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30 Mile Championship

THE PRESIDENT'S PIECE

Carol Gandy

Sadly both my husband and I have had little opportunity so far to ride our bikes as John, my husband sustained an unfortunate shoulder injury back in March. Since that time he has had three hospital admittances and numerous outpatient appointments which are set to continue for another three months. Hopefully the second part of the year will improve and we may yet enjoy riding our bikes down the picturesque lanes of Kent before the summer disappears.



It is great to see that excellent time trialling times have been set throughout the country despite the high amount of inclement weather that we have all had to endure, with June recording the highest amount of rainfall since records began.

Two VTTA national events have already happened and by the time this magazine is published, the 12 hour championship in South Wales will have taken place. This is one event I never had the inclination to ride, but I certainly admire all those who have ridden one and for all those who come back each year to continue to compete in this test of endurance.

Many of us are advancing in years and it is sad that little by little our friends and colleagues who we have enjoyed riding with have passed away which has certainly been the case in Kent over the last year.

The VTTA is a great organisation so to ensure that the VTTA continues to flourish it is important that the 40+ age group are encouraged to join the Association to ensure that we are still around for generations to come. Can I ask you to persuade any friends or club mates who are not members of the advantages of belonging to this great organisation?

Good luck to everyone who is racing this year and may you all achieve your goals and happy riding to all of you who enjoy riding the lanes in good company.

SOME WORDS FROM THE SECRETARY

Rachael Elliott



As we approach Midsummer's Day, it is difficult to believe that we're already nearing the end of the first part of the season. After a chillier than normal start – which seemed to continue all the way to the middle of May – we have since been blessed with a number of days which have given us near to perfect time trialling conditions. Whilst Alex Dowsett was able to make the most of the conditions to knock chunks out of the national 25 mile competition record, we are sure that we will get a happy influx of age record claims this year.

Unfortunately, the recent 10 mile championship was one of those held on one of the more 'polar' days. With rain and gale force winds forecast for the week, the reality of light drizzle and a Beaufort scale 7 south-westerly was a welcome surprise. The conditions did little to turn people off riding, and we had near to 120 riders competing on the day. Russell Gent and his team of helpers from the Nottingham and East Midlands group helped make the event a huge success and I was, once again,

astounded by the quality of riding. I had thought we might get an over-all female champion when 50-year old Bronwen Ewing's 22:28 earned her a plus of +6:25. However, it was once again 85-year old Ron Hallam who didn't disappoint: his 27:06 gave him a plus of +6:41 to win the championship (a stunning performance on such a windy day).

The 30 mile championship was run with similar success thanks to the superb organisation by Tom Morton and the Kent Group. Whilst we did have beautiful sunny weather, conditions were a little chilly – but it wasn't enough to stop the old course record being broken by no fewer than four riders. Andy Jackson's 1:02:36 was a superfast time for the course, but it was only good enough for second place on standard to 54-year old Kevin Tye's +18:59.

As I get into the twilight years of my 'seniority' with only two years left before I can take part in the Championships myself, I look at results such as Bronwen's in the recent championships with great interest. I really do believe that the women's standards are correct and allow women to compete fairly with the men. We're obviously never going to be able to find a fair standard which suits all ages, and all sexes on all courses, but you only have to look at the recent national 10 championship results to show the mix of riders in the top five: two men in their forties, a woman aged 73, a 73 year and an 85 year old man. I am confident we will see a similar mix in the upcoming 25 and 50 mile championships.

Hopefully, the next two championships will have similar conditions to some of those 'magic days' we saw in June and give the time for more age records – and even lifetime personal bests – to tumble. I wish you all the best of luck in your endeavours for the rest of the season.

MEMBERSHIP SECRETARY

Merv PLayer

Over the past three months, applications from new members have been steady with the following figures:

	New Members	Members Deleted	Deceased
March	55	19	1
April	72	106	6
May	46	169	4
Totals	173	294	11



The above deletions include lapsed members totalling 247 advised by 12 Groups, 4 Groups have yet to advise me of their figures.

Total membership now stands at 2738, with 2499 'single' members and 239 'partners'.

Of the three members identified as becoming 100 this year sadly two, Tom Riddick and Roy Parsonage, have died.

The remaining Centenarian in 2016, Stan Chadwick of Yorkshire Group had a presentation and 'photo' shoot on the 13th April 2016 and also attended the Finish of the Tour of Yorkshire as a guest.

During the year, so far, eight new Honorary Life Members have been presented with Certificates for reaching 80 years of age and being in the Association for at least 25 years.

EDITOR

It has been a tumultuous few days as this edition is finally completed and sent to Quorum Print. Events of such magnitude that much else of one's leisure loses some of its importance. A few days ago I had a most unexpected break from sombre contemplation when becoming part of the London West GHS event. Just 18 youngsters reminding me of a time when just 'racing', riding the bike over a set distance in competition with one's self was cause for excitement and joy. There was no sign of power meters or £200 skin suits and shoes with special laces providing a few more watts output. Numbers were pinned sideways or at an angle and the supporters outnumbered the competitors. Most noticeable of all was the difference in the ambience after it was over; not easy to describe, just joyous.

Amongst the many factors which influenced the result of the referendum was apparently xenophobia. Perhaps it may seem far fetched to suggest that something similar exists in our comparatively tiny world of the VTTA.

Of course we have our loyalties but is it right that members of a 'Club' (in our case the VTTA), promoting a VTTA event, can adopt a propensity to segregation by rejection of its members who, by all other respects qualify but do not fit in with their 'preference' for those registered 'locally'. Isn't the logical outcome from this that riders may only take part in events which conform with their registered geographical membership?

Fortunately the tendency is limited but it could spread; perhaps those suffering such discrimination should take action.

Group News

East Anglian Group

Mary Horsnell

At the time of writing, everyone seems to have just returned from, or just about to travel to, Majorca. Not so Llewelyn Ranson, who, with a birthday in November and a birth date of 1917, must be the Group's oldest member. He was flying north to Aberdeen to meet other family members, en route for the Isle of Man to visit scenes of former glory, i.e. when he used to ride in the TT Races, Surprisingly, though a pre-war cyclist with the old Chelmsford CC, he was not a founder-member of the Chelmer CC, being very much into motor-bikes at that time, 1947. It was left to his late brother Michael to attend the inaugural meeting, when their club was amalgamated with the old Essex CC. It was he who proposed that the name should be Chelmer. Llewelyn's son-in-law is a farmer up near Peterhead and it's not so very long ago that he was driving up there non-stop! At last his daughter confiscated his car and put a stop to that!

Eddie Fone has topped many a prize list and has appeared at numerous prize tables over his long and illustrious career, dating back to his days with Digger Downs and the Marlboro' lads at Paddington Track, then on to the Middlesex RC with Arch Harding in his prime. He was a tool-maker by trade and it was a job opportunity that brought him to Norwich and the NABC, since when he has continued to set some remarkable records for the EA Group. After a spell of indifferent health, he is uncertain about the future but may be tempted to try to face the starter again after his 69th birthday?

Ernie Taylor has had additional health problems, causing a month in hospital, plus re-hab, but it is now sorted and he is back home again and comfortable. He has not been 100% for some years, following a fall at work, but will be remembered as club champion in all his three clubs in past years.

An old result sheet recently came to light for the Eastern Counties CA results for 1962 and here appears the name of Mick Pepper, Upton Manor CC, as BAR winner and leading the winning team with M Burrow and S Howell. His wife Pat, Roamer CC, won the Ladies BAR from up-and-coming Lorna Partington (Hanlon), Valkyries CC; this was before their move to Essex/Suffolk. The Roamer Ladies were famous, but on this occasion had to give way to Lorna's team. Moving to the Handicap Trophy, the name of one Peter Horsnell tops the list – need I say more! There is another side to Mick Pepper not so well known. He has kept a record of his mileage since 1960 and in the year 2000 discovered that he would qualify for the 200,000 Miles Club = 10 times around the World, and became a member with 390,733 miles. Finally, after a broken leg and other setbacks, he reached his target of half million miles and this was reported in the December issue of Winged Wheel, the CTC magazine, for Suffolk. Mick lives up to his motto 'keep pedalling'!

A wonderful holiday in Italy, near the Dolomites, is reported by Ron Back. Over 400 members of West Suffolk Wheelers shunned the flat area and headed for the mountains each day. Ron was particularly pleased to climb the mountain that was Pantani's favourite training ground, on the big ring, much to the astonishment of his younger companions. Their area had over 400 members following amalgamation with the Tri-Club, so Ron used the opportunity to make new friends. After years of promoting, he has handed over the hilly event, but is doubtful about the VTTA 10, due to proposed extensive road-works in the start/finish area. Hopefully, another course may be available.

Ron's organisation this year was, as always, impeccable, backed by the usual strong team of very reliable helpers, not least of whom is Joyce Finch, still making her rock-cakes; thank you all. Winner of both scratch and standard was one-time Andy Grant of Chelmer CC, now a respected

teacher in Cambridge; he rides for that club and is known as Andrew. He had no team backing, so the medals went to Breckland, with Chris Nudds figuring here although, unusually, just pushed out of the individual awards. Verity Smith, who is making a name for herself in Suffolk, was 10th and best lady, with Karen Eaton, 2nd. The latter could do so much better if her time trials were not interspersed with night time events in Thetford Forest and the Three Peaks walk (11½ hours). However, now well recovered from her skiing accident, she recently achieved a personal best 25.

While, still in the Ipswich area, is Marie Pickess, widow of Jack, a notable grass track rider in the days when grass track meetings were held somewhere throughout the summer. Marie has been a member of the Ipswich BC for 68 years and is Vice-President. She is kept in touch by a near neighbour Angus Jardine and is most grateful to him. As Marie Durrant, she was a well known rider in her own right and certainly took part in the Essex and Suffolk Combine's first Women's 10, which started at Frating, opposite a disused and overgrown sandpit, an area which has since achieved world-wide fame as Beth Chatto's gardens.

It was interesting to read in the December Veteran up-to-date news of the Buckshee Wheelers. How proud was our Group's founder Herbie Neville when he was elected Pasha; he wore the famous fez to the annual lunch, then at Hadleigh. Another name synonymous with that famous club is that of Bob Haworth, who won the Bully Beef Trophy seven times. A handsome punchbowl and cup are competed for each year between the two clubs of which he was a member, and the VTTA trophy is awarded for the Group 100.

Dick Swann, of the Poly, was a colourful character, well known at Paddington and other tracks, and the creator of WUNLAP. He also wrote other books. Later in life, he went to America and took Holy Orders, becoming Reverend Dr Richard Swann.

There were others, of course, but the ranks are thinned and only memories remain, not always too reliable...

There is never a column without some sad news.

Much sympathy is felt for Merv Player and their family following the loss of Pat, his wife for over 60 years, after a prolonged and debilitating illness. Both made their career in Local Government, where they met when she made Merv a cup of tea! Many of their former colleagues attended the Service of Thanksgiving and the cycling world was well represented. Pat was a charming and attractive lady, a top rider in her day, their team challenging the Morley girls, but Pat gave up her racing career to start a family, though always maintained her interest through her husband's successes.

Here is a list of members joining in 2016, which shows a good mix of ages:

Andrew Stuart	40	
Mark Ellis	51	Trans from London
Kevin Gill	68	Rejoined
Daniel Pheasant	42	Rejoined
Dafydd Houston	43	
John Mitcalf	41	
Clive Wellings	46	
Jon Traynor	51	
Gary Matthews	54	Rejoined
Philip Watkins	53	
Anna Muir	42	
Andre Dyason	55	Rejoined
Richard Carrington	40	
Dave Warne	60	Trans from Kent
Sean Hickey	44	
Tricia Goulden	52	Rejoined
Daniel Babbs	40	
Pam Missenden	58	
Geoff Reynolds	50	Trans from London
Jan Smith	49	
Nick White	43	Rejoined
Iain Boardman	42	
Andy Yeoman	45	
Simon Carr	49	Rejoined
Giles Askham	49	

A special welcome to Chelmer's Dan Babbs, who was showing such promise before a fall out of his loft caused horrendous injuries, putting him out of action for such a long time – now for a fresh start.

Yes, there is a detour around memory lane again, but see you up the road – or in some village hall!



