thursday), Graham Heaton (City RC), Ged Millward (Ilkley CC), Ian Richardson (Selby CC), Gareth Shepherd (Bramley Wheelers) and Richard Walker (Sowerby Brothers).

Finally, best wishes to the legendary, Derek Roe who is making good progress after a recent heart attack.

Keep those wheels turning and if you wish to get in touch, with news for the next group report, please email me on cgoode@yorkshire.net.

'RUDYARD FORMAT' AGE HANDICAP SYSTEM TRIAL IN VTTA YORKSHIRE 10

Since a letter from 'Rudyard Ryder' appeared in The Veteran last December there has been much discussion and dialogue in our recent magazines and at national meetings about the proposed alternative system to standards and pluses in calculating an age compensated result. It was obvious that despite the restrictions of Covid there had been a lot of talking in favour of the idea but it needed a real trial with some feedback. Yorkshire Group therefore employed the 'Rudyard system' for their 10 held on 19th September 2020. We had a full field of 120 riders and 9 reserves.

This being a trial for a new format no shortcuts were taken on race information - a full traditional style start sheet with full rider list, ages and VTTA membership status was published. Vets handicap tables have already been produced, although not yet in general circulation, in exactly

the same format as the standards tables in the VTTA Handbook and these age handicap allowances were used on the start sheet in place of standard times. A short explanatory note was also included.

Processing of results using age handicaps was easier than for standards as minus times cannot be achieved (unless you are Ron Hallam and can ride at an average speed of 60mph!). The age handicap time achieved is the equivalent time for a rider's 40 year old male alter ego.

Posting of results to the VTTA website was similarly easy since the results Excel file can accept both handicapped times and VTTA pluses. However the handicapped time failed to display on the website result (despite other 'normal' handicap events showing this time correctly). CTT were unable to explain why this occurred - their response was only that it should have displayed and they would refer it to their IT department. Disappointingly they have failed to follow this through.

There being no after race HQ chat due to the pandemic there was less opportunity at the event to gain feedback from riders and others on how they felt about this new system. However an online survey was constructed and emailed to 148 riders, helpers and other interested parties; 62 responses were received.

Although there was no overwhelming endorsement the general consensus was that it was an easier system to understand than the concept of standards and pluses and that it should prove more attractive, particularly to the younger veterans.

These are some of the comments received in the survey:

"Having ridden the event and won on the new system, it appears to me the outcome is the same. It is certainly easier for all to understand."

"I found it very interesting seeing both systems side by side and feel that for newcomers it is a positive step."

"The age handicap system would be easier for journalists to understand when submitting press releases."

"I've always just gone for the fastest time, and tried to better my PB the alternatives may help others stay motivated."

"It seemed fair, and my handicap position just beat my overall position."

"I support the age handicap."

"While I have more or less got my head round the standards system I knew exactly how I stood with the new one."

It is clear that many members had not acquainted themselves with this alternative system and the only way of achieving this was to run an event. Having encountered no difficulties in the event organisation using the age handicap system and riders generally finding it easier to understand it may now be beneficial if each VTTA group were encouraged to run at least one of their events under this system in 2021 in order that a better informed full implementation can be considered for the following year.

Mike Penrice (Yorkshire Group)

“NO ORDINARY JOE”

I recently had the pleasure of reading Brian Jones “Misspent Youth” and “Misspent Dotage “ and reviewing his many detailed and amusing recollections.

His latest foray into the cycling world we all know so well leaves me with an acute sense of nostalgia – but let me explain !

Many of us, still racing in our 70's and 80's, will freely admit that as youngsters we had the best years of growing up and learning our sport from clubmates. Those contemporaries remain indelibly in our memories or, indeed, are still with us enjoying their cycling at, perhaps, a slightly more sedate pace.

In this beautifully produced hard-back book the author invites us to share the lives of 23 cyclists who have raced at top level, organised events and served many years as administrators. I doubt there would be any disagreement in suggesting that these names form the bed-rock of British cycle sport and includes Jeff Marshall, Alun Millard, Geoff Cooke, Mary & Peter Horsnell and Bob Mowat.

I perused this chronicle of riders, events, courses, accomplishments, disappointments and the inevitable crashes and while I was engrossed I found myself muttering, “ I remember him”, “That was a tough event”, “Never did like that course”, “Did a P.B. that morning” as memories of past competition surfaced.

Writing a book which includes, of necessity, some facts and figures is always going to present a problem regarding flow and continuity but I believe that Brian has succeeded in producing an engaging narrative of handsome appearance with excellent photographs

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VTTA NATIONAL 25 MILE CHAMPIONSHIP

Saturday 17th October 2020

Report by NEC Representative Andrew Simpkins



It's That Man Again! There is just no stopping Ron Hallam adding to his collection of championships

At the third time of trying the VTTA National 25 mile Championship finally happened. Originally scheduled to be run by Wessex Group on the fast A3 Petersfield By-Pass course in early July, this had to be cancelled due to covid-19 restrictions and a new organiser, course and date had to be found.

Step forward Nottingham and East Midlands Group led by Russell Gent, the group having already run the 50 championship as one of the early post lockdown events to have been successfully concluded. The equally fast A46 at Newark was to be used and the date was set for 3rd October. As has been the norm for post lockdown time trials, there was a massive initial entry of 227 members. Even after withdrawals and rejection of non VTTA members, not all VTTA members could be included on the start sheet of 120 riders and 15 reserves..

The Met Office website for that day records "Saturday 3 October 2020 is now the wettest day in the UK in records dating back to 1891. We received enough rainfall in a single day to fill Loch Ness." Luckily the organisers had kept a weather eye open and as the entire country was engulfed by rain they hurriedly implemented a further postponement, for two weeks, to Saturday 17th October.

Come the day and all went well although riders were presented with a chilly autumnal breeze. This and the covid situation resulting in a large number of DNS on the day. However, there were some impressively quick times and most riders were pleased with their rides on such a late season date.

The championship winning rides this year came from Ron Hallam and Angela Carpenter. Ron, now aged 90, rode an amazing 1:11:42 to give him a plus of 22:16, smashing the previous 90 year age record by eight and a half minutes. Great ride Ron! He was followed by Keith Ainsworth, who at a mere 61 years, took (yet another) silver medal with a stunning fastest ride of the day (50:20). Tim Hood, a new name in our medallists, took the men's bronze.

In the women's championship gold medallist Angela Carpenter, already the 10 mile champion, beat all but two of the men on standard with her 54:58 ride. Another new championship medallist, Sarah Lewthwaite, took the silver and edged out bronze medallist Debbie Moss by four seconds.

Ron Hallam's massive plus laid a good foundation for the local Nottingham and East Midlands group to take the Group Team award, which they duly did thanks to Geoff Platts and Ian Guilor. The proliferation of trike riding vets in Lincoln Wheelers saw them take the Club Team prize with Ian Pike, Dave Mason and Andy Newham. Is this the first time that a VTTA team prize has been won by three trike riders?

Tandem riders continue to be a rare breed, with Ian Greenstreet and Rachael Elliott being the only entrants but riding to a super fast 47:46. They are now reigning tandem champions at 10, 15, 25 and 50 miles but show no sign of moving to the longer distances just yet.

Nottingham and East Midlands Group are to be congratulated on yet another impeccably run championship and for their strong support in ensuring that time trialling can continue in these challenging times.