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Kent

Ian Turner

The Group's events kicked off on 5 March with the open 10 on the Q10/22 course from Harrietsham to Charing and back. This event, for the Mick Dansie Trophy organised with the normal friendly efficiency by Val Peachey, was won by Keith Lea of Paceline RT with a time of 21.50, +4.37, which given the cold but dry conditions - until the finish at least - was excellent. Simon Henderson (Thanet RC +3.53), Ian Hodge (Southborough & District Wheelers: +3.00), Dave Stocker (Abelio SFA +2.53) and Richard Williams (Bigfoot CC: +2.07) filled the other medal slots. The team prize was taken by PMR Toachim House (Tom Morton and Chris Bax) with +3.40. First on scratch was Keith Lea (as above) and first Lady on scratch was Julia Hawksworth (Southborough & District Wheelers) with 30.09.

The Group's second open event of the season was the National Championship 30 held on Q30/2 on 17th April. In addition to the National awards of Gold Medal, Champion's Jersey and Cap and the Fred Thorpe Trophy, Kent's own 30 mile Championship and the Charles Robson Cup were at stake. The weather was good for the time of year, and first place went to our own Man of Kent (or Kentish Man - not sure which) Kevin Tye with 1.04.08 (+18.59). The next two places were taken by Yorkshire vets: Andy Jackson in second with 1.02.36 (+17.01), and Brian Sunter in third with 1.13.59 (+16.49). It was then back to Kent again for 4th and 5th with Bronwen Ewing (1.12.36, +16.04) and Julia Hawksworth (1.18.12, +11.00) respectively. Finally, in 6th place, Alison Vessey from West Group with 1.26.26 and +5.44. Kent Group took the Team prize with Kevin Tye, Bronwen Ewing and Simon Henderson at a plus of 48.35.

The Group's Wednesday 10 series continues to be arranged by Duncan Leith on the first Wednesday of each month. After three events, the leader board has Chris Bax at its head with +10.35 (two rides), followed by Mike Daniels (+9.30 - three rides), Alec Mayes (+8.05 - three rides) and Tom Morton (+4.56 - one ride) holding the next three positions. Fourteen riders have competed so far. We learnt with great sadness of the passing of

Roger Burchett on 23 April. Roger was an active tricyclist, being a keen member of the Tricycle Association. He was also a member of CTC and took part in Audax rides. Roger has been an active member of the Kent Group over many years, helping to organise the Reliability Ride each February and, as a member of the Committee, contributing significantly to the Group's business and activities. Space in a general report in the Veteran is not enough to do Roger justice, and it is hoped that a full obituary will be sent and hopefully published in the Veteran as well as the Kent Vets News.

This reporter's own season started - and ended - with a bang on 13 March when I came off on a downhill bend in our club's two-up TTT. I sustained a fractured acetabulum (the socket in the pelvis that accommodates the ball at the top of the femur) and a fractured collar bone - the latter a right of passage for all serious cyclists it seems. I'm three months into my recovery now and can walk, swim and use the turbo trainer very gently, but not ride on the road for another four weeks - Doctor's and Physiotherapist's strict orders. Hope to be racing again next year. Patience is a virtue! Safe training and racing out there.

London

Peter Tasker

Well nearly five months have gone of 2016 and as the season gets under way some of our members are getting some results. However, it is getting more difficult to track names of members, so if you are missed off, sorry, hope to pick some of you up on the next issue.

The Group had to cancel the first event, a 10 on the 2nd May on the F11/10, due to expected bad weather to arrive about the time the event was due to start. Give organiser Geoff Perry credit, he, with some help from Richard Moule, phoned or texted most of the riders to let them know it had been cancelled on the morning. As it turned out the bad weather did not arrive until about the time the last rider would have been finishing, but there was a strong wind on this exposed course so the guess is that Geoff made the correct decision, as rider

safety is most important.

Moving on to try and see what our group riders have been doing in those early season events starting with the Icknield RC 'Sporting' event on 3rd April which is normally about 19 miles but due to road works had to be changed twice and ended up with about 14.5miles, although on the day the roads works had been completed.

Tim Davies 32.47, John Lacey 34.04, Grant Orsborn 35.12, Alan Crane 35.14, Richard Moule 37.01, Katja Rietdorf (L)39.41, Clive Faine 41.05 and Colin Holmes 43.39.

A week later in the Lee Valley 25, which looks as though the weather was good by the times recorded, we had Grant Orsborn 53.57, John Dowling 56.37, Danuta Tinn (L) 57.57, Richard Moule 58.58, and on the same day in the Cambridge CC 10, Simon Norman clocked 20.02, Tim Davies 22.10, Katja Rietdorf (L) 23.20, John Dowling 23.32 and Trevor Parrish 27.55.

On 15th April in the Beds Road 25 on basically the last bit of any of the F1 Courses that can be used (this is the version from Tempsford to Baldock underpass and back) on a rather dull and windy day, we had Alan Crane 1.02.46, Richard Moule 1.03.03, David Rogers 1.04.47, Colin Holmes 1.08.37 and Joanna Spragg 1.10.11

On the May holiday weekend in the Norlond TTC 30, again on F1B, Alan Crane recorded 1.14.01, John Markham 1.14.04, Dave Rogers 1.20.19 and John Hassall 1.32.39. In the Charlottesville CC Classic 50 on the H50/8 course that was years ago part of the Bath Road, course we had Rob Gilmour finishing in 1.59.40.

In the North Road CC 25 on an F course that goes around a 12.5mile circuit twice, John Lacey clocked 59.07, Tim Davies 59.34 and Richard Hutt 1.00.47.

A day later, on 15th May, firstly in the Watford Velo new promotion on H10/4 course John Sullivan was the only name I could find and he clocked 23.12 and on the same day, over 100 miles away up in East Anglia, a member who used to live more local to London, Roger Sewell riding in the Wisbech Wheelers 25 recorded 57.55 and our woman member who rides year after year Gill Reynolds crossed the line in 1.08.44.

It's been an interesting year so far on the membership front. Thirty-six were counted out but many of them have re-joined on receipt of the ultimatum. Nevertheless, the astonishing changes in the numbers since they were introduced and finalised at 2700 odd continues. Nationally we are now reaching 6000 with the same number of members, give or take 30 or so.

At the end of this report those new members are listed.

Well not a lot more from me as time is running out to get the report to the Editor; what are we going to do when he calls it a day next year, hope there is somebody out there willing to take the role on.

So keep the pedals turning whether in haste or leisure, but take care on the roads.

Benjamin Allen	5664
Mark Scanlan	5689
Ian Treadaway	5690
David Knight	5691
Alan Allcock	4117
Michael Parker	5554
Gary Ford	5724
Matt Dunsbier	5723
Tim Butt	5751
Jonathan Williams	5767
Mandy Hibberd	5768
Alex Marzec	5773
Diye Wariebi	5772
Christopher Thompson	5774
Andy Court	5803
Melanie Sneddon	5807
Matthew Reader	5811
Chris Priestley	5812
Keith Stockwell	5814
Adrian Wadsworth	5831
Andrew Knight	5848
Hans Nilsson	5855
Andrew McIntyre	5861
Tim Fowler	5883
Terry Davies	5889
Martin Sigrist	5893
David Rumm	5899
Ben Brandon	5901

Manchester and North-West

Jim Ogden

Jim Gresty's accident was reported last time and after four months he is now in the Haywood Hospital, Burslem. His wife, Helen, visits him daily from Market Drayton and reports that he is making slow but steady progress. Visitors are welcome and regulars have included Brian Camfield, John and Ray Thornhill, Greg Dancer, Mike Cotgreave, Tony Farrell, Denise Hurst and Carole Pardoe.

The cover photograph of the last issue *The Veteran* has raised the comment that rider number 11 is way over on the wrong side of the road before making his left turn. I have told complainants to look at it in a mirror. Number 11 is now on the correct side of the road, only his chain-set is now on the wrong side.

Reporting on the AGM in the last issue, I omitted the fact that our Group secretary, Brian Camfield, was elected to be a member of the NEC committee.

Last time local racing had not yet started, but now it is in full swing with full fields, in fact the Withington Wheelers had 150 on the start sheet. However, I will give priority to the Group's 10 promoted by Roy Deakin on the Twemlow – Chelford J2/3 course on April 12th. The 95 veteran entrants with ages ranging from 42 to 85 included 12 women and all competitors enjoyed good weather for their afternoon's sport.

The first rider to start, Claire Harrison (42) of Vision Racing made the best of her lonely ride, never caught and proved to be fastest woman in 24:46. It was the last man off, Scott Burns (34), Manchester Wheelers, who was fastest man in 21:40, 11 seconds ahead of Adam Robinson (22) Vision Racing.

On standard (VTTA members only) the fastest 12 received awards down from £30 to £10 and were led by Adrian Hughes (48) Seamons CC, 22:22 +4:14 ahead of Carl Ruebotham (50) Team Swift, 22:54 +3:51 and Greg Dancer (62) Stone Wheelers, 24:17 +3:34. The team on Standard award went to the Seamons CC which included two women; Adrian Hughes +4:14; Jeanette Barber +2:36 and Pauline Atkinson +2:36. Total +9:24. Vic Trigger (70) Crewe Clarion Wheelers,

had a puncture on his trike and, as TV commentators say on the Grand Tours, he also had 'a mechanical' when his CO2 pump failed to function. True to the spirit of our sport however, he soldiered on to finish in 49:16.

In the afore mentioned Withington Wheelers event held on J2/9 on the 2nd April, Group members were well represented and were led by Ian Holbrook, Stone Wheelers, who was placed 4th in 54:33. Other Group members were Mostyn Bullock, Buxton CC 56:48; Paul Robinson, Lyme RC 56:58; Darren Maironis, Coveryourcar 58:39; Paul Shallicker, Coveryourcar 58:54; Dave Fearon, Weaver Valley, 59:05; Nige Wood, PBK-Santini 59:06 and Greg Dancer, Stone Wheelers 1:00:06.

The following week in the BDCA 25 on A25/11 when 88 riders beat the hour, Ian Holbrook improved to be placed 9th with 50:46 and Greg Dancer (62) also improved being placed 67th in 56:03. Seeing the result in *Cycling Weekly* which started with a winning time of 47 and the slowest listed time being a 50 minute ride, I wondered if this is the shape of things to come!

Ian also rode around four of the RTTC classic series which consisted of twice around the Circuit of Bassenthwaite Lake near Keswick and was placed fourth in 35:17.

Mike Cotgreave (71) Westmead Team 88 made a start for his season in the Crewe Hilly 17 on Sunday 20th March and was fastest as well as oldest in his age group (61 – 70!). His next rides were two 10s on J2/1. On April 23rd in the M&D Women's invitation event he recorded 25:05 and Roger Wrenn (71) Macclesfield Wheelers recorded 25:14. On the same course a week later in the East Lancs RC 10, Mike improved to 24:44 but in their local rivalry, Roger Wrenn was slower with a 25:33. However, Roger had had the upper hand in the Buxton Mountain Time Trial on Good Friday clocking 1:18:11 to Mike's 1:22:39.

Other Group members in the East Lancs RC 10 included Adrian Hughes 22:04; Mostyn Bullock 22:32; Paul Robinson 22:55; Robbie Harcourt, Stretford Wheelers 23:44 and Derek Hodgins (oldest competitor) 31:04.

Two group trike enthusiasts took their machines to ride in the TA (NE) 10 on the fast V718 course at

North Cave. Actual fastest on May Bank Holiday was Carl Saint, Yorkshire RC in 23:47. Group member Alan Shuttleworth, Weaver Valley CC was placed 12th in 29:56 and Peter Brocklehurst, Janus RC was 14th in 31:16.

The first 50 of the year is always the Duckinfield CC event held on the 7th May and starting at 16:00. Visitor Charles Taylor riding for his new club, Team Bottrill, reduced the old event record by nearly four minutes winning in 1:44:51. Charles is no stranger to the J4/9 course, being a prolific winner of 50s and 100s using the same roads over the last few years. Our Group member Darren Maironis was placed 3rd in 1:50:44 and VTTA member Neil Skellern, Team Swift, was 6th in 1:54:47 and also best on standard with +25:07 whilst his wife Lynne, Macclesfield Wheelers, was handicap winner with an adjusted time of 1:30:51. Greg Dancer finished in 2:03:31 which earned him a +23:35.

The next day in the Charlottesville 50 on H50/8 there were 59 riders recording times inside 2 hours. I feel my age remembering that when I rode my first 50 in 1947 no one had ever beaten 2 hours. In fact it was George Fleming, Belle Vue CC who was the first with 1:59:14 in the Calleva RC event later that year.

There is plenty of the racing season left and I urge you to consider entering the upcoming Group events on J courses. The first is on 28th May on the J4/16 and is the 50 promoted jointly with Warrington RC; next on 9th starting at 2pm is the first 25 run jointly with the Nova CC on the J2/9 and finally on the 30th July the second 25 run jointly with the Seamons CC again on the J2/9 starting at 2pm. I hope you enjoy your ordinary riding as well.

Merseyside

Geoff Edgerton

I am writing this newsletter in arguably the warmest spell of the year to date. In fact, the first time I have been out in sleeves and shorts. Mind you, that's not completely true. I have just returned from two week's cycling in Mallorca with not a pair of arm warmers in sight. The middle two weeks of April proved the right tonic after a winter of training

in the good old British weather. I know it's tremendously popular but for those who haven't sampled Mallorca in spring, it is well worth the visit. If memory serves me well, the first half of the winter wasn't too bad, pretty dry and not a frost in sight. But after Christmas, I remember quite a few soakings. One particular Wednesday, I was out with Phil (Guy), and thinking to myself, do I need this? It was cold, it was windy and it started raining, quite quickly turning to sleet and then for a little while, to snow. I said to Phil that we are stealing a march on our rivals, nobody in their right mind would be out in this. Didn't get the response I was looking for, just a smile. But anybody who knows Phil knows that turning back isn't an option. Anyhow, we carried on to make Betty's coffee shop at Gobowen for lunch. By this time, I had lost all feeling in my hands and it took quite a while to get my gloves off and circulation into my fingers. I thought I had recovered sufficiently to carry the coffee across to the table. Wrong. I was halfway to the table when I could feel the saucers slipping out of my grip. In desperation, I made a lunge for the table and literally threw them over the cake. Coffee and cups everywhere. So you can understand me going on about my break at Mallorca. Out of the thousands of cyclists out there, I did see a group of Port Sunlight Wheelers cycling through Pollença on the North of the island, but not close enough to recognise anybody. But I do know that fellow Mersey Vet, Andy Hazell of Mid Shropshire Wheelers was out there at the same time although our paths did not cross.

I have heard of a new excuse or should I say reason for not performing as you had expected in a time trial, it is to do with new technology. The Garmin: a rider in a recent time trial complained that his poor performance was due to the fact that his Garmin was not working properly. I have recently bought one. I will have to remember that!

The first group event of the year was the West Cheshire 10 mile time trial. Held in early April, although quite cool, it was nevertheless dry which was a blessing after last year's soakings. North Shropshire Wheelers' Richard Kay quickly made his mark by recording 23.17 (+2.47) to be first rider home and winning the Leo Madden Trophy in the process. Arthur Winstanley of Liverpool Phoenix was best on standard with a plus of 3.30 (24.02)

for which he wins the Ron Yates Trophy. Although Port Sunlight Wheelers Kevin Larmer improved on last year's effort with a time of 23.51 (+2.32), this time having to settle for second place. Phil Guy of North Shropshire Wheelers was next rider home recording 26.17 with a plus of 2.15. Port Sunlight Wheelers' Ian Corrin's time of 26.40 managed him a plus of 1.11. Newcomer to the Mersey Vets, Sakib Shamas of Liverpool Phoenix, recorded 26.44 (-0.35) closely followed by another new member Martin Sturge of Graham Weigh Racing with 26.45 (-0.04). Geoff Edgerton's time of 28.01 however, did give him a plus of 0.41. Ian Casson of Birkenhead Victoria finished in 28.42 (-0.43) with North Shropshire Wheelers' Richard Berry stopping the clock at 30.08 (-2.48). Finally Peter Booth of Rhos-on-Sea recorded 35.49 with a minus of 6.47. There were quite a few minus standard times, reflecting the quality of the course rather than the riders' efforts.

The second group event of the year, the West Cheshire 30 had a familiar ring to it. Richard Kay was again fastest recording 1.08.44 (+11.09) for which he wins the George Hayes Trophy. Arthur Winstanley was again best on standard with a plus of 14.08, actual time of 1.10.28, which won him the John Clucas Trophy. Even at this early stage of the season, it would appear that these are the two riders to beat. Ian Hawkins of Chester Road made his first start of the season recording 1.18.11 (+3.12). Ian Corrin's time of 1.19.28 (+5.52) kept him ahead of Mid Shropshire Wheelers' Dave York who recorded 1.19.57 (+5.20). Derek Parry of Birkenhead Victoria was another to make his start to the year with a time of 1.21.32 (+3.24). Helen Tudor of Oswestry Paragon was the sole woman competing, producing a competitive time of 1.25.22 (+2.30). The Mersey Vets participation was completed by Ian Casson and Richard Berry who recorded 1.27.21 (-1.18) and 1.29.26 (-5.28).

Apologies if I have missed anybody out and enjoy the rest of the cycling season.

MIDLANDS

THE WELLAND TROPHY: 'Roadies v Testers'

Mike Amery and Alan Colburn



Last year, in April 2015, Mike Amery and I promoted the first joint event on behalf of the LVRC and VTTA. Billed as a clash between 'roadies' and 'testers, although in truth people had feet in both camps, it was planned as a Time Trial around a 16 mile course near Malvern. Then fate stepped in disguised as the Highway Authority who decided to repair a motorway bridge. The expected finish date didn't happen so we had to change the course very quickly – the good thing was an 11 mile circuit instead of the very lengthy 16 mile one and the not-so-good thing was the course went over British Camp and Hollybush and was a bit lumpy. Perhaps the course was slightly better for the road men who ran out winners of the trophy by a convincing margin.

This year we held our collective breaths as the date of the event rolled nearer and.....all was good to go on our original course. Many local riders know the course quite well as both a road-race and a time trial. It's best described as 'rolling' with a bit of something for everyone. The day started out well but deteriorated as the start time of 2pm approached with heavy rain and a suspicion of hail. However, the course rode well and the first of the eight two-up teams departed under better conditions. We had decided that this year we would try something a bit different in order to encourage more people to ride, so the event was open to two-up teams as well as solos. Standard times had been worked out so both teams and solos counted for the main award and was timed by Susan Kelly and Charlie Barnett with the fastest

duo of Michael Swinford and Richard Evershed completing the course in 37.13. The best team on Standard was Dave Walker and Paul Milner of the Worcester St. Johns CC with a +4.32 with promoter Mike Amery partnered by Bill Davies of VC Sevale (Malvern) taking second place with +3.51. Disappointment of the day was sponsor Tim Wood of Echelon Cycles whose partner, Justin Walters, punctured around the halfway mark. Despite that setback, the VTTA went into the Trophy lead with a margin of over 3 minutes.

Despite various woolly-minded sheep roaming across the common, everyone had a safe ride with an outstanding double for Jon Simpkins – actual time 35.15 and Standard of +7.07, closely followed by Mark Corbett of Worcester St. Johns just 4 seconds slower on actual and only 20 seconds adrift on Standard.

The main prizes were awarded as follows allowing 'One Man, One Prize' ruling.

Fastest Men

Harry Walton	Cheltenham & County CC
Simon Garrett	Worcester St. Johns CC
Phillip Whiteley	Worcester St. Johns CC

Fastest Women

Liz Powell	Mike Vaughan Cycles
Lucy Walters	Team Echelon-Rotor

Best on VTTA Standard

John Simpkins	Drag2Zero
Mark Corbett	Worcester St. Johns CC
Stephen Potts	VC St. Raphael
Simon Dighton	Beacon RCC
David Mole	Stourbridge Velo

Road Bike on Standard

John Finch	Oxford City RC
Simon Adcock	Worcester St. Johns CC

Fastest 2-up

Michael Swinford/ Richard Evershed	Cheltenham & County CC
Mike Amery/Bill Davies	VC Sevale[Malvern]

2-up on Standard

Dave Walker/Paul Milner	Worcester St. Johns CC
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We had decided this year to award the Welland Trophy on the basis of the first two 2-up teams and the best five solo riders on VTTA Standard. On

the signing-in sheet each rider was asked to select which Association they wished to represent for the Team Trophy, although this choice didn't limit individual prizes.

This year the overall Team award for the Welland Trophy went to the VTTA who achieved a +26.39 against a +21.53 for the LVRC. Team Counters for the VTTA were Dave Walker/Paul Milner, Kevin Smith/Kevin Manners, John Simpkins, Liz Powell, David Wood, Andrew Simpkins and John French.

LVRC team was Mike Amery/Bill Davies, Susan Shook/Clare Greenwood, Stephen Potts, Phillip Whiteley, Simon Dighton, David Mole and Stephen Bunn.

So the honours are even and Mike Amery and I are looking forward to 2017 and thinking how we might ring the changes and promote an event which is competitive, friendly and a little bit different. Our grateful thanks are due to all our helpers who stood on draughty corners, served tea and cakes and looked after the myriad little tasks that made the event a pleasure to promote and we hope – a pleasure to ride.

North

Gavin Russell

First, as many of you will be very aware, is the sadly reporting of the passing of Mary Dawson.

Mary, in addition to being a terrific competitor over many decades at both National and local level, lost her battle against cancer and died on Sunday 8th May.

Her funeral, held on Thursday 19th May at a church local to her home in Eaglescliffe, Stockton-on-Tees, was well attended by family, friends and cyclists. A very moving and informative eulogy was given on behalf of the family by her son Paul. It highlighted not only her early days of cycling with the Cyclists Touring Club (of which she was treasurer to the local group for many years), her work as a teacher, through to her days as a National RTTC Champion and her latter years as a VTTA Champion.

Paul finally talked about his 'mum', a lady who was mum to both Paul and his two sisters, who never

offended anyone and who would always provide support to us mere mortals.

I am sure all VTTA members will acknowledge the contribution that Mary, 87 years young at her death, gave to our sport both as a competitor and as an administrator and would also support the condolences passed to Les (also known as George) together with the family of two daughters and one son, plus grandchildren.

Mixed weather has been encountered by early season events in the North East, culminating in the cancellation of the Stockton Wheelers 50 on 8th May due to heavy fog on the course. VTTA members from all parts of the country had entered in an attempt to boost their Best All Rounder ambitions. The good news is that has been re-arranged for the 18th September, with only the original field being invited to ride.

To date Hartlepool CC/VTTA (North) have organised two 10 mile events on the faster sections of the A19 dual carriageway, which avoids the hilly bits, whilst a further event was held in the north of the group area by Newcastle Cheviot/VTTA (North). Unfortunately at time of submission full result sheets have not been viewed.

A full programme of future group events includes 3 tens, one 15, two 25s and one 50 mile time trial.

In addition, as in 2015, two 10 tens have been organised for the closed circuit Croft Motor racing circuit. They are to take place on two Wednesday evenings on 29th June and 13th July. All are welcome, with entry either on-line or on the night. Information will be posted on the CTT website.

A date for your diary is the Group Hill Climb Championship which again will be competed for in the Cleveland Wheelers CC Hill Climb on Clay Bank.

Will members please note that as reported from the Group AGM, we are looking for a secretary for the future, as Les Dawson had given notice of his wish to stand down at the 2016 AGM.

As always, if any members have information for inclusion in future reports, please do not hesitate to contact the writer.

North Lancs and Lakes

Dave Brown

April was a very sad month for North Lancs and Lakes VTTA members when news of the death of Terry Kay was circulated. For very many years Terry had 'always been there' at our events, AGM's and Annual Dinners and he was a friend to everyone. Many Group members were present at a Woodland Burial at Clitheroe which was followed with a Celebration of Terry's Life at The Crofters near his home in Garstang where Terry had organised many of our Group Dinners and Prize Presentations. An obituary can be found later in The Veteran.

We have had just one Group event as we go to print with our 25 in April with non-other than our Group Chairman Richard Taylor as event secretary. The course we used was perfect for a Wednesday afternoon event with – relatively at least – quiet roads which included an abundance of twists and turns, all repeated for the second twelve and a half mile circuit!