FINISH ORDER - 2020 VTTA NATIONAL 25 MILE TIME TRIAL CHAMPIONSHIP

Pos	Name	Club	Group	Gdr	Age	Std	Actual	Plus
1	Ron Hallam	South Pennine RC	N&EM	M	90	01:33:58	01:11:42	+22:16
2	Keith Ainsworth	Sheffrec CC	NMids	M	61	01:10:30	00:50:20	+20:10
3	<i>Angela Carpenter</i>	<i>...a3crg</i>	<i>Wsx</i>	<i>W</i>	<i>51</i>	<i>01:14:04</i>	<i>00:54:58</i>	<i>+19:06</i>
4	Tim Hood	Team Bottrill	Mids	M	59	01:09:59	00:51:27	+18:32
5	Mark Ellis	Team Milton Keynes	EA	M	56	01:09:16	00:51:13	+18:03
6	Geoff Platts	Team Bottrill	N&EM	M	65	01:11:44	00:53:46	+17:58
7	Ian Guilor	Mapperley CC	N&EM	M	53	01:08:38	00:50:41	+17:57
8	Ian Pike (Trike)	Lincoln Whs CC	N&EM	M	52	01:17:04	00:59:27	+17:37
9	Andy Thomas	Lindsey Roads CC	N&EM	M	51	01:08:15	00:51:21	+16:54
10	<i>Sarah Lewthwaite</i>	<i>Team Sportslab</i>	<i>Yorks</i>	<i>W</i>	<i>47</i>	<i>01:13:13</i>	<i>00:56:20</i>	<i>+16:53</i>
11	<i>Deborah Moss</i>	<i>Team Merlin</i>	<i>NL&L</i>	<i>W</i>	<i>50</i>	<i>01:13:51</i>	<i>00:57:02</i>	<i>+16:49</i>
12	Dave Mason (Trike)	Lincoln Whs CC	N&EM	M	46	01:15:43	00:59:12	+16:31
13	Michael Wills	Team Lutterworth	N&EM	M	61	01:10:30	00:54:00	+16:30
14	Robert Gibbons	Race Rapid	N&EM	M	47	01:07:28	00:51:13	+16:15
15	Andy Newham (Trike)	Lincoln Whs CC	NMids	M	47	01:15:57	00:59:46	+16:11
16	Stuart Wells	Lindsey Roads CC	NMids	M	49	01:07:51	00:51:42	+16:09
17	Nick Cave	Team Lutterworth	N&EM	M	55	01:09:03	00:53:03	+16:00
18	Sean Vincent	Race Hub	N&EM	M	50	01:08:03	00:52:04	+15:59
19	Kevin Hobbs	Peterborough CC	EA	M	50	01:08:03	00:52:06	+15:57
20	Chris Ward	Spalding CC	N&EM	M	54	01:08:51	00:52:56	+15:55
21	Mat Ivings	Buxton CC	NMids	M	47	01:07:28	00:51:55	+15:33
22	Colin Parkinson	South Western RC	N&EM	M	58	01:09:44	00:54:31	+15:13
23	Michael Stevens	Melton Olympic CC	N&EM	M	70	01:13:42	00:58:34	+15:08
24	Roger Sewell	Wisbech Whs	EA	M	73	01:15:12	01:00:08	+15:04
25	<i>Jo Corbett</i>	<i>Sherwood CC</i>	<i>N&EM</i>	<i>W</i>	<i>65</i>	<i>01:17:57</i>	<i>01:02:56</i>	<i>+15:01</i>
26	Sandy Wallace	Fife Century RC	Scot	M	74	01:15:46	01:00:54	+14:52
27	Sean Sanders	Drighlington BC	Yorks	M	50	01:08:03	00:53:19	+14:44
28	Simon Law	Race Rapid	Mids	M	55	01:09:03	00:54:27	+14:36
29	Sean Quinn	Law Whs	Scot	M	47	01:07:28	00:53:05	+14:23
30	Jonathan Mills-Keeling	Cycle Club Bridgnorth	Mer	M	48	01:07:40	00:53:21	+14:19
31	David Leckenby	Ilkley CC	Yorks	M	57	01:09:30	00:55:12	+14:18
32	Jamie Murray	Peterborough CC	N&EM	M	42	01:06:27	00:52:12	+14:15
33	Chris Lea	Buxton CC	NMids	M	58	01:09:44	00:55:38	+14:06
34	John Bradbury	CC Sudbury	EA	M	49	01:07:51	00:53:49	+14:02
35	Jez Willows	Sherwood CC	N&EM	M	55	01:09:03	00:55:07	+13:56
36	Ian Peacock	Leek CC	M&NW	M	68	01:12:51	00:58:56	+13:55
37	Phil Guy	North Shropshire Whs	Mer	M	72	01:14:40	01:00:50	+13:50
38	<i>Sarah Harrison</i>	<i>Sheffield Tri Club</i>	<i>NMids</i>	<i>W</i>	<i>47</i>	<i>01:13:13</i>	<i>00:59:39</i>	<i>+13:34</i>
39	John Quimby	Coalville Whs	N&EM	M	69	01:13:15	00:59:45	+13:30
40	Alastair Semple	Stafford RC	Mids	M	53	01:08:38	00:55:17	+13:21
41	Andrew Simpkins	Team Echelon	Mids	M	66	01:12:05	00:58:54	+13:11

Pos	Name	Club	Group	Gdr	Age	Std	Actual	Plus
42	Ed Tarelli	Race Hub	N&EM	M	48	01:07:40	00:54:36	+13:04
43	Mark Hamer	Stratford CC	Mids	M	45	01:07:05	00:54:10	+12:55
44	<i>Sue Cheetham</i>	<i>North Lancashire RC</i>	<i>NL&L</i>	<i>W</i>	<i>57</i>	<i>01:15:28</i>	<i>01:02:36</i>	<i>+12:52</i>
45	Alan Cooke	Peak RC	NMids	M	56	01:09:16	00:56:26	+12:50
46=	David Taylor	Ravensthorpe CC	Yorks	M	65	01:11:44	00:58:56	+12:48
46=	Martin Bullen	Peterborough CC	NMids	M	68	01:12:51	01:00:03	+12:48
48	Drew Donaldson	Glasgow United CC	N&EM	M	61	01:10:30	00:57:46	+12:44
49	Stephen l'Anson	Buxton CC	M&NW	M	64	01:11:24	00:58:41	+12:43
50	<i>Denise Burrows</i>	<i>AeroCoach</i>	<i>Mids</i>	<i>W</i>	<i>41</i>	<i>01:11:50</i>	<i>00:59:12</i>	<i>+12:38</i>
51	Cliff Beldon	Selby CC	Yorks	M	73	01:15:12	01:02:45	+12:27
52=	<i>Linda Hubbard</i>	<i>Welland Valley CC</i>	<i>N&EM</i>	<i>W</i>	<i>54</i>	<i>01:14:44</i>	<i>01:02:19</i>	<i>+12:25</i>
52=	<i>Theresa Taylor</i>	<i>Ribble Valley Cycling Team</i>	<i>NL&L</i>	<i>W</i>	<i>60</i>	<i>01:16:17</i>	<i>01:03:52</i>	<i>+12:25</i>
54	Duncan Emery	Twickenham CC	L&HC	M	47	01:07:28	00:55:06	+12:22
55	Trevor Mayne	Birdwell Whs	NMids	M	57	01:09:30	00:57:22	+12:08
56	Daryl May	Sheffrec CC	NMids	M	46	01:07:16	00:55:15	+12:01
57=	Mark Burtonshaw	Team Swift	Yorks	M	62	01:10:47	00:58:51	+11:56
57=	Richard Durham	Settle Whs	Yorks	M	66	01:12:05	01:00:09	+11:56
57=	<i>Mandy Bunn</i>	<i>Datalynx-Parenesis Cycling</i>	<i>EA</i>	<i>W</i>	<i>51</i>	<i>01:14:04</i>	<i>01:02:08</i>	<i>+11:56</i>
60	Matt Stell	Springfield Financial RT	NL&L	M	43	01:06:40	00:54:58	+11:42
61	<i>Emma Bexson</i>	<i>Stratford CC</i>	<i>Mids</i>	<i>W</i>	<i>45</i>	<i>01:12:46</i>	<i>01:01:16</i>	<i>+11:30</i>
62	Gary Rickards	Cheltenham & County CC	West	M	58	01:09:44	00:58:28	+11:16
63	Barrie Whittaker	Lyme Racing Club	M&NW	M	63	01:11:05	01:00:01	+11:04
64	<i>Karen Brooks</i>	<i>Team Sportslab</i>	<i>NMids</i>	<i>W</i>	<i>61</i>	<i>01:16:35</i>	<i>01:05:39</i>	<i>+10:56</i>
65=	Steve Cornish	Mid Shropshire Whs	Mer	M	64	01:11:24	01:00:31	+10:53
65=	Geoff Edgerton	North Shropshire Whs	Mer	M	73	01:15:12	01:04:19	+10:53
67	Chris Shaw	Fenland Clarion CC	EA	M	57	01:09:30	00:59:09	+10:21
68	Warren Mason	VTTA (North)	NL&L	M	55	01:09:03	00:58:56	+10:07
69	Simon Inman	OVB	N&EM	M	47	01:07:28	00:57:29	+09:59
70=	Simon Geraci	Team Swift	Yorks	M	52	01:08:26	00:59:34	+08:52
70=	Michael Wilkinson	North Notts Olympic CC	N&EM	M	61	01:10:30	01:01:38	+08:52
72	Paul Heggie	Birdwell Whs	NMids	M	67	01:12:27	01:03:36	+08:51
73	Martin Lister	Witham Whs	N&EM	M	68	01:12:51	01:04:20	+08:31
74	<i>Michelle Morley</i>	<i>Team Swift</i>	<i>Yorks</i>	<i>W</i>	<i>54</i>	<i>01:14:44</i>	<i>01:06:26</i>	<i>+08:18</i>
75	Ben Hamilton	Rutland CC	NMids	M	74	01:15:46	01:08:07	+07:39
76	Roderick Remedios	Birchfield CC	Mids	M	71	01:14:10	01:08:39	+05:31