Result? A new course record by one of our newer recruits, Steve Irwin of the North Lancs Road Club who despite being a first timer on those roads – apart from his close study of them on the latest technology of which I personally have little knowledge – Steve clocked 53:17. For a short 47 minute man you can have a fair guess at the difference in CTT courses around the country where there is a six minute difference! That time was two minutes better than the old record for the course and with his age of 45 Steve also took the Vet on Standard award. Additionally he led his club to the Team on Standard award with help from Dave Hargreaves and Sue Cheetham. Next fastest Vet was Nigel Haigh with 55:27 which gave him second on Standard. Richard said that entries were up by 10 on last year of which most were veterans and two of the riders joined the VTTA on the day.

Our next Group event is the 25 on the Clitheroe by -pass on Wednesday evening June 15 and then our 15 on Sunday June 26 – Event Secretary for both? Richard Taylor!

Several events have either been cancelled or have had to change courses as road works on the Keswick to Cockermouth A66 road continued. Hopefully all is clear by the time this is in print and

especially for the NLTTA 100 which has big implications for the VTTA on Sunday 31 July – entries to?? Richard Taylor! The 100 is to be held on a course which is literally four times round the 25 course which means eight passes on the same stretch of A66. Certainly the CTT interpretation of maximum passes on roads for their courses has changed since I was North District CTC Courses Secretary. With a course record of 48-15 for 25 miles some very good times could be expected for the 100.

Jack Crossley, long term member of the Kent Valley Road Club and an Honorary Life Member of the VTTA, has died at the age of 94. Jack was time trialling before WW2 and riding on the Donnington Park circuit near Derby in 1939 which was his club's first venture into Road Racing. In 1947, he took on the secretary role for the Kent Valley continuing until 1959 and only recently was reported that he was buying himself a new bike!

There are three corrections or changes to emails of officials in the Group pages of the 2016 handbook:

Sue Cheetham is suecheetham63@gmail.com
Richard Taylor is rtaylor023@aol.com and my own is davebrown.cyclist@tiscali.co.uk

We welcome a good number of new and returning members to our Group: Howard Leach of Rawtenstall, Paul Warrener and Linda Felton of Castleton, Derek Parkinson of St. Annes on Sea, Ken Hughes of Capenwray, Andrew Dent of Barrowford, Peter Haigh of Colne, Roger Haydock of West Bradford, Maggi Biggs of Southport and Garry Brown of Preston. We wish you all an enjoyable time with our Group.

North Midlands

Alex Deck

Bit of a mixed season so far, with several events being cancelled due to the awful weather; but in contrast we have produced two comp records and multiple group age records, so all is not lost.

The YCF 15 is always popular with the vets, and the conditions this year resulted in no less than 5 group age records and 2 competition records, as

follows:

Alex Deck & Richard Dixon (48/52) 28.58
- mixed tandem comp record / VTTA national record

Karen Ledger (43) 31.47 - women's comp record/
VTTA national record/group age record

Paul Heggie (62) 33.13 - group age record

Tony Keyworth (69) 34.47 - group age record

Peter Stirk (71) 35.47 - group age record

John Smith (78) 36.23 - group age record

Really proud of all our record holders, especially Karen Ledger who, in beating the 15 comp record, joins the ranks of Maxine Johnson and Beryl Burton - no mean feat!

The Drighlington 10 on June 4th resulted in a VTTA National Record for Alex Deck and Richard Dixon on the mixed tandem, with 19.05, before it was stopped due to a RTA.

Chris Melia (52) in her first National 50, finished in a brilliant 7th place overall and 2nd in her age group on a tough day down in Devon, a great result against the fastest women in the country. Chris has racked up some great results this year and I am sure it's only a matter of time before the age records start coming.

We've also had some excellent results in the hilly time trials, with our youngest member Darryl Wall (40) claiming a vets course record for the legendarily tough O17C with a very tidy 44.44. Plenty more to come there too.

Speaking of course records, Karen Ledger smashed her own record on the O10/1 Hatfield course, reducing it to a stonking 57.28. This was just a week after coming 2nd to Bronwen Ewing at the VTTA National 10 on a foul day on the A1, with 22.37 (+5.42). I'm actually losing track of the group age records and course records Karen has set so far this year - she also set one for a 25 with her pb of 54.48 at the South Pennine event in May!

Syd Wilson (87) also set an age record at the 10 champs with 29.22 (+5.34).

I think that's all for this issue. Apologies to anyone I have not included - this was done in haste. As always, check our website for regular updates <http://vttanorthmidlands.co.uk> or follow us on Twitter at @VTTANorthMids.

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Notts and East Mids

David Herd

The 2016 time-trial season is now well under way although the early spring weather was cold, it has warmed up somewhat but it has been wet and judging by the number of club nights I have missed it has been wetter than normal.

The Group's 25, combined with Ivan Mahon Memorial trophy (is awarded to the member with best standard time) was held on 23 April 2016. The day was cool and the return leg back to Farndon was directly into the wind.

In the BDCA 25 mile TT on the Etwell course on 09 April there were some really good times with Karen Ledger the fastest woman on 56:00, with Jo Corbett, Mapperly CC, the fastest NEM Group member coming in at 1:01:24, four seconds in front of Louise Day, Team Swift, on 1:01:28, with Hilary Johnson on 1:07:07 and Jill Morris, Hinckley CRC, 1:17:35.

In the men's event, Andy Jackson SSSL Racing was fastest with 47:46, followed by NEM Group member, Dave Bates, South Pennine RC, returning to racing after injury, on 58:55. Team mate Jeff Bowler recorded 1:01:23, Russell Gent, Melton Olympic CC, 1:02:23 and Ron Hallam 1:06:58.

The VTTA National Committee held the National Championship 10 on A10/14A at Long Bennington with the help and support of the NEM Group. It was fitting therefore that Ron Hallam was pronounced champion with a plus of 6:41 from an actual of 27:06. The event was run in cold windy conditions with the threat of rain never far away. The result I'm sure, will be widely published but I would just like to mention a few NEM group riders who made it into the top twenty on standard: Ian Guilor Mapperly CC 5:56, Nick Cave Lutterworth Cycle Centre RT 5:42, Ken Stevens South Pennine RT 5:28 and Daniel Barnett Team Bottrill 5:26. The fastest time on the day was Jonathan Parker also from Team Bottrill (Kent group) with 20:07 +5:57. The NEM Group first woman was Gill Henshaw who had a tumble just after the finish with a plus of 04:34 from an actual of 30:31. A special mention to Russell Gent who co-ordinated the Notts and East Midlands support for the event and managed to ride himself achieving a standard

of 4:46 from an actual of 24:28.

The VTTA Notts and East Mids. Group 25 held on 23 April was held on a windy afternoon on the A25/34 A42 Stragglethorpe to Farndon course with Daniel Barnett achieving the fastest time of 51:51 giving him 5th position on standard with +14:22.

There were some familiar names in the East Midlands in the top standard places:

Nick Cave	Lutterworth CRT	52:14	+15:48
Geoff Platts	Team Bottrill	55:26	+15:12
Ian Guilor	Mapperly CC	52:47	+14:51
Ian Dalton	Cherry Valley RT	53:22	+14:40
Daniel Barnett	Team Bottrill	51:51	+14:22
Sean Vincent	Team Bottrill	53:13	+14:02
Ron Hallam	South Pennine	73:07	+13:48
Roger Sewell	Hounslow .	59:51	+13:19
Chris Ward	Team Swift	54:56	+13:06
Dave Bates	South Pennine	60:13	+12:57

Jo Corbett, Mapperly CC, was first woman with an actual of 1:04:23 +11:38, Louise Day, Team Swift 1:04:26 +10:43 and Jill Morris, Hinckley CRC 1:20:15 -05:37.

Nick Cave receives the Ivan Mahon Trophy for the best standard time in the event.

Sleaford Wheelers CC ran their annual Charity 10 on the 26 March in very cold and windy conditions and just for good luck it rained for the later riders. The remarkable thing was that promoter Doug Laidlow and his team managed to get a full field of 150 riders. Visiting rider Mark Arnold CC, Desiragear was fastest with a 22.14 and Ian Guilor was a close second with 22:26. Other Vets in the top ten were Jim Boyle, Sleaford Wheelers CC, 23:14 and Colin Parkinson, South Western CC at 23:20. This event has already raised an amazing £1125 for Cancer Research UK with the promise of more to come.

Well-done Sleaford Wheelers CC.

There was a good field also for the Melton Olympic 10 on 7 May, the difference being that the weather was much warmer. Senior, Matt Sinclair, Lutterworth Cycle Centre RT, took the honours with a 20:13. Daniel Barnett, Team Bottrill was 2nd fastest with a 20:35 +5:29, Ian Guilor, Mapperly CC, was 3rd fastest, 20:44 and 3rd on standard with +5:52. Ron Hallam was 1st on standard with +7:02 from 26:45, with Geoff Platts Team Bottrill 3rd on standard with +6:02 from 21:42 actual.

It was a good day too for the LRRR 10 Mile TT Championships held on the C10/9 Gunby–Ulceby Cross course near Skegness. With senior rider Alexander Coleman fastest with 20:14, LRRR veteran places were closely fought over by Paul Griffiths, Alford Wheelers CC, 1st +7:16 from 24:14, Peter Jones, Lincoln Wheelers CC, +7:11 from 25:35 and equal 3rd on standard John Needham, Alford Wheelers CC, +7:05 from 25:41 and John Woolley, Lincoln Wheelers CC, +7:05 from 25:10.

That's all for now.

Scotland

James Skinner

Due to the recent change to the Scottish TT scenario, Iain McLeod was asked by the committee to find out the position of the Group's membership in relation to entering a CTT event in regards to 1st claim membership i.e. a Group member whose 1st claim club is not affiliated to the CTT.

Iain has subsequently phoned/emailed Nick Sharpe pp Keith Lawton CTT secretary, and Bill McMillan, secretary of CTT Scotland, resulting in the following outcome: --

If a rider is a member of SVTTA and a member of a SC club that is not affiliated to CTT, enters a CTT event in Scotland, that rider will be riding as a SVTTA member, no choice

If a rider is a member of SVTTA and a member of a SC club that is affiliated to CTT, enters a CTT event in Scotland, that rider can choose, subject to conditions (Rules & Regulations 7 and 8 of page 338 of the CTT Handbook: one change allowed per season), to be riding for the SVTTA or the their 1st claim club - SC/CTT club.

The CTT National Secretary has pointed out that any member of a SC club that is not affiliated to CTT can still enter CTT events in England and Wales, whether or not they are a SVTTA member, as was the case under the previous SC/RTTC agreement.

SVTTA clothing is still available from Dave Pritchard, and with so many of you riding under

the banner of the SVTTA, why not promote the cause and get yourself some of the best looking kit on the roads today, contact Dave at dhpritchard1@aol.com

The following is a reply to Secretary George McLaughlin from Iain Bins, in response to a member's enquiry regarding holidays

Hi George,

I would imagine that there are a number of Vets in that same category. As you are aware I have been organising the group trip to Mallorca for a good few years and in that time have developed connections with the hotel, transfers, bike hire etc etc.

So here is my proposal. I will make the necessary enquiries for late September into October and find out which periods are out with school holidays, and therefore will be the most economic to fly out and reside on the island.

Thereafter I will contact you so you can circulate to Vets the prospect of the holiday with dates and approximate prices. The more who go the cheaper it gets and we do get discounts.

I will do the organising of the trip for them from airport to hotel and back and arrange bike hire for those wishing to go.

If you consider this a worthwhile proposal George, let me know and I will make the initial enquiries when over early in April and get back to you. If you consider it worthwhile AND it takes off we could look at it for Spring 2017 as well.

For Johanne and her like it might be something they would really look forward to.

Ok George, that's my thoughts on the matter. Over to you.

Racing

15 SVTTA members turned out for the early season Corrieri Classic 10 organised by Stirling Bike Club. The fastest member being Graeme Cockburn of the Nightingale CC in 11th place with a 22:15

Graeme was also the fastest of four members riding in the Lang Whang Hilly TT organised by the West Lothian Clarion, his 1:14:08 gaining him a 13th place overall.

Seven members took part in the Elgin CC 10, with new member John Cummings of Deeside Thistle the fastest with a 25:29.

Three new members took part in this event, all welcome additions to our northern cycling brethren.

26th March saw the first event organised under the CTT Scotland banner. The Velopreda 10 on the Westferry course boasted the best prize list of the season so far. On the day, the full field 90 riders was decimated by the atrocious weather with 27 DNS and 3 DNF. Many thanks were posted for the marshals and organising team for braving the conditions.

Fastest on the day was Rob Martin Gala C.C with a 20:31, and fastest SVTTA member was 4th place Graeme Cockburn with a 21:45.

Jim Cusick was the fastest of five members riding the Gordon Arms Hilly TT organised by Gala C, a 53:34 gaining Jim an 8th place overall.

Interest was high in the new event from Falkirk BC, a 10. Twelve SVTTA members took in part with Calum Finlayson, Moray Firth CC, being fastest with a 22:23

Fife Cycling Association are well into their season of events with some very good times being posted, event number 3 saw eleven members riding over 10 miles with Steve Davidson's 21:35 earning him 2nd place overall.

The open 10 at Kingskettle saw twelve members competing, the fastest being Calum Finlayson of Moray Firth CC with a 21:33 earning 5th place overall.

Dundee Thistle Road Club organised the Scottish 10 mile Championship, with 23 SVTTA members competing.

Jon Entwhistle from Team J.M.C finished in a 20:43 to gain 2nd place overall, 8 seconds behind new Scottish 10 champion Chris Smart, and Christine McLean from Shetland Wheelers rode a 25:44 to gain 10th place in the women's event.

Davie Millar organised the SVTTA 15 mile championship on the Cambusbaron course; the day provided cool temperatures and a wind that didn't seem to help in any direction. Of the 70 finishers, Douglas Watson, Icarus Race Team, was fastest with a 32:19, Jim Cusick took fastest on standard and 3rd place overall with a 32:41 and wins the Speed Family Trophy

JayJay Harris wrote the following trophy notes

THE SPEED FAMILY TROPHY

Donated by Mhairi and Brian Laffoley for annual competition in the SVTTA 15 mile Time Trial Championship

The Speed Family from Fife (Fife Century Road Club) is a well-known family name the length and breadth of Scotland.

Father Archie's fame is well documented elsewhere. Son Alistair followed in his father's footsteps. Timetrialling, Timekeeping and alongside dad, organising. There wasn't many cycle events held in Fife that father and son didn't attend to support. Mother Margaret and daughter Mhairi always attended time trials with Archie and Alistair to give encouragement. Mhairi also organises and 'timekeeps' events in Fife. Mhairi with husband Brian, son Gavin carry on the family tradition.

The Scottish group welcomes the following new members.

Michael Giles, Ythan C C
Mrs Carol Middleton, Ythan C C
James Petrie, Dundee Wheelers
Alan McAulay, St Christopher's C C
Brian Cameron, Lonond Roads C C
Colin Meikle, St Christopher C C
John Cummings, Deeside Thistle

New Couples: Andre Brierly & Kirsti Sharrat, Team Leslie Bike Shop/Bikers Boutique; and Willie & Mari Martin, Royal Albert CC.

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South Wales

Barry Williams

At last we have some pleasant warm weather, which was not the case back in February when I took a late booking to Tenerife, escaping the UK wind and the rain. Los Cristianos was fine and sunny, 24c with a light breeze, ideal for cycling. First, I needed to hire a bike, our Hotel, 'Arona Gran' found me a taxi, which in turn dropped me off at 'Bike Point' some five kilometres away. Very helpful people, they had an alloy Focus equipped with 11x2 speed Ultegra, at Euros 96 for 6 days, I was happy to accept and get out in the sunshine.

As I left the shop, a British couple suggested I joined their ride on this quieter road to San Miguel, I was soon to learn that any such road in Tenerife was all the way uphill and after two hours of steady climbing, we had a fine view of the resorts below. After bidding my friends goodbye, I started to descend and quickly realised that the brakes were only gripping under maximum pressure, making it a wrist wrenching 20 kilometre trip back to the hire shop. Thankfully they replaced the brake pads and I was able to ride out the remainder of the holiday safely. Conclusion, Tenerife has no flat roads and lots of traffic – on the plus side, the island has great weather in February.

I guess I chase sunny venues, because by mid-April, I had joined a group of friends for a week in Puerto Pollenca. As regular springtime visitors to Mallorca, we soon realised we had struck lucky with the weather, finding temperatures at 25c to 27c throughout the trip. Huezeler Cycles hired us carbon Ultegra group set 11x2 speed bikes at Euros 130, which is about par at such a busy time of year. Mallorca is very much the best cycling centre in the Balearics, it has everything, flat roads, mountain roads, light traffic and great cafe stops for favourites like coffee and cake. If you want something stronger, the café at Randa will find you a jug of young vino tinto, very tasty, straight from the barrel. Conclusion, definitely the most popular cycling venue. There were literally thousands of cyclists out there from all over Europe, many escaping snow and ice on the roads of Scandinavia and Germany.

Those trips were all about the gain; now I have to

write about the pain. I missed the Acme 25 on 10th April, but I am pleased to say that some of our members performed well in what must have been chilly conditions. Chris Massey, now with Team Bottrill, posted 55:18 +11:21 on standard, Dave Brice, ever consistent, 56:22 + 12.30, David Wilson Evans clocked a respectable 57:49 +12.16, while Paul Cannon showed the way on standard with 57:52 +13.24. Rod Hicks, PTW, passed the time keeper with 58:31 +9.31, Mike Broadbent posted 60:15 just outside the hour. Marco Marletta at 61:27 is improving each week. John Shehan did well with 62:09 +11.28 on standard, Andrea Parish was best woman vet with 62:36 +10.26, Steve Madeley rolled in with 63.37 and Les Thomas, in spite of work commitments restricting his training, recorded 64:21, respectable on the day.

The next event on my list was the 'Sportsmad 10' on 23rd of April, using R10/9, a sporting course between Llantwit St Athan and Cardiff Airport. Four of our members rode this event. I would commend them for producing competitive performances. Chris Massey was 2nd, posting 23:08, David Brice was 4th with 23:37, 6th Andrew Hayward recorded 25:09 and Marco Marletta claimed 7th with 25:35. That course is well known to me and I can assure everyone that it takes no prisoners, well done to all who rode that day.

The following day, Sunday April 24th was Ogmere Valley Wheelers 25 on R25/3H – fast course, good times. The women's event featured four of our members. Andrea Parish led the way with 4th place 62:55, Michelle Robertson posted 64:21 for 8th place, Diane Wilson-Evans clocked 67:35 for 10th and Diane Hynam recorded 77:51 for 15th. The men's edition featured many of our group. Rod Hick clocked 55:50, David Wilson-Evans recorded 56:45, Chris Fishbourne, 56:54, David Evans, now recovered from injury, posted 57:24, Stuart Evans, good at age 70, with 57:45, Paul Cannon posting 57:53, Mike Broadbent in with 59:20, Simon Kinsey close behind with 59:28. John Shehan, steadily improving with 61:09 and Ian Lewis was well, pleased with 63:33. I did not attend this event, I guess conditions were good with only 17 DNS.

Now we come to the one I did attend, the WCA Welsh 25 Championships. Unsurprisingly, conditions were typical for Neath Valley, cold and

wet. However, the results were not bad at all. Three of our women members improved on the previous week, with Michelle Robertson posting 62:17 an improvement of 1:36, and Diane Wilson Evans recording 65:52, improvement 1:43. Diane Hynam posted 76:52. The men in this overflow event also performed well with Marco Marletta posting a PB 59:13. Les Thomas recorded 62:29, Ian Lewis was disappointed with 66:38, your correspondent posted 71:01, his slowest ever 25, probable cause 80th birthday this July. Paul Griffiths never quite got going, but reached the timekeeper in 71:10.

The men's main event was fully subscribed, however 29 of these were DNS and an additional three were disqualified for failure to sign on. Very careless! Among our members who did perform, Chis Massey recorded a PB with 53:35, Dave Brice posted 54:01, Chris Fishbourne passed the time keeper in 55:41 and close behind came David Wilson-Evans with a 47 sec improvement in 55:43. Simon Kinsey recorded 59:25 and John Shehan just beat the hour with 59:49.

We ran the VTTA South Wales 10 on Saturday May 14th in glorious weather on R10/17 – Abergavenny - Raglan dual carriageway. Bob Jones promoted this event which included a Two-up for teams, Paul Hayward, Paul Archer and Ron Boast all participated. Also a Non Aero Road Bikes section, in which Marco Marletta 23:46 and your correspondent 28:35 posted times. For me, it was a reminder of my pre tri-bars days, 1952 -1986 before Greg Lemond won Le Tour time trial with tri-bars and changed our sport for ever. The bulk of the field rode in their skinsuits and on slim profile TT bikes. Chris Massey 21:11 and Dave Brice 21:48 improved almost two minutes on their 'Sportmad' performances in April. Rod Hicks 21:53, Chris Fishbourne 22:37, Stuart Evans 22:54 won the standard, Paul Cannon 23:42, Paul Durrant 24:40, Kevin Thomas 27:30, Diane Hynam 30:20 and finally, it's well done for Owen Pocock who, at age 82 recorded 34:20. I must thank Bob Jones for the hard work and imagination he showed in running the race.

I conclude by wishing everyone connected with our sport, good luck and safe cycling.

Surrey/Sussex

Tim Carpenter

As I was writing these notes Esther rang to tell me that Lillian Featherstone (Harry's better half) had passed away. Lillian and Sue Cox could invariably be found at the tea bars at events, not just the Vets but across East Sussex. Lillian had been unwell for a while but had made it to the Vets lunch in February. I will miss Lillian because not being around events you don't get to know people to just talk to and it did not matter where it was if you knew her and Harry were about there was always going to be a friendly face to chat to.



By the time you are reading these notes we will have crowned our 10, 30 and 50 mile champions and I will have completed my only event of the year. It is for this reason that I have decided to give up as Recorder and Press Secretary after this year, so we are looking for volunteers to start January 2017, although anyone keen can start earlier if they wish. The details of the positions are:

Recorder – in October contact the Group members for the various Best All Rounder competitions, collate results and pass calculations to the National Recorder (it is done via a spread sheet). Contact those Group members who have applied for standards awards and send a list of standard and event medal winners to the engravers. Arrange for the presentation of the awards at the Group's annual lunch and then send out medals and certificates to anyone not attending the lunch.

Press Secretary – provide a report about the activities of the Surrey/Sussex Group to the National Magazine Editor four times a year.

I also do irregular electronic newsletters, occasional mail shots, and maintain our own Web site although we do have a presence on the National web site.

We were very fortunate that Jon Fairclough and Gary Holder stepped forward last year to fill the Treasurer and Lunch Organisers' roles. Hopefully the same will be true with these two jobs.

Having forgotten Mike Morley last year, I see he did 32:50 recently in his club's promotion on the G10/42. Ian Bashford rode the Sydenham event and did 1:04:19. Over in Kent, Keith Lea was 5th in the Vets 30 Championship, with Nick Wilson 8th. I am not sure whether it is early or the CTT web site is a bit behind but there does seem to be a paucity of results for the usual suspects. Perhaps age is getting the better of them and they are waiting for the warmer weather to come out of hibernation.

Just a quick reminder of the Group events this year and note the ESCA 50 and 100 are earlier.

10 July	Group 100 Incorporated in ESCA event	Bob Harber 51 Church Lane, Upper Beeding Steyning, West Sussex BN44 3HP 01903 879598
21 August	Group 25 Incorporated in BEC CC event	Keith Butler 33 Clyde Avenue, Sanderstead, Surrey CR2 9DN 020 8657 4921
21 August	12 Hour Incorporated in KCA event	Esther Carpenter 10 Maplehurst Road Baldslow St. Leonards on Sea TN37 7NA 01424 751581
18 September	Group 25	Keith Wilkinson Croft House, Chapel Road Smallfield Horley RH6 9JH 01342 842792

WESSEX NOTES

Peter Warhurst

Because of family commitments I have needed to draft these notes a week or so early, and up until this morning was wondering what news I could find that is worthy of gracing the pages of this august (or is it June or July?) journal. The answer came with a bang today (10th May) with Adam Topham in, I suspect, his first open of the season winning the Charlotteville 50 in 1:42:18, surely the fastest early season 50 ever done by a Vet. In the BDWCA 25 today Norman Harvey finished with Group age 82 record of 1:12:54. Such diverse age/distance achievements put a burden on us scribes as to which to headline.