DNS(apol) - James Fawcett, Neil Mackley (both ...a3crg), Mike Kirby (Banbury Star Cyclists' Club), Jim Boyle (Born to Bike), Martin Reynolds, Andrew Grant (both Cambridge CC), Jim Moffatt (CC Luton), *Maria Mulleady-Kershaw (Drighlington BC)*, Lindsay Clarke (Fenland Clarion CC), *Jo Buckland*, Steve Bray (both FTP Racing), Daryl Stroud (Gloucester City CC), Gary Hunt (Hartlepool CC), *Claire Davies (Hinckley CRC)*, Nicholas Cousins (Ilkeston CC), Jymmy Trevor (Jem Hadar Racing), Dale Lush (Kingston Phoenix RC), Paul Mapletoff (Kiveton Park CC), Stephen Long (Mapperley CC), Mark White (Mark White Coaching RT), Robert Gower (Mercia CC), Neil Poulton, Steven Madeley (both Ogmere Valley Whs), Tim May, *Michelle Lee* (both PDQ Cycle Coaching), Malcolm Smith (Peterborough CC), Philip Hill, Stuart McCormick (both Pirate Juice CC), Stu Wright (QN Racing), Ed Watson, Chris

Spray (both Ratae RC), Sydney Wilson (Sheffield Phoenix CC), Giles White (Sherwood CC), Greg Plummer, Mark Holton (both Springfield Financial RT), Richard Coleman (Stourbridge Velo), Daniel Barnett (Team Bottrill), David Evans (Team Echelon), Mike Twelves, Richard Oakes (Team Ohten Aveas), Antony Gough (Velo-One Cycling Team), Bryan Long (VTTA (East Anglia)), Garry Shuker (Walsall Roads CC), Steven Hilton (Warrington RC), Andrew Curley (Warwickshire RC)

DNS - Andy Proffitt (Arctic Aircon RT), **Fenella Brown (Beacon Roads CC)**, Colin Lizieri (Cambridge CC), Greg Elliott (Harworth & Dist CC), Antony Brown (Kettering CC), Mathew Stonley (Mapperley CC), Scott Povey (MediaVelo), **Anne Staley**, Anthony Marlow (both Mercia CC), Neal Parkin (Team Bottrill), Robert Barnard (Team Cystic Fibrosis), Ian Wroblewski (Team Lutterworth), Alistair Woodman (Team Swift)

? - Mark Jones (Drag2Zero)

GROUP TEAMS RESULT		
Pos	Group	Agg. Plus
1	Notts & East Midlands (Ron Hallam, Geoff Platts, Ian Guilor)	+58:11
2	North Midlands	+52:30
3	East Anglian	+49:04
4	Midlands	+46:29
5	Yorkshire	+45:55
6	North Lancs & Lakes	+42:06
7	Merseyside	+39:02
8	Manchester & NW	+37:42

CLUB TEAMS RESULT		
Pos	Club	Agg. Plus
1	Lincoln Whs CC (Ian Pike, Dave Mason, Andy Newham - all 3 on trikes)	+50:19
2	Peterborough CC	+43:00
3	Buxton CC	+42:22
4	Team swift	+29:06

FINISH ORDER - 2020 VTTA NATIONAL 15 MILE TANDEM TIME TRIAL CHAMPIONSHIP

Pos	Name	Club	Group	Gdr	Age	Std	Actual	Plus
1	Ian Greenstreet	AeroCoach	L&HC	M	56	1:07:51	47:46	+20:05
	Rachael Elliott	AeroCoach	L&HC	W	42			



AGE 80+ MEMBERS WHO COMPETED IN 2020

(Listed in decreasing age order based on date of birth)

Our over 80s list is always a small and exclusive club, but even more so in 2020 for obvious reasons, with many older members being required to 'shield' by staying at home and indoors. So it's well done to the plucky 18 here who have all managed to squeeze at least one

race into the shortened racing season; in recent years we had about 40 over 80s. Despite the restrictions we seem to have more 90 year olds than ever, although once again there are no women on the list.

Brian James	London & HC	90	Mike Daniels	Kent	85
Ken Stevens	Notts & East Mids	90	Peter Norman	Merseyside	83
Ron Hallam	Notts & East Mids	90	Bryan Hygate	Wessex	83
Norman Harvey	Wessex	87	Brian Lewis	West	82
Les Hayman	Kent	87	Barrington Day	Wessex	82
Alex Munro	Scotland	87	Nev Ashman	Manchester & NW	81
Derek Hodgins	Manchester & NW	86	John Murphy	West	80
Peter Wilson	West	86	David Stockley	Midlands	80
Terry Law	East Anglian	85	Richard Glover	East Anglian	80



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RESULTS OF SEASON LONG COMPETITIONS

Compiled Automatically by the Website

Following agreement at the 2020 AGM, we undertook a project to automate the results of the season long competitions. The project went live in July, shortly after the resumption of time trials, and involved three aspects:

- Providing a secure facility for members to link their personal VTTA and CTT accounts - this was necessary to ensure GDPR compliance when accessing members' data on the CTT site. By the end of the season 1147 members had linked their accounts. As part of this process members could also select which of the three season long competitions they wished to be entered for.
- Implementing a daily transfer from the CTT site to the VTTA site of new results for those VTTA members who have linked their accounts. The VTTA system calculates the plus for each ride and if it is an improvement on the member's previous results for a competition then their results are updated (assuming they have selected to enter the competition). For 2020 we also provided a 'manual' facility to include any results achieved prior to when the project went live.
- Providing comprehensive display, search and download facilities on the website for the Individual, Club and Group Competitions. During the season all potential qualifying rides are shown even if the member has not yet completed all the necessary rides for a competition. This allows members to see how all other members are progressing during the season. At the end of the season only members who have completed the necessary number of qualifying rides are then included in the final tables.

The new facility therefore gives members two major benefits. Firstly they no longer have to complete an end of season claim form and secondly they can see the status of the competitions during the season rather than only at the end when all results are in. The new system also means that Group Recorders no longer have to chase members for information and in many cases it also gives them the information to determine their own group competition results.

The truncated season due to the pandemic created an opportunity from the adversity, with software development completed prior to racing recommencing and then able to be tested with the reduced quantity of live data. In recognition of there being much limited racing opportunities (and none in some areas) the decision was taken not to make any awards for the national season long competitions in 2020, but nevertheless compilation of the results tables produced some interesting outcomes.