In the aforementioned 25, Terry Icke turned in his best effort of the season with 56:50, taking the 1st Vets' award at age 71 with +17:46. Also shining with 2nd on standard and 4th on scratch was our Cliff Rowe with 56:27 at age 56. It has to be said that in most Groups such times would constitute age records but John Woodburn was their forerunner down here.

In the rival 25 in the area today (10th May), the a3crg 25, Lesley Walkling broke yet another Group women's age record for a 49 year old with 58:55. In that event Seb Ader also shone with 4th place on scratch in 53:02.

This was not Lesley's first Group age record of the season for in the Hants RC 10 a few weeks back she achieved 22:40, while in the same event newcomer Sarah Matthews gained her first certificate age 54 record with 23:12. Very promising in her first open event.

While on the topic of Group age records further research shows that I seriously understated the number of Group age record certificates gained through the years by Bob West, putting it at 80ish. The true figure should have been 104! This is backed up by 53 bicycle standard awards, plus 71 trike standard awards. I wonder whether there is a member of any Group who can top these totals. Sadly Bob tells me that he has recently been diagnosed as having a rare lung disorder but is reasonably confident that this will not keep him off the road.

We wish you all the best Bob but urge you not to push too hard at age 77.

Dave Orford

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West Vet Report

Brian Griffiths

West Vets enjoyed their second annual extravaganza on the 6th of May. Last year our secretary Gordon and his wife Jemma decided to re-vamp the annual prize presentation and what a success it is proving to be. If you weren't there you won't know what you missed but be certain to be there next year. We had a 10 mile time trial, followed by a very welcome little social period, followed by a feast of a buffet which could not be bettered, followed by the prize presentation. This is the sort of social gathering which should be at the heart of any group such as ours, a chance to meet fellow members, their wives and friends in a warm and totally acceptable atmosphere.

Special thanks must go to the charming women who put so much effort into organising the food. Such quality and such variety it would be hard to beat.

Our enthusiastic President, Ted King, cheerfully disposed of the extensive prize list. It was pleasing

to note that thankfully, most of the recipients were present to receive their awards. The group were particularly happy to present Keith Williams with life membership and custody of the new Janet Wilson trophy for a year for his services to the group over many long years.

Ray Retter and his wife Grace came up all the way from Dawlish to collect his usual awards. Having suffered a few frustrating medical problems over the winter he feels he will soon be back to normal now that the sun is beginning to shine. Indeed I am expecting to meet him at the Mersey Roads 24 as usual in July this year.

I have just learned that Len Ingram, one of our valuable members has passed away; perhaps I can give more details next time. He was a West District Timekeeper for many years and I believe that he was in charge of the Hetchin's cycles register.

We were also sorry to hear of the passing of Iorwerth (Yorry) Morgan on Remembrance Day in November 2115. I can remember when I first



Keith Williams, on the left, receives the Janet Wilson trophy from Ted King

joined the WestVets in 1988 he was very much involved with our group. I believe that among other things he was the recorder, a regular contributor to our magazine, he organised many open events and he was quite a respectable performer in open time trials himself. It is certain that he was sorely missed when he left his home at Wantage to return to his former home area in Wales following the death of his son.

I have reports that following a serious accident last autumn, Bob Pears is starting to enter and ride events once more. We hope he can return to his former sparkling performances before too long.

Meanwhile George Keene, another accident victim last autumn is also back on his bike having recovered from a triple fracture of his pelvis. Despite reaching his 84th birthday he is anxious to get inside evens for a 10 before the end of this year. Bravo George!

Prospects for British success in the forthcoming Rio Olympics look good following our recent successes in the recent World Championships. Clearly we made a few mistakes but overall things look pretty good and hopefully are not going to be affected by the present troubles at the top of the British Cycling management. For me the Bradley Wiggins/Mark Cavendish combination in the Madison was the most exciting event I have watched for a long time, real front edge off the seat stuff for a whole hour, especially when Mark Cavendish fell off in the closing stages. The only event I can remember that held me to a similar degree was when I watched Chris Boardman break the conventional hour record on the track at Manchester. That was pure magic!

Mike Jupp has produced a very informative and entertaining edition of the West Vet magazine this quarter and he should be congratulated. Feed him with the right material and he can certainly produce the goods, so make a special effort to send him your regular contribution however small. I believe we all have a story or some interesting news to report.

Members might be interested to know that group member and expert tricycle builder, Geoff Booker, is currently riding his trike from his home at Tiddington (Oxford) to Land's End, then to John O Groats and finally back home. What a fantastic

ride. By the time you read this his ride will be over but you may be interested to read his interesting blog and see some of his pictures on the Tricycle Association website.

May I wish all our racing members good times in the season ahead of us and if you have any contributions for me you know where to find me.

Yorkshire

Malcolm T Cowgill

As I start this piece, we are heading into May and winter is still in full swing; thermal gear and overshoes will be the order of the day for some time yet. Our winters seem to go on forever these days. Hats off to those training and racing in this wretched climate. My sojourn in the sun is a rapidly fading memory, along with my tan.

Time flies and it's already time to remind you of our half-yearly meeting which this year is on 15 August, 7 30 pm at Collingham Memorial Hall. This meeting is where we will set our calendar of events for 2017. Also, it is worth remembering our Racing Secretary, Cliff Ralphs, will be standing down at the end of the year, as will several of our other officials. You may have been warned. If you care about the Group, please attend along with the dozen who usually do.

Also, a reminder of our only two promotions; Andrew Vaughan will be running a 10 on the V718 on 23 July, restricted to VTTA members, with preference to Yorkshire Group members. Our other event is also a 10 on the V718; Mike Penrice promotes and this event is also restricted to VTTA members and will be run on 3 September; offers of help will be appreciated.

As was mentioned in the last issue, we lost one of our centenarians when Bernard Hall passed away. But we have a new one; Stan Chadwick, Scarborough Paragon, celebrated his one hundredth birthday on 13 April. The occasion also featured on BBC Look North TV! Congratulations, Stan.

The second Tour of Yorkshire was a huge success, despite the fact that it looked as though it was taking place in January! Sadly, the aeroplane that brings television pictures fell apart on the

second day when the women's race took place, this depriving us of seeing our own Yorkshire World Champion Lizzie Armitstead. I witnessed the men's race pass through Bardsey and the speed they went up East Rigton Bank was amazing. Some of the following cars were stalling on the steep gradient. More people must have been at the roadside than at all the football matches over the weekend. But of course it was totally invisible on the BBC main news. Thomas Voeckler was a popular winner and could become an Honorary Yorkshireman. Where cycling has had blanket coverage in the media is all the furore at British Cycling – typical. One advantage of the Tour of Yorkshire: we have had local potholes filled in!

Our chairman, Bob Tate, is continuing a slow recovery from the fractured pelvis he suffered in a

fall in February. We wish him a speedy return to full fitness.

As I finish this piece, we have just had five days almost like Summer. Water supplies could have been compromised.

I see that a Chinese billionaire wants to buy the Tour de France. Henri Desgrange will be spinning in his grave.

The multi million pound recycling incinerator at the side of the A168 is coming on apace; when it's finished and the lorries start rolling up, entries on the 168 could pick up.

Well, the football season has finished and after three days in the Netherlands, the Giro de Italia is back in Italy. What more could you ask.

See you up the road.

Grand Prix des Gentlemen report

DCB

Normally an end of season 25 mile event, the Wessex Group staged their Grand Prix des Gentlemen 2-up at the start of the season on a 17 mile sporting course in April to get their group championships underway.

Held at Rake, Hampshire, the course was mainly held on West Sussex roads not normally used for time trials but the last seven miles of the course will be used for this year's Men's National Ten. The two long hills, the first from Rogate to Fynings and then the climb from Petersfield to Hillbrow, Liss, gave riders an opportunity to share the work. However; it was the former climb that riders found the hardest; it didn't look steep but it went on and on, the teams were very pleased to see Brian Hall turning them off to a flatter section.

Kevin Tye and Andrew Meilak from the Kent Group won the over 50 event while in second place Sarah Matthews and Drew Hosie took the Wessex Championship (one rider over 50).

In the 40-49 it was the ...a3crg pairing of Seb Ader and Charlie Mitchell setting the second fastest time of the day and winning on Standard plus taking the prestigious TI Raleigh Challenge Trophy.

The fastest time of the day was set in the non-vets section by the Fareham Wheelers riders Gary Chambers and James Copeland; fortunately it will be quite a few years before they reach their fortieth birthdays.

Back at the HQ after the event, many were pleased to find Dave Crocker and past Chairman Ken Blowe busy serving the teas; presentation was carried out by membership secretary Norman Harvey and Chairman David Collard-Berry. Most surprising comments about the 'new' course was that many of the riders want to do the Rogate to Fynings section twice! This may be taken on board as it would make the course a 'Killer 25'!



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Fastest Men

Harry Walton
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Worcester St. Johns CC
Worcester St. Johns CC

Fastest Women

Liz Powell
Lucy Walters

Mike Vaughan Cycles
Team Echelon-Rotor

Best on VTTA Standard

John Simpkins
Mark Corbett
Stephen Potts
Simon Dighton
David Mole

Drag2Zero
Worcester St. Johns CC
VC St. Raphael
Beacon RCC
Stourbridge Velo

Road Bike on Standard

John French
Simon Adcock

Oxford City RC
Worcester St. Johns CC

Fastest 2-up

Michael Swinford/
Richard Evershed
Mike Amery/Bill Davies

Cheltenham & County CC
VC Sevale[Malvern]

2-up on Standard

Dave Walker/Paul Milner

Worcester St. Johns CC

VTTA-LVRC 9 APRIL 2016**Two-Up**

Name	Club	LVRC/VT	Result	Av Vet Plus
Dave Walker	Worcester St. Johns CC	VTTA	38:30	04:32
Paul Milner				
Mike Amery	VC Sevale (Malvern)	LVRC	39:13	03:51
William Davies				
Kevin Smith	Mapperley CC	VTTA	40:14	03:07
Kevin Manners				
Murray Kirton	A5 Rangers CC	VTTA	48:25	00:12
David Stockley				
Susan Shook	Bush Healthcare	LVRC	48:44	-01:04
Clare Greenwood				

Solos

Name	Club	LVRC/VT	Result	Vet Plus
Jon Simpkins	Drag2Zero	VTTA	35:15	07:07
Stephen Potts	Velo Club St Raphael	LVRC	37:57	06:06
Philip Whiteley	Worcester St. Johns CC	LVRC	38:28	03:46
David Mole	Stourbridge Velo	LVRC	39:14	03:00
Paul Osborne	Cheltenham & County CC	LVRC	39:20	02:30
Jason Streater	Velo Club St Raphael	LVRC	39:34	02:32
Simon Dighton	Beacon Roads CC	LVRC	39:44	03:37
Marcos Hart	Team P B Performance	LVRC	40:30	01:59
Liz Powell	Mike Vaughan Cycles	VTTA	40:31	04:47
Paul Welsby	Drag2Zero	VTTA	41:12	01:46
Simon Wix	VTTA S Wales	VTTA	41:45	01:44
David Wood	Stourbridge Velo	VTTA	42:06	02:37
Stephen Bunn	Welland Valley CC	LVRC	42:17	02:37
Andrew Simpkins	Solihull CC	VTTA	42:35	02:19
Steven Jenkyn	Team P B Performance	LVRC	42:36	00:53
John French	Oxford City RC	VTTA	42:44	02:10
Brian Jones	Warwickshire RC	VTTA	45:19	00:13
Arja Scarsbrook	Team Echelon - Rotor	LVRC	48:39	01:05
Nicholas Bradburn	Worcester St. Johns CC	VTTA	43:06	-00:37
Simon Adcock	Worcester St. Johns CC	LVRC	42:48	-00:50
Ernest Mowat	Oldbury & District CC	VTTA	57:14	-08:11
Robert Franks	Redditch Road & Path CC	VTTA	56:03	-09:12



NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP 30 : 17 APRIL 2016

**The Champion : Best on Standard
Gold Medal : Champion's Jersey and Cap
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Men

Kevin Tye	Kent	1:04:08	18:59
Andy Jackson	Yorkshire	1:02:36	17:01
Brian Sunter	Yorkshire	1:13:59	16:49

Women

Bronwen Ewing	Kent	1:12:36	16:04
Julia Hawsworth	Kent	1:18:12	11:00
Alison Vessey	West	1:26:26	05:44

Tandem

Brian Foran & Nikki Hunt	London & Home Counties	1:19:40	07:18
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Team

Kevin Tye, Jonathan Parker & Bronwen Ewing : Kent			51:26
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NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP 30 : 17 APRIL 2016

The 30 mile championship never attracts the largest number of entrants, but a healthy field of 65 riders were attracted to the course near Ashford this year. And what may not have been there in quantity, was certainly there in quality. Yorkshire Group fielded an impressive team consisting of SSSL's Andy Jackson (newly turned veteran and fast becoming one of the nation's most revered riders), the familiar talented face and teammate of Andy, John Surtees, and last year's 30 mile champion, Brian Sunter (Condor Road Club). With the superfast Kevin Tye (Velorefined Aerosmiths) of the local Kent Group also showing no signs of slowing down, paired with the likes of CTT national championship medal winner, Bronwen Ewing (Rye & District Wheelers RC) and Simon Henderson (Thanet RC), the competition promised to be tight.

Frost greeted riders on the morning of the event and, despite the welcome sunshine, the weather never strayed beyond the realms of 'cold' all morning. However, as the morning went on, it was clear that riders were able to defy the chilly conditions and make the most of the fast, long straights on the course. With the complicated turns, railway crossings and car boot sales, the course is never going to be fast - but it certainly is one which provides an excellent competitive test for the riders.

When Keith Lea (Surrey/Sussex Group & Paceline RT) broke the course record with a real time of 1:04:40, we knew we would be in for some excellent performances. 62-year-old Andrew Grant (East Anglian Group & Cambridge CC) was the first to better Lea's standard with +16:35, but with Brian Sunter crossing the line just minutes later with a +16:49, all eyes would be on what the later finishers could achieve. Kevin put in a stunning ride (1:04:02) to shoot him into the lead (+18:59) and, even when Andy broke the course record with a fast 1:02:36, it was only good enough for second place on standard to Kevin.

Special mention must also go to the women's winner, Bronwen, who also took the women's course record (1:12:36) to finish with a plus of +16:04. Kent Group team mate, Julia Hawksworth (Southborough & District Wheelers), took the silver medal with +11:00 whilst Alison Vessey of West Group and Mickey Cranks CC took the bronze with a +5:44.

The London & Home Counties tandem pairing of Brian Foran & Nicki Hunt retained their tandem title, whilst Kevin, Jonathan Parker and Bronwen won the team prize for Kent.

However, stunning performances aside, the event wouldn't have been the success it was if it hadn't been for the stupendously good organisation by Tom Morton and the Kent VTTA. The venue was excellent, and the refreshment selection was one of the best seen at a time trial. The Group even managed to order good weather! The VTTA NEC would like to offer their sincere thanks to the work the Group put in to making this year's championships such a successful and enjoyable occasion.

Rachael Elliott

The 30 Mile Championship—Full Result

Name	Club	Group	Standard	Actual
Brian Foran & Nikki Hunt <i>Tandem</i>)	Lampard RC & VTTA (London & Home Counties)		07:18	1:19:40
Kevin Tye	VeloRefined Aerosmiths	Kent	18:59	1:04:08
Andy Jackson	SSLL Racing Team	Yorkshire	17:01	1:02:36
Brian Sunter	Condor Road Club	Yorkshire	16:49	1:13:59
Andrew Grant	Cambridge CC	East Anglia	16:35	1:09:05
Jonathan Parker	Team Bottrill	Kent	16:23	1:03:30
Keith Lea	Paceline RT	Surrey-Sussex	16:29	1:04:40
Bronwen Ewing	Rye & District Wheelers CC	Kent	16:04	1:12:36
Ian Greenstreet	Newbury RC	London & Home Counties	15:30	1:07:06
Nick Wilson	Rye & District Wheelers CC	Surrey-Sussex	15:01	1:07:35
Lee Morgan	Team Bottrill	Manchester & NW	14:57	1:05:28
Jon Surtees	SSLL Racing Team	Yorkshire	14:15	1:07:22
Simon Henderson	Thanet RC	Kent	13:32	1:09:19
Chris Dyason	Cambridge CC	East Anglia	12:40	1:15:43
Andre Dyason	Cambridge CC	East Anglia	11:30	1:11:54
Colin Lizieri	Cambridge CC	East Anglia	11:28	1:13:28
Paul Fairman	Abellio - SFA Racing Team	Kent	11:26	1:13:51
Tim Davies	Icknield RC	L&HC	11:03	1:10:34
Julia Hawksworth	Southborough & Dist Whs	Kent	11:00	1:18:12
Mark Hill	VeloRefined Aerosmiths	Kent	10:30	1:11:07
Steve Gooch	Rye & District Wheelers CC	Kent	09:57	1:12:09
Christopher Bax	PMR @ Toachim House	Kent	09:35	1:16:28
Martin Dickinson	Deal Tri	Kent	08:24	1:12:30
John Beer	Kingston Phoenix RC	L&HC	08:01	1:18:54
Tom Morton	PMR @ Toachim House	Kent	06:51	1:18:26
Rob Vessey	Micky Cranks CC	West	06:35	1:16:01
David Greenwood	Rye & District Wheelers CC	Kent	06:13	1:16:08
Alison Vessey	Micky Cranks CC	West	05:44	1:26:26
Richard Birtwhistle	Sydenham Wheelers	Kent	05:40	1:19:16
Allan Renyard	Guernsey Velo Club	Wessex	04:34	1:27:42
Richard Claxton	VC Elan	Kent	04:00	1:26:48

David Roe	NDW-South Fork	West	03:25	1:23:57
David Mastin	Thanet RC	Kent	03:21	1:22:42
Alan Morris	Hinckley CRC	Notts & E Midlands	02:43	1:20:41
Andrew McCall	Thanet RC	Kent	00:17	1:25:00
Colin Ashcroft	West Kent RC	Kent	-00:20	1:23:11
Jill Morris	Hinckley CRC	Notts & E Midlands	-17:11	1:47:16
Rodney Smith	Wigmore CC		11:06	1:11:30
Huck Garip	Thanet RC		09:30	1:11:09
Mark Doxey	Abellio - SFA Racing Team		09:24	1:11:59
Mick Claydon	Ashford Wheelers		09:18	1:12:19
Andy Branson	Ashford Wheelers		07:55	1:13:28
Danny Frost	Folkestone Velo Club		07:51	1:14:45
Andy Robinson	Ashford Wheelers		07:41	1:16:17
Paul Smith	VeloRefined Aerosmiths		07:38	1:13:01
Colin Robinson	Thanet RC		03:18	1:18:34
Keeley Chalk	PMR @ Toachim House		00:44	1:26:53
Lee Kingston	Medway Velo Club		-03:11	1:23:04
Peter Pav Bryan	Rye & District Wheelers CC			1:08:12
Paul Morton	PMR @ Toachim House			1:10:46
Andrew Buckley	Adalta Cycling Club			1:10:27
Matt Saywell	Medway Velo Club			1:12:10
Oliver Robinson	Thanet RC			1:12:25
Samuel Robinson	Ashford Wheelers			1:15:03
Louise Mason	Medway Velo Club			1:22:11
Rebecca Wilson	Rye & District Wheelers CC	Surrey-Sussex		DNS
Mark Morgan	Derby Mercury RC	Notts & E Mids		DNS
Joe Lockett	Folkestone Velo Club			DNS
Blair Buss	SSLL Racing Team	Yorkshire		DNS
Martin Lister	Witham Wheelers	Notts & E Mids		DNS
Phil Bull	VeloRefined Aerosmiths	Kent		DNS
Terry Anderson	Shaftesbury CC	East Anglia		DNS
Steven Loraine	Team Swift	Midlands		DNS
Spencer Wood	Adalta Cycling Club			DNS
Simon Wix	VTTA South Wales	Wales		DNS

Due to an error in the publication of the season's programme, the event accepted entrants other than VTTA members



National 10 Mile Championship— 21 May 2016
The Champion : Best on Standard
Gold Medal : Champion's Jersey and Cap
Ken Matthews Cup (Facsimile)

Ron Hallam	Nottingham and East Mids	+06:41	27:06
Bronwen Ewing	Kent	+06:25	22:28
Brian Sunter	Yorkshire	+06:18	23:21
Women			
Bronwen Ewing	Kent	+06:25	22:28
Karen Ledger	North Midlands	+05:42	22:37
Alison Vessey	West	+05:01	25:05
Tandem			
Jeff Bowler and David Bates	Nottingham and East Mids	+04:37	23:11
Team			
Ron Hallam Ian Guilor Nick Cave	Nottingham and East Mids	+18:19	68:49

NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP 10 : 21 MAY 2016

The women were the first to start, and we saw one of the most competitive fields ever for a VTTA championship event. In the end, Bronwen Ewing (Kent Group; Rye & District Wheelers) continued her sparkling form from the 30 mile championship to post a blistering 22:28 (+6:25). Karen Ledger (North Midlands Group; Langsett Cycles RT) also posted a fast 22:37 which won her the silver medal on standard (+5.42) and Alison Vessey (West Group; Mickey Cranks CC) taking her second bronze medal of the year (her first being in the 30 mile championship) with a +5:01.

For a while, it seemed we may have a female overall winner after Bronwen's sterling ride. However, Ron Hallam (Notts & East Midlands Group; South Pennine RC) produced the goods on his home turf with an exceptional ride to give a +6:41. With Bronwen taking second place, it was Brian Sunter (Yorkshire Group; Condor RC) who once again earned himself a podium spot to take the bronze medal with +6:18.

The fastest rider on scratch for the day was Liam Maybank (London & Home Counties Group; Twickenham CC). Maybank's time of 20:20 was just enough for fourth place (+5:58).

The most nail biting competition of the day was the team result. In the end, Nick Cave, Ian Guilor and Ron Hallam took the glory for the Notts & East Midlands Group with a cumulative plus of +18:19. Unfortunately, Kevin Tye (VeloRefined.com Aerosmiths) took a wrong turn at a roundabout and arguably cost the group the team prize: their cumulative plus was just four seconds behind the home group (+18:15). Sealing the Notts & East Midlands' strong performance was the South Pennine RC tandem pairing of Jeff Bowler and David Bates. The pair crossed the line in 23:11, equating to +4:37 with the new tandem standards and sealing victory by over two minutes.