In total 131 riders completed 153 competition qualifications. Comparable numbers of qualifications in previous years were 442 (2017), 446 (2018) and 534 (2019). There were 14 women participants.

Participation by group was as follows (2019 in brackets):

East Anglian 26 (19), Kent 1 (7), London & Home Counties 8 (27), Manchester & North West 6 (7), Merseyside 7 (30), Midlands 6 (7), North 4 (7), Nottingham & East Midlands 24 (18), North Lancashire & Lakes 6 (33), North Midlands 8 (36), Surrey/Sussex 11 (8), Scotland 2 (42), South Wales 1 (4), West 2 (34), Wessex 8 (34), Yorkshire 11 (67).

Interestingly a couple of groups have increased participation over 2019, which highlights a less proactive approach in previous years with manual collation of competition results. We can expect a much higher level of participation in 2021, assuming normal activities can resume.

Very few riders succeeded in completing sufficient rides to qualify in more than one of the three competitions, but an exclusive club of four managed to get in all three lists. Well done to Chris Lea (Buxton CC), Lisa Davis (TrainSharp), Mark Smith (Crawley Whs) and Sean Sanders (Drighlington BC).

BEST ALL ROUNDER COMPETITION - MEN

Pos	Name	Club	Group	Age	25 time	50 time	100 time	12 dist	Plus
1	David Shepherd	...a3crg	Wsx	59	0:56:07	1:44:01	3:42:09	293.76	1:15:59
2	Mark Smith	Crawley Whs	S&S	46/7	0:51:53	1:38:51	3:30:51	282.24	1:11:03
3	Andy Proffitt	Arctic Aircon RT	EA	47	0:50:14	1:46:00	3:42:44	293.49	1:09:06
4	Darren Yarwood	Vive le Velo	Yks	46	0:50:02	1:42:59	3:50:31	283.06	1:05:39
5	Chris Lea	Buxton CC	NMids	58	0:55:38	1:49:12	4:05:16	259.99	0:59:38
6	Sean Sanders	Drighlington BC	Yks	50	0:52:06	1:50:32	3:52:15	255.25	0:57:00
7	Ian Peacock	Leek CC	M&NW	68	0:58:56	2:06:58	4:11:11	217.13	0:50:25
8	Jez Willows	Sherwood CC	N&EM	55	0:55:07	1:56:47	4:28:11	235.00	0:42:06
9	Robert Jones	Cardiff 100 Miles RC	Swls	68	1:35:33	2:16:20	4:54:19	215.38	-0:02:03

BEST ALL ROUNDER COMPETITION - WOMEN

Pos	Name	Club	Group	Age	25 time	50 time	100 time	12 dist	Plus
1	Lisa Davis	TrainSharp	S&S	45	1:01:13	1:56:52	4:28:25	236.12	0:49:33
2	Joanna Cebrat	Bury Clarion CC	M&NW	41	1:03:33	2:07:36	4:57:36	236.69	0:30:25

FASTEST ON ACTUAL MPH

Mark Smith (Crawley Whs / Surrey & Sussex Group) is fastest on actual (average) speed with 27.809mph

GROUP TEAMS OF 6 ON PLUS

No group finished 6 riders

CLUB TEAMS OF 3 ON PLUS

No club finished 3 riders

THREE DISTANCE COMPETITION - MEN

Pos	Name	Club	Grp	Age	25 time	50 time	100 time	Plus
1	David Hargreaves	North Lancashire RC	NL&L	73/74	0:56:49	1:52:24	4:03:52	1:01:25
2	Mark Smith	Crawley Whs	S&S	46/47	0:51:53	1:38:51	3:30:51	0:54:55
3	David Shepherd	...a3crg	Wsx	59	0:56:07	1:44:01	3:42:09	0:53:38
4	Andy Proffitt	Arctic Aircon RT	EA	47	0:50:14	1:46:00	3:42:44	0:50:14
5	Darren Yarwood	Vive le Velo	Yks	46	0:50:02	1:42:59	3:50:31	0:49:21
6	Colin Parkinson	South Western RC	N&EM	58	0:54:31	1:52:20	3:53:52	0:47:21
7	Alan Chorley	Seamons CC	M&NW	49	0:53:37	1:50:09	3:37:52	0:47:15
8	Mat Ivings	Buxton CC	NMids	47	0:51:55	1:50:19	3:41:31	0:46:42
9	Andy Critchlow	Norwood Paragon CC	S&S		0:51:22	1:45:26	3:52:22	0:46:20
10	Joseph Costello	Walsall Roads CC	Mids	61	0:55:39	1:56:21	3:56:38	0:46:00
11	Sean Sanders	Drighlington BC	Yks	50	0:52:06	1:50:32	3:52:15	0:45:37
12	Chris Lea	Buxton CC	NMids	58	0:55:38	1:49:12	4:05:16	0:44:57
13	Peter Richards	Icknield RC	L&HC	56	0:55:08	1:50:48	4:00:26	0:44:22
14	Mick Stevens	Melton Olympic CC	N&EM	70	0:58:34	2:06:57	4:13:48	0:43:48
15	Philip Kennell	GS Metro	North	53	0:53:45	1:47:29	4:08:32	0:43:20
16	Ian Peacock	Leek CC	M&NW	68	0:58:56	2:06:58	4:11:11	0:41:18
17	Mark White	Mark White Coaching	N&EM	50	0:54:37	1:55:06	3:51:09	0:41:06
18	Sean Quinn	Law Whs	Scot	47	0:53:05	1:56:45	3:50:07	0:40:10
22	Ed Tarelli	Race Hub	N&EM	48	0:54:36	1:55:25	3:56:25	0:38:23

Pos	Name	Club	Grp	Age	25 time	50 time	100 time	Plus
23	Derek McMillan	St Christopher's CC	Scot	60	0:55:52	1:56:17	4:23:06	0:38:20
19	Jymmy Trevor	Jem Hadar Racing	Yks	48	0:54:34	1:59:08	3:55:37	0:36:45
20	Adam Laycock	VTTA (East Anglia)	EA	53	0:59:37	1:53:15	4:05:47	0:35:16
21	Jez Willows	Sherwood CC	N&EM	55	0:55:07	1:56:47	4:28:11	0:33:45
24	Andrew Simpkins	Team Echelon	Mids	66	0:58:54	2:06:55	4:37:42	0:32:16
25	Matt Stell	Springfield Financ'l RT	NL&L	43	0:54:58	2:02:03	3:55:22	0:31:41
26	Mark Sanders	Mid Devon CC	West	61	0:57:17	2:02:44	4:37:40	0:30:55
27	Martin Gargett	Halifax Imperial Whs	Yks	47	0:58:09	1:57:41	4:07:05	0:30:24
28	Trevor Mayne	Birdwell Whs	NMids	56/57	0:57:22	2:03:54	4:47:01	0:24:27
29	Michael Wilkinson	North Notts Oly. CC	N&EM	60/61	1:01:38	2:17:47	4:28:51	0:20:58
30	David Hilditch	Ribble Valley C&RC	NL&L	67	1:07:58	2:09:37	5:05:10	0:16:11
31	John Forbes	Birkenhead NE CC	Mer	55	1:04:38	2:14:32	4:31:43	0:14:28
32	Richard Collier	Banbury Star CC	L&HC	47	1:04:46	2:02:49	4:37:59	0:13:29
33	Russell Carter	South Pennine RC	N&EM	59	1:09:37	2:25:40	4:59:11	0:00:02

THREE DISTANCE COMPETITION - WOMEN

Pos	Name	Club	Grp	Age	25 time	50 time	100 time	Plus
1	Jackie Field	CC Ashwell	EA	55	0:56:31	1:51:27	3:59:37	1:00:32
2	Lisa Davis	TrainSharp	S&S	45	1:01:13	1:56:52	4:28:25	0:38:47
3	Claire Davies	Hinckley CRC	N&EM	42/3	1:03:22	2:17:16	4:28:34	0:24:24
4	Joanna Cebrat	Bury Clarion CC	M&NW	41	1:03:33	2:07:36	4:57:36	0:20:42

GROUP TEAMS OF 6 ON PLUS

Pos	Group	Name	Club	Plus	Team Plus
1	Nottingham & East Midlands	Colin Parkinson	South Western RC	0:47:21	3:48:47
		Mick Stevens	Melton Olympic CC	0:43:48	
		Mark White	Mark White Coaching RT	0:41:06	
		Ed Tarelli	Race Hub	0:38:23	
		Jez Willows	Sherwood CC	0:33:45	
		Claire Davies	Hinckley CRC	0:24:24	

CLUB TEAMS OF 3 ON PLUS

No club finished 3 riders

IS THIS THE MOST TRAVELLED VET OF THIS SHORTENED SEASON?

With very little racing taking place in Scotland riders from north of the border have been much more abundant on English courses than normal. A frequent visitor has been Sean Quinn (Law Wheelers) from North Lanarkshire who has managed to ride ten post lockdown English time trials, including VTTA championships at 10, 15, 25, 50 and 100 miles, with very respectable times in all, here seen riding the 15 in Shropshire.



SHORT DISTANCE COMPETITION - MEN

Pos	Name	Club	Group	Age	10 time	10 time	25 time	25 time	Plus
1	Keith Ainsworth	Sheffrec CC	NMids	61	20:49	20:57	0:50:20	0:51:45	1:13:15
2	Mark Vowells	CC Bexley	Kent	67	23:41	25:20	1:04:02	1:04:39	1:13:02
3	Andrew Grant	Cambridge CC	EA	67	21:18	21:33	0:54:10	0:54:33	1:11:34
4	Mark Ellis	Team Milton Keynes	EA	56	19:46	21:01	0:51:13	0:51:35	1:10:12
5	Conrad Moss	Primera Teamjobs	West	45	19:21	20:05	0:48:55	0:49:01	1:09:54
6	Ian Pike	Lincoln Whs CC	N&EM	52	22:29	22:58	0:54:11	0:59:27	1:08:50
7	James Fawcett	...a3crg	Wsx	54	19:50	20:26	0:50:37	0:53:34	1:08:27
8	Neville Martin	Velo Culture	North	61	21:04	21:16	0:52:15	0:53:55	1:07:46
9	Neil Mackley	...a3crg	Wsx	57	20:05	21:03	0:51:38	0:54:07	1:07:16
10	Colin Lizieri	Cambridge CC	EA	65	21:39	21:39	0:53:57	0:56:10	1:05:54
11	Nick Dwyer	Lewes Wanderers CC	S&S	57	19:51	21:10	0:53:27	0:54:18	1:05:33
12	Ian Guilor	Mapperley CC	N&EM	53	20:47	21:02	0:50:41	0:51:53	1:05:25
13	Peter Greenwood	Clayton Velo	NL&L	68	21:23	22:04	0:55:26	0:59:51	1:05:03
14	Geoff Platts	Team Bottrill	N&EM	65	21:47	23:05	0:53:46	0:55:02	1:03:35
15	Sean Sanders	Drighlington BC	Yks	50	20:10	20:33	0:52:06	0:53:19	1:02:59
16	Andy Thomas	Lindsey Raods CC	N&EM	51	20:55	21:18	0:51:15	0:51:21	1:02:52
17	Grant Orsborn	Bedfordshire Road CC	EA	60	21:05	21:31	0:54:32	0:54:59	1:02:42
18	Robert Gibbons	Race Rapid	N&EM	47	20:23	20:35	0:51:13	0:52:43	1:01:36
19	Stuart Wells	Lindsey Roads CC	NMids	49	20:52	21:13	0:51:33	0:51:42	1:01:00
20	Alan Chorley	Seamons CC	M&NW	48/49	19:39	19:42	0:53:37	0:56:34	1:00:43
21	Keith Dorling	Team Bottrill	EA	61	21:24	21:40	0:54:37	0:56:57	1:00:32
22	Philip Kennell	GS Metro	North	53	20:38	21:32	0:53:45	0:54:00	0:59:22
23	Sean Vincent	Race Hub	N&EM	50	20:52	21:27	0:52:04	0:53:26	0:58:54
24	Michael Wills	Team Lutterworth Cyc Ctr	N&EM	61	21:52	22:30	0:54:00	0:57:02	0:57:49
25	Colin Parkinson	South Western RC	N&EM	58	21:28	22:06	0:54:31	0:56:03	0:57:19
26	Martin Reynolds	Cambridge CC	EA	57	21:14	21:30	0:54:57	0:57:39	0:56:24
27	Rob Young	Team Vision Racing	EA	46	20:07	21:32	0:51:03	0:55:36	0:56:21
28	Mat Iving	Buxton CC	NMids	47	21:10	21:33	0:51:55	0:52:59	0:56:15
29	Chris Lord	Brighton Excelsior CC	S&S	67	21:09	25:08	0:57:41	0:58:07	0:55:54
30	David Mason	Lincoln Whs CC	N&EM	46	22:53	22:54	0:54:37	0:59:12	0:55:38
31	Mark Smith	Crawley Whs	S&S	46/7	20:43	22:28	0:51:53	0:53:10	0:54:44
32	Roger Sewell	Wisbech Whs	EA	73	24:18	25:02	0:59:53	1:00:08	0:54:43
33	Simon Elkington	St Neots CC	EA	49/50	20:44	20:56	0:55:06	0:56:02	0:54:32
34	Ben Houston	East Grinstead CC	Wsx	43	20:22	21:11	0:52:21	0:54:41	0:53:51
35	Cliff Beldon	Selby CC	Yks	73	24:19	24:30	0:59:26	1:02:45	0:53:21
36	Adrian Blacker	C and N Cycles RT	S&S	56	20:50	22:09	0:57:14	0:57:19	0:52:57
37	Steven Hilton	Warrington RC	M&NW	50	21:06	21:21	0:55:16	0:56:15	0:52:33
38	Phil Guy	North Shropshire Whs	Mer	72	23:39	25:08	1:00:50	1:01:32	0:51:41
39	Matthew Stonley	Mapperley CC	N&EM	47	21:28	21:55	0:53:15	0:55:04	0:51:10
40	Jon Mills-Keeling	Cycle Club Bridgnorth	Mer	47/8	21:15	22:05	0:53:21	0:55:48	0:50:52
41	Nik Allen	Worthing Excelsior CC	S&S	49	20:28	23:00	0:55:00	0:55:13	0:50:35
42	Nicholas Cave	Team Lutterworth Cyc Ctr	N&EM	54/55	22:10	24:16	0:53:03	0:55:32	0:49:02
42	Mark Hamer	Stratford CC	Mids	45	21:57	22:12	0:53:14	0:54:10	0:48:39
44	Colin McDermott	Festival RC	S&S	53	21:26	24:34	0:54:16	0:54:48	0:48:28
45	Chris Lea	Buxton CC	NMids	58	23:07	23:16	0:55:38	0:56:56	0:48:17
46	Sean Quinn	Law Whs	Scot	47	22:08	22:14	0:53:05	0:55:43	0:48:13

Pos	Name	Club	Group	Age	10 time	10 time	25 time	25 time	Plus
47	Andrew Sharman	Team Bottrill	L&HC	49	21:26	21:55	0:55:54	0:57:16	0:48:07
48	Mick Stevens	Melton Olympic CC	N&EM	70	25:52	24:19	0:58:34	1:00:12	0:48:01
49	Robert Gilmour	Hounslow & Dist Whs	L&HC	69	23:43	24:44	0:57:27	1:04:05	0:47:51
50	Steven Burrows	VTTA (Yorkshire)	Yks	61	23:31	23:45	0:56:43	0:58:03	0:46:49
51	Mark Sanders	Mid Devon CC	West	61	22:57	24:24	0:57:17	0:57:25	0:46:41
52	Simon Dighton	Beacon Roads CC	Mids	57	22:29	23:18	0:56:07	0:58:49	0:46:27
53	Peter Tibbitts	Ford CC	EA	68	23:31	24:37	0:59:28	1:03:01	0:46:08
54	Bryan Long	VTTA (East Anglia)	EA	54	21:16	22:30	0:57:09	1:00:36	0:46:08
55	David Taylor	Ravensthorpe CC	Yks	65	24:06	24:09	0:58:56	0:59:14	0:45:46
56	Stephen In'Anson	Buxton CC	M&NW	64	23:53	24:04	0:58:41	0:59:18	0:45:27
57	Ian Wroblewski	Team Lutterworth Cyc Ctr	N&EM	46	22:12	21:44	0:57:09	0:55:17	0:44:52
58	Ed Tarelli	Race Hub	N&EM	48	22:24	23:00	0:54:36	0:56:33	0:44:01
59	Richard Durham	Settle Whs	Yks	66	24:32	24:38	0:59:24	1:00:09	0:43:28
60	Andrew Halliday	Westerley CC	L&HC	48	21:19	23:18	0:56:58	0:57:41	0:42:29
61	Jymmy Trevor	Jem Hadar Racing	Yks	48	23:04	22:26	0:54:34	0:57:49	0:42:22
62	Peter Baker	Lewes Wanderers CC	S&S	62	22:21	23:58	1:00:45	1:02:24	0:41:58
63	Peter Macklam	Yorkshire RC	Yks	77	26:48	27:14	1:03:21	1:07:31	0:41:53
64	Michael Watson	Lowestoft Whs CC	EA	56	22:17	23:51	0:58:08	0:59:41	0:41:48
65	Roger Clarke	Tyneside Vagabonds CC	North	49	22:16	22:57	0:57:05	0:57:44	0:41:36
66	Scott Beard	Shaftesbury CC	EA	47	22:16	22:36	0:56:20	0:58:18	0:41:08
67	Barrie Whittaker	Lyme Racing Club	M&NW	63	23:40	23:56	1:00:01	1:03:58	0:39:07
68	Murray Kirton	A5 Rangers CC	Mids	79	26:00	27:26	1:09:39	1:11:28	0:39:04
69	Drew Donaldson	Glasgow United CC	N&EM	61	24:30	24:39	0:57:46	1:00:21	0:38:46
70	Andy Whitehead	Rockingham CC	NMids	54	22:24	23:34	0:57:41	1:02:07	0:38:35
71	Edward Watson	Rateae RC	N&EM	45	23:06	22:48	0:58:13	0:55:13	0:38:15
72	Michael Dalton	Stockton Whs CC	North	40	21:47	23:28	0:54:46	0:56:14	0:38:03
73	Ian Short	Team Salesengine	EA	47	21:59	22:38	0:59:04	0:59:19	0:38:01
74	David England	Crabwood CC	Wsx	77	25:35	27:26	1:08:25	1:09:06	0:37:46
75	Nick Webber	Hadleigh CC	EA	60	24:11	24:14	0:59:47	1:00:09	0:37:45
76	Paul Dennington	VC Baracchi	EA	56	23:11	23:28	0:57:49	1:03:05	0:37:26
77	Tom Cox	Northover VT	Wsx	66	23:34	26:35	1:01:50	1:01:56	0:36:47
78	Mark Thomas	Bigfoot CC	EA	57	22:30	23:15	1:02:19	1:03:08	0:36:01
79	Geoff Edgerton	North Shropshire Whs	Mer	73	24:55	27:00	1:04:19	1:08:55	0:34:31
80	Bob Quarton	Wolsey RC	EA	66	24:10	25:38	1:01:24	1:06:09	0:33:53
81	Simon Geraci	Team Swift	Yks	52	24:31	23:34	0:58:29	0:59:34	0:33:27
82	Jason Turner	Norwich A B C	EA	49	22:39	23:22	0:56:57	1:05:04	0:32:24
83	James Moss	North Road CC	L&HC	43	23:21	23:57	0:55:10	0:59:52	0:31:28
84	John Swanbury	VC Baracchi	EA	73	26:39	27:11	1:06:24	1:07:36	0:29:30
85	Loz Staples	Velo-One Cycling Team	N&EM	47	23:20	25:15	0:58:16	1:01:35	0:26:38
86	John Iszatt	Team Vision Racing	EA	61	23:50	24:49	1:05:30	1:07:10	0:25:28
87	Paul Heggie	Birdwell Whs	NMids	66/67	26:27	26:28	1:03:36	1:05:46	0:25:23
88	Michael Boyce	...a3crg	Wsx	64	24:09	25:21	1:07:29	1:07:59	0:24:06
89	Adam Bishop	Lea Valley CC	L&HC	46	22:56	24:31	0:59:44	1:04:53	0:23:53
90	John Leach	Rosendale RC	NL&L	75	26:07	27:06	1:12:31	1:13:18	0:23:48
91	Dominic Whitehead	St Ives CC	EA	62	24:57	25:19	1:05:29	1:06:19	0:23:27
92	Jon Fairclough	Woking Cycle Club	S&S	66	25:58	26:11	1:08:02	1:08:35	0:18:56
93	Ian Casson	Birkenhead Victoria CC	Mer	67/68	25:12	25:52	1:10:08	1:11:59	0:18:48
94	Robin Johnson	Brighton Mitre CC	S&S	72	31:46	33:11	1:14:00	1:15:33	-0:15:56

SHORT DISTANCE COMPETITION - WOMEN

Pos	Name	Club	Group	Age	10 time	10 time	25 time	25 time	Plus
1	Angela Carpenter	...a3crg	Wsx	51	20:46	22:29	0:54:58	0:57:09	1:13:49
2	Claire Emons	Newbury RC	L&HC	51/2	21:36	23:22	0:55:52	1:00:12	1:06:01
3	Sue Cheetham	North Lancashire RC	NL&L	57	23:44	24:56	1:00:02	1:02:36	0:55:14
4	Deborah Hutson-Lumb	Nova Raiders CC	Mer	55	23:57	24:04	1:01:15	1:03:38	0:52:41
5	Lisa Davis	TrainSharp	S&S	45/6	22:32	22:58	1:01:13	1:02:23	0:51:55
6	Denise Burrows	AeroCoach	Mids	41	23:39	23:39	0:58:04	0:59:12	0:49:50
7	Jo Corbett	Sherwood CC	N&EM	64/5	26:13	26:16	1:02:56	1:04:46	0:49:36
	Sandra Burrows	VTTA (Yorkshire)	Yks	54	27:01	25:49	1:03:49	1:06:34	0:34:00
8	Jennie Page	Southend Whs	EA	41	23:32	24:33	1:06:27	1:07:41	0:31:00
10	Helen Tudor	Oswestry Paragon CC	Mer	51	27:30	28:28	1:13:16	1:15:52	0:05:01
11	Ala Whitehead	Rockingham CC	NMids	46	30:17	32:26	1:15:52	1:23:22	-0:26:07

GROUP TEAMS OF 6 ON PLUS

Pos	Group	Names	Team Plus
1	East Anglian	Andrew Grant, Mark Ellis, Colin Lizieri, Grant Orsborn, Keith Dorling, Martin Reynolds	6:27:18
2	Nottingham & East Midlands	Ian Pike, Ian Guilor, Geoff Platts, Andy Thomas, Robert Gibbons, Sean Vincent,,	6:21:12
3	Wessex	Angela Carpenter, James Fawcett, Neil Mackley, Ben Houston, David England, Tom Cox	5:39:16
4	Surrey/Sussex	Nick Dwyer, Chris Lord, Mark Smith, Adrian Blacker, Lisa Davis, Nik Allen	5:31:38
5	North Midlands	Keith Ainsworth, Stuart Wells, Mat Ivings, Chris Lea, Andy Whitehead, Paul Heggie	5:02:45
6	Yorkshire	Sean Sanders, Cliff Beldon, Steven Burrows, David Taylor, Richard Durham, Peter Macklam	4:53:16
7	London & Home Counties	Claire Emons, Andrew Sharman, Robert Gilmour, Andrew Halliday, James Moss, Adam Bishop	4:19:49
8	Merseyside	Deborah Hutson-Lumb, Phil Guy, Jonathan Mills-Keeling, Geoff Edgerton, Ian Casson, Helen Tudor	3:33:34

CLUB TEAMS OF 3 ON PLUS

Pos	Club	Name	Team Plus
1	...a3crg	Angela Carpenter, James Fawcett, Neil Mackley	3:30:52
2	Cambridge CC	Andrew Grant, Colin Lizieri, Martin Reynolds	3:13:52
3	Team Bottrill	Geoff Platts, Keith Dorling, Andrew Sharman	2:52:14
4	Team Lutterworth Cycle Centre	Michael Wills, Nicholas Cave, Ian Wroblewski	2:31:43
5	Buxton CC/Sett Valley Cycles	Mat Ivings, Chris Lea, Stephen I'Anson	2:29:59



OBITUARIES



KEITH TATTERSALL - LANCASHIRE ROAD CLUB A Cycling Life

Keith was born in 1932 in Bolton; he excelled at school where he passed his scholarship and went to Grammar school. He became an accountant and worked in the motor trade most of his life, where he was the Company Secretary for a large group during this time.

He started cycling with the Lancashire Road Club in 1954 then began racing in 1955. In his first year he won the novice competition, doing a 1:01:38 for a 25 and a 2:08:59 for 50 miles, both very good times in those days. He improved, and beat the hour in 1957 with 59:44 and went on to record 2:02:50 which was the club record for 50 miles and stood for four years.

He married and had 2 daughters Jane and Rachel, and therefore cycling took a back seat whilst the girls were growing, but he kept in touch with all his friends in the club and started cycling again in the late seventies.

Keith joined the vets and soon began to make his mark. In the following years he won many awards and was a leading member of two of the successful North

Lancs and Lakes group teams that won the National 3 Distance Competition group team three times, and his own Lancashire Road Club that not only won the National team in 2006, but also won the North Lancs group team championship for a record 16 times.

Keith loved social events and was much in demand as an after dinner speaker; he welcomed the visitors on many occasions at both his own club and the group dinners and lunches. But it wasn't just his oratory that people admired, as his moves on the dance floor were something to behold!

About 1990 Keith and Ruth Smith became a couple and that lasted for around 30 years although they lived 30 miles apart.

His greatest contribution to cycling and to the VTTA was his meticulous work as the North Lancs Group Recorder for 20 years between 1987 and 2007, where he brought his professional skills as an accountant and joined them to his love of time trialling to make a perfect match.

Frank Kerry



JOHN BETHELL - MACCLESFIELD WHEELERS 1933 - 2020

The term "traditional clubman" doesn't begin to do justice to John Bethell who passed away on 17 March.

John joined the Macclesfield Wheelers as a junior in September 1949 and filled many roles in the club over the years, including president and general secretary, as well as being the editor of 'Fools Nook' (the old club magazine) and press reporter; there are few positions in the club that

John didn't occupy at one time or another. His wife, Brenda, his sons (Stephen, Mark and Paul) and his grandchildren, and great grandchildren, have all been or were expected to be members of the club as well - the Bethell Dynasty. It was in recognition of his contributions that the club made him a Life Member many years ago.

John was an unlikely recruit to cycling, having suffered from polio as a child and chronic asthma in his teenage years, but proved to be a gifted athlete in all disciplines. Among his many achievements, he was the club Best All Rounder four times (1969, 1971, 1972, 1974) and held the club 'Shrewsbury and Back' record in 1958 and 1973.

His commitment to the Club extended way beyond racing, and he also held the award for club runs attendance in 1970, 1971 and 1972. He was tireless in his promotion of the sport and encouraging others; many of us remember his advice and encouragement on club runs. In a press interview he recalled the time that he begged a set of track bikes for the club's schoolboys to use, and then drove them to track league meetings in an old van which he also used to take them to circuit races and cyclo-crosses

He was a prominent cycling organiser and administrator who promoted his first time trial in 1953 and his first road race in 1955. He was the Manchester section registrar for the old BLRC, a BCF road race commissaire, a British Cycle Cross Association senior commissaire and a member of the LVRC Executive Committee. He was a key figure in the development and success of The League International (TLI) and also part of the team who managed the change to the organisation we now call TLI Cycling. He occupied senior roles in both organisations for many years. John let organisers get on with running events but was always there to advise or offer suggestions on how things could be improved. He loved cycle racing, and wanted it kept simple and hard fought.



John travelled great distances to compete in time trials, road races, and 'cross, as well as in track meetings, and he inspired new club members to accompany him to many of them. Beating the hour for 25 miles often took him to Catterick, and the North Road '24' had to be

ridden to beat 400-miles!

Aside from cycling, in latter years John spent many hours painting in oils and acrylics; his pictures attracted lots of admirers!

He made an outstanding contribution to the Wheelers and to cycle sport in general. He will be greatly missed by all who knew him.

The club extends its deepest sympathies and condolences to all his family at this sad time.

Mike Roberts

PATRICK ROBERT JOHNSON - HEMEL HEMPSTEAD CC

21st February 1936 - 11th September 2020

Patrick, always known as "Pat", was born in Stanmore. After the war the family settled in St Albans. Pat began his cycling career by joining the Hemel Hempstead Cycling Club in 1953. In 1960 he became the club Time Trial Champion and repeated this achievement on ten more occasions. He met Joan, who was also a member of the club and a multiple club champion and record holder, and they were married in 1961. After a short spell living in St Albans they moved to Hemel Hempstead and into a house almost opposite where my parents lived.

The funeral was held at St Barnabas Church, Adeyfield on Thursday 24th September and was attended by a small group of family, friends and neighbours. Pat had been ill since around Easter with various problems that required several spells of hospitalization. The service was followed by committal at Chesham Bois Burial Ground. Pat is survived by his wife Joan and his brother Terry.

Pat joined the VTTA and competed in time trials for some years and after deciding to stop riding

competitively would still turn up at events with Joan to help. On reaching the age of 80 he was awarded Honorary Life Membership of VTTA London & Home Counties Group.

Pat and Joan were great travellers often going on cycling or walking holidays. As well as visiting well-known areas they had an in-depth knowledge of many off the beaten track places. Pat was an environmentalist long before it was fashionable. He had a car for some time but probably never drove it for more than 1000 miles in any one year. In later years Pat developed hearing problems and to talk with him while riding required careful positioning as you had to be about half a length behind him to hold a conversation. I would often meet up with Pat and Joan somewhere between home and Wingrave, using roads that have always been popular with local cyclists. Pat was one of the first "hard men" that I met when I started riding and was a true follower of the old school of simply loving riding a bike.

Bernard Lamb

JAMES 'JIMMY' MULHOLLAND - LAW WHEELERS

26th June 1935 - 10th May 2020

Honorary life member, Jimmy, loved his cycling for over 70 years. He cycled for his station when doing his National Service, took part in the Scottish Milk Race and was a very active member within the cycling community. From an early age he loved nothing more than going for a club run and brewing up by the roadside come rain or shine.

Jimmy had a few cycling related accidents through the years, the worst being when he suffered a broken neck in 1974. However, even that didn't stop him and he was soon back on his bike, competing and actively involved in club life. He also suffered a heart attack while attending a training camp in Spain in 2004 and thanks to those who were there with him and the excellent

treatment received he was back in the saddle again before too long.

He always encouraged the younger club members and helped them any way he could, his enthusiasm for cycling never waned. He was also a Commissaire and was happy to be able to do this for many years and support the cycling community.

He was very fortunate in that when he was made redundant he was able to have his own cycle shop, Pedal Power, and he then spent the remainder of his working life doing what he loved best, talking about cycling and tinkering with bikes.

Jimmy died peacefully at home and is survived by his wife of almost 60 years and three daughters.

CHRISTINE PATRICIA ASHWORTH - ABBOTSFORD PARK RC

31st October 1935 - 18th July 2020

Manchester & North West group Honorary Life Member Christine Ashworth, sadly passed away on 18th July in a care home in Leeds, where she had lived happily and contentedly for two years. Although Christine had been suffering with dementia, amid this Covid-19 pandemic she developed a heart condition, and in her 85th year she suffered a cardiac arrest.

Christine was born into a Manchester cycling family, the middle daughter of Christopher and Edith Hargreaves. Her elder sister Joan married Bob Grainger of the Cheshire Roads Club, while her younger sister Jean, now lives in Austria. Their parents were successful in their hopes that their girls would derive as much enjoyment from cycling as they had done.

Christine joined the Abbotsford Park Road Club in 1950 at the age of fifteen and went on to compete in time trials at all distances up to 12 hours. She married her Abbotsford Park club-mate, John Sherwin, and had three sons; David, Christopher and Alan; sadly the marriage ended in divorce.

Some years later Christine met Albert Ashworth, a printer who had no connection with cycling; they married in 1983 and moved to Macclesfield. Due to Christine's enthusiasm for cycling, Albert then became actively involved, even accompanying her on European cycle touring holidays. The couple spent some very happy years together until Albert passed away aged 84, in March 2016.

Christine joined the Manchester & North West group of the VTTA in November 1975, soon after reaching the qualifying age, and was an active member for many years, marshalling and helping with our local events. She became an Honorary Life Member on reaching her 80th birthday.

She always kept herself busy, putting a lot back into the sport and pastime of cycling from which she had taken so much pleasure. She was a

stalwart of the Manchester & District Ladies Cycling Association, serving as a committee member, becoming a Life Member and was also honoured by being elected as their President from 1973-75.

Christine toured France Italy and Spain by bike with her great friend Hilda Fox and other members of the Manchester & District Ladies Cycling Association. In 1995, at the age of 60, again accompanied by Hilda Fox, Christine rode from Lands End to John O' Groats. However, while Christine took on the job of making all the arrangements for their overnight stops, it seems that the 74 year-old Hilda merely enjoyed putting the miles in.

Whilst in the care home where Christine had become a resident to be close to Albert's daughter Ruth, Christine enjoyed several trips out to watch the Tour de Yorkshire when it passed nearby. She also enjoyed regular visits from Hilda Fox.

The funeral was held at Lawnswood Crematorium, Leeds on 11th August. Sadly, due to the current pandemic only 25 mourners were able to attend; these included Albert's daughter, Ruth,

her sister Jane and brother, Richard. Also present were Joan Grainger's daughter Pauline, plus Hilda Fox's daughter, Chris Dugdale, who was not only named after Christine, but happy to be her God-daughter.

There's little doubt that as Christine was held in such great love and affection, in different circumstances many more of her old friends would have been there to pay their last respects.

If anyone would like to make a donation in Christine's memory, it would be fitting to contribute to Francis House Children's Hospice, of Didsbury, Manchester, as Christine regularly supported this worthy cause. R.I.P. Christine

By Ken Workman



JOHN KEITH - MIDDLETON CYCLING CLUB

24th July 1932 - 22nd May 2020

John was born in Banff (Aberdeenshire) into a farming family; he spent much of his childhood on various farm estates, helping out with the chores, cycling and exploring the Perthshire countryside. In his youth he joined the Auchterarder CC, then as his cycling progressed he moved to Perth United CC. This was the beginning of a long and successful cycling career and John became well known on the Scottish cycling scene.

At the age of 14 John left school and embarked on an agricultural engineering apprenticeship, then at 18 he joined the RAF to complete his National Service as an aircraft engineer. Whilst in the RAF he competed for RAF Swinderyby cycling team and his cycling took to a new level - his potential was quickly realised and he would be flown to various races across the country, gaining many creditable results.

At the Isle of Man Cycling Week in 1952 John met his future wife Jean when fair young girls from Manchester's Middleton CC were introduced to the Perth United boys. The seeds were sown for a long and happy relationship between John and Jean.

On leaving the RAF in 1954 John went to live in Middleton to be nearer to his by now future wife Jean. He joined Middleton CC and there was much speculation amongst the members that a "58 man" was joining the club. Putting roots down in the area he gained employment at Vincent Mannion Engineering in Oldham, where he spent the rest of his working life, cycling to work every day in all weathers.

John married Jean in 1957 and became a devoted husband to her and then a father to Ian and Susan. When his second child was born in 1962 he took a break from competitive cycling to bring up his family. In 1977 and at the age of 45 John returned to competitive cycling, probably having missed his

best racing years. He joined VTTA Manchester and North West group in 1979 and was ultimately awarded Honorary Life Membership.

He became Middleton CC Club Champion nine times between 1956 and 1995. However he was not a trophy hunter, he chose to ride some of the most difficult courses in the country, preferring hill time trials and gruelling courses. As a vet John regularly rode the classic Nelson Wheelers Circuit of the Dales, winning the first vet award on twelve occasions. All the northern 'hillies' featured on his calendar and although he was modest about his achievements he recalled his best performance as winning the Adorior RC Circuit of Kinder mountain trial over 38 miles of tough Peak District roads in 1959.



In 2004 John and Jean moved to Poulton-le-Fylde for a more peaceful life; he continued to be involved with racing for several more years. In these later years John and Jean could be seen tandeming round the Lancashire by-ways and marshalling many of the local races. They were both well loved and respected in the cycling world. John was a "character of the cycling community", a vital, vibrant individual

and a true gentleman.

John continued to ride his home trainer until just a few days before his death, still displaying the grit and determination which he had shown in his many races from 1950 to 1961 and then 1978 to 2000. Cycling was John's life; he said "I've enjoyed it all and met some great people, gained lifelong friends from Inverness and Aberdeen to Penzance in Cornwall. I've had a life well lived."

John will be sadly missed by wife Jean, children Ian and Susan, son-in-law Andy and grandchildren Tom, Lizzie, Sam and Meg. He was a truly inspirational person.

Susan Keith (daughter)

LLEWELYN RANSON - CHELMER CYCLING CLUB 28TH November 1917 - 13th February 2020

It was fortunate that the gathering to remember and celebrate Llewelyn Ranson's long life was held just before lockdown. It was back in March, in the Rose Barn at the golf club at Woodham Walter, Maldon, but numbers were limited to 100 due to the size of the venue. Llewelyn had been responsible for overseeing much of the restoration work of this handsome structure and its conversion into an events venue.

Llewelyn's achievements in the motor cycling world were well recorded, but it was a surprise to learn that he had owned and competed in a racing car at all the top meetings and had also done years of rally driving throughout Europe. Some of his co-drivers were present and gave hair raising accounts of their

adventures. All of this, of course, during the post-war period when Llewelyn became disenchanted with cycling. The pity of it was that there was no mention of cycling, clubs or even bicycles, nor was there even a single cycling related photo on display.

That was until I had the opportunity to speak and to inform the assembled company of the cycling bodies which Llewelyn had supported in various ways over the years: most notably

Chelmer Cycling Club, of which he played an active role as Vice President, after his mother had been President in the club's early years. Always a kind and generous man, he gave the club a beautiful silver rosebowl - the 'Florence Ranson Trophy' - in memory of his mother and he was delighted to present it each year to the winner of the ladies 25.

I have memories of him trundling his trusty trike round the leafy lanes of Essex, an imposing figure on his 25" Higgins Ultralite painted British racing green to match his cars, and stopping for a chat. Never one to do things by halves he purchased a completely new bike from Rory O'Brien and at age 73 then set club age records for the 70-80 age group of 29:27 and 1:17:42 on the Rodings course.

This genial giant, strong in wind, limb and willpower, who was never heard to utter an ill word about anyone, finally passed the finish timekeeper at the chequered flag last February, shortly after his 102nd birthday. A good man, a good life, well spent.

*Mary Horsnell
Chelmer CC*



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