Rachael Elliott

Pos	Mem No	Name	Club	Group	Standard	Actual
1	0975	Ron Hallam	South Pennine RC	Nottingham & East Mids	06:41	27:06
2	5352	Bronwen Ewing	Rye & District Wheelers CC	Kent	06:25	22:28
3	2346	Brian Sunter	Condor RC	Yorkshire	06:18	23:21
4	4760	Liam Maybank	Twickenham CC	London & Home Counties	05:58	20:20
5	5554	Jonathan Parker	Team Bottrill	Kent	05:57	20:07
6	5258	Ian Guilor	Mapperley CC	Nottingham & East Mids	05:56	20:40
7	5525	Andrew Grant	Cambridge CC	East Anglian	05:53	22:06
8	2847	Kevin Tye	VeloRefined.com Aerosmiths	Kent	05:53	21:11
9	1889	Ken Platts	Cambridge CC	East Anglian	05:49	22:17
10	5033	Simon Norman	Bedfordshire Road RT	London & Homes Counties	05:48	20:35
11	0296	Philip Brown	Walsall Roads CC	Midlands	05:44	22:22
12	5069	Karen Ledger	Langsett Cycles Race Team	North Midlands	05:42	22:37
13	4814	Nick Cave	Lutterworth Cycle Centre RT	Nottingham & East Mids	05:42	21:03
14	5030	Len Benton	Colchester Rovers CC	East Anglian	05:36	25:22
15	5157	Andy Hazell	Mid Shropshire Wheelers	Merseyside	05:36	23:16
16	2640	Sydney Wilson	Sheffield Phoenix CC	North Midlands	05:34	29:22
17	0931	Ian Greenstreet	Newbury RC	London & Home Counties	05:31	21:23
18	2301	Ken Stevens	South Pennine RC	Nottingham & East Mids	05:28	29:28
19	5541	Daniel Barnett	Team Bottrill	Nottingham & East Mids	05:26	20:43
20	4869	Joe Costello	Walsall Roads CC	Midlands	05:20	22:00

21	5074	David Kiernan	Lutterworth Cycle Centre RT	Midlands	05:17	20:52
22	5816	Sean Vincent	Team Bottrill	Nottingham & East Mids	05:15	21:12
23	4879	Jon Howard	Wyre Forest CRC	Midlands	05:12	21:20
24	5069	Chris Ledger	Langsett Cycles Race Team	North Midlands	05:07	21:57
25	0704	Chris Dyason	Cambridge CC	East Anglian	05:05	23:37
26	5381	Alison Vessey	Mickey Cranks Cycling Club	West	05:01	25:05
27	4798	Keith Dorling	Team Bottrill	East Anglian	05:01	22:19
28	5268	Chris Ward	Team Swift	Nottingham & East Mids	05:00	21:45
29	3214	Susan Semple	Born to Bike	Midlands	04:55	23:58
30	3104	David Evans	Team Echelon - Rotor	South Wales	04:53	22:39
31	2949	Iain McLeod	SVTTA	Scotland	04:52	25:48
32	4554	Mark McCartney	Nottingham Clarion CC	Nottingham & East Mids	04:50	21:51
33	4928	Neil Holden	Lutterworth Cycle Centre RT	Nottingham & East Mids	04:48	21:30
34	5549	Robert Gibbons	Hinckley Cycle Racing Club	London & Home Counties	04:48	21:25
35	0863	Russell Gent	Melton Olympic CC	Nottingham & East Mids	04:46	24:28
36	3679	Alex Deck	Langsett Cycles Race Team	North Midlands	04:46	23:57
37	2134	Roger Sewell	Hounslow & District Whs	London & Home Counties	04:45	23:57
38	5807	Melanie Sneddon	TORQ Performance	London & Home Counties	04:44	23:18
39	3852	Simon Henderson	Thanet RC	Kent	04:41	22:18
40	5234	Michael Wills	Hinckley Cycle Racing Club	Nottingham & East Mids	04:38	22:42
41	4748	Stuart Stow	Twickenham CC	London & Home Counties	04:35	22:15
42	1063	Gill Henshaw	VC Long Eaton	Nottingham & East Mids	04:34	30:31
43	5410	Jason Swann	Mapperley CC	Nottingham & East Mids	04:31	21:38
44	4145	Colin Parkinson	South Western Road Club	Nottingham & East Mids	04:31	22:33
45	4139	Chris Roberts	Anglia Velo	East Anglian	04:27	24:47
46	5815	John Smith	Thurcroft CC	North Midlands	04:22	26:36
47	3662	Martin Reynolds	Cambridge CC	East Anglian	04:21	22:38
48	5438	Michael Parker	TMG Horizon Cycling Team	London & Home Counties	04:17	22:33
49	5859	Paul Arnold	Mapperley CC	Nottingham & East Mids	04:15	23:05
50	2328	Tony Stott	VTTA (Yorkshire)	Yorkshire	04:14	25:00
51	5484	Louise Day	Team Swift	Nottingham & East Mids	04:13	25:19
52	0925	Graham Green	Team Bottrill	Nottingham & East Mids	04:12	25:27
53	5348	Gary Symons	Witham Wheelers	Nottingham & East Mids	04:10	22:03
54	5648	Richard Chamberlain	Coventry Road Club	Midlands	04:07	22:43
55	3214	Alastair Semple	Stafford RC	Midlands	04:07	22:29
56	4359	Chris Womack	VC Baracchi	East Anglian	04:05	24:47
57	4850	Steven Loraine	Team Swift	Midlands	04:04	23:28
58	0955	Phil Guy	North Shropshire Wheelers	Merseyside	04:01	24:31
59	5232	Scott Leverington	Chorley Cycling Club	North Lancs & Lakes	04:01	22:12
60	5695	Jeffrey Regler	Alford Whs	North Midlands	04:00	22:23
61	5447	Ashley Roue	Lutterworth Cycle Centre RT	Nottingham & East Mids	04:00	22:32
62	0904	Michael Gowan	Festival Road Club	Surrey/Sussex	03:59	25:27
63	5429	Claire Kitching	Newbury RC	London & Home Counties	03:56	24:43

64	5381	Robin Vessey	Mickey Cranks Cycling Club	West	03:52	23:02
65	4033	Peter Lavine	Team Bottrill	Nottingham & East Mids	03:51	23:53
66	5572	Alan Tunnicliffe	South Normanton CC	Nottingham & East Mids	03:48	23:38
67	2085	John Royle	Fenland Clarion	Nottingham & East Mids	03:47	25:05
68	5778	Kevin Hobbs	Peterborough CC	East Anglian	03:42	22:45
69	4142	Stewart Gregory	Notts Clarion	Nottingham & East Mids	03:40	23:10
70	5776	Paul Welsby	Drag2Zero	Midlands	03:35	23:06
71	1697	John Murphy	Gloucester City Rudy Project	West	03:33	26:50
72	4637	Andy Smith	North Notts Olympic CC	Nottingham & East Mids	03:26	22:43
73	4467	Nigel Finch	Mercia - Lloyds Cycles CC	Nottingham & East Mids	03:24	24:20
74	5391	Sean Sleigh	Lichfield CCC	Midlands	03:22	22:51
75	2481	Cliff Voller	Newbury RC	West	03:21	24:53
76	5054	Richard Sheldrake	Lincoln Whs CC	North Midlands	03:19	22:50
77	5232	Zoe Whiteside	Team Bottrill	North Lancs & Lakes	03:18	24:55
78	5820	Jeremy Stone	Team Bottrill	Midlands	03:15	23:35
79	5409	Linda Hubbard	Welland Valley	Nottingham & East Mids	03:06	25:47
80	5741	Philip Collier	Mapperley	Nottingham & East Mids	03:05	24:39
81	5740	Chris Sprott	Leicester Forest CC	Nottingham & East Mids	03:01	22:58
82	0700	Richard Durham	Team Swift	Yorkshire	03:00	24:44
83	4929	Alan Morris	Hinckley Cycle Racing Club	Nottingham & East Mids	02:48	24:21
84	5450	Craig Lamb	Alford Whs	Nottingham & East Mids	02:47	23:45
85	4681	Dave Wentworth	Team Salesengine.co.uk	East Anglian	02:45	25:06
86	3725	Steven Boat	Welland Valley CC	Nottingham & East Mids	02:45	24:29
87	5111	David Guy	OV Cycling Club	London & Home Counties	02:45	26:17
88	0719	Geoff Edgerton	North Shropshire Wheelers	Merseyside	02:42	26:00
89	2613	Michael Wilkinson	North Notts Olympic CC	Nottingham & East Mids	02:35	24:39
90	2150	Graham Sheard	North Lancs Road Club	North Lancs & Lakes	02:34	26:08
91	2742	Allan Renyard	Guernsey Velo Club	Wessex	02:28	27:25
92	5230	David Lacey	Airedale Olympic	Yorkshire	02:26	24:43
93	5294	Phil Wright	Hartlepool CC	North	02:26	25:18
94	0981	Ben Hamilton	Rutland Cycling Club	North Midlands	02:24	26:28
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96	5153	Richard Bennett	Newbury RC	London & Home Counties	02:08	24:19
97	2873	Roy Oakes	South Pennine RC	Nottingham & East Mids	02:04	27:10
98	5047	Andrew Bright	Chronos RT	East Anglian	02:02	24:34
99	5468	David Wright	Cheshire RC	Yorkshire	01:55	25:56
100	5791	James Westwood	Witham Wheelers	Nottingham & East Mids	01:52	24:40
101	5174	Maggi Biggs	Team Bader Amputees	North Lancs & Lakes	01:25	29:06
102	4646	Brian Wills	Ambleside Velo	Midlands	01:20	27:12
103	1326	John King	Janus RC	Manchester & North West	-00:09	31:07
104	4929	Jill Morris	Hinckley Cycle Racing Club	Nottingham & East Mids	-01:08	30:28

TANDEMS

4882	Jeff Bowler David Bates	South Pennine RC	Nottingham & East Mids	04:37	23:11
2284	Barbara Penrice Mike Penrice	VTTA Yorkshire	Yorkshire	02:43	28:12
3850	Ian Marshall Kevin Stokes	Bicester Millennium CC Team Milton Keynes	London & Home Counties	DNS	
5506	Chris Melia	Born to Bike	North Midlands	DNF	
3665	Mike Garvey	Bolsover and District CC	Nottingham & East Mids	DNF	
3216	Paul Eveleigh	Lincoln Whs CC	Nottingham & East Mids	DNF	
4766	Rod Goodfellow	North Lincs RC	North Lincs and Lakes	DNF	
3356	Martin Lister	Witham Wheelers	Nottingham & East Mids	DNF	
5682	Jon Simpkins	Drag2Zero	Midlands	DNF	
5629	Bill Seddon	Team Bottrill	North Midlands	DNS	
0248	Gary Matthews	Sole Bay Cycle Sport	East Anglian	DNS	
0505	Frank Anderson	SVTTA	Scotland	DNS	
0521	Lee Morgan	Team Bottrill	Manchester & North West	DNS	
5787	Clive Faine	Team Milton Keynes	London & Home Counties	DNS	
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4747	Paul Tomkins	Lutterworth Cycle Centre RT	Nottingham & East Mids	DNS	
5798	Andrew Horner	Stowmarket & District CC	East Anglian	DNS	
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EDDIE BRAY

(1944 – 2016)

Eddie was the eldest child of Stan and Jean Bray and lived in Birmingham from the age of 4 with his sister, Sheila and brother, Robert.

(Stan was very well known in the 'cycling world' – touring and racing on a trike as well as solo and finished many 24-hour rides).

The family were members of Solihull Cycling Club and of the CTC – family holidays being three week tours of different parts of the UK, staying at Youth Hostels.

At age 11, Eddie attended Loughborough Grammar School (where his father and uncle were pupils) and lived with his grandmother. From here he went to Bede College, Durham where he studied for a Teaching Certificate, specialising in chemistry.

After his marriage to Chris in 1968 their jobs took them to Worcestershire where he rode for Worcester St Johns CC.

12 months later he enrolled as a mature student at Hull University to study for a B.Sc. in chemistry. Here he continued racing, joining the Hull Thursday Road Club but also represented the University in Time Trials and the Track Championships.

After graduating Eddie taught for a short while in York and while there was a member of the Clifton Cycling Club.

After their first child, Carol was born they returned to the Midlands where Eddie taught at a small independent girls' school in Malvern. He re-joined Worcester St Johns CC for a while then the Sevale CC where he remained a member until this year.

Eddie's first time trials were Club Events in 1958 and 1959. His first Open TT was in 1960 and he competed every year up to 2011 – a total of 719 Open events in 52 years!

He rode all distances 10, 25, 50 and 100 mile and 12 hours events and one 24. His favourite distance was 25 miles and he was thrilled in 1969 to beat the hour with a time of 58:03. He also entered some events on his trike.

However, in later years he only rode 10s as in 2009 he was diagnosed with Idiopathic Pulmonary Fibrosis (IPF), which over the last few years greatly curtailed his cycling, but with great determination he used his touring bike (and latterly an electric bike) to cycle in our local lanes around Malvern.

After his marriage to Chris he bought her a 'proper' bike and they embarked on many CTC Tours abroad as well as riding in local CTC groups.

When children arrived they used a kiddy seat then a tandem then both to enable the family to continue touring, especially on the CTC Birthday Rides.

One memorable occasion was a local Club Event when the three generations rode up on the tandem to the starting line – Eddie on the front, his Dad as stoker and his 2-year-old son, Duncan, in the kiddy seat – perhaps a new Club record was established!

Eddie loved the sport and competing in events (not the early starts!) but also enjoyed talking to fellow cyclists after the events.

Cycling often dominated the conversations in our home and when taking non-motorway car journeys – I often recall being told the TT course numbers and where there was a drag at several points!

On Eddie's behalf I would like to thank all the Cycling Club members who give their time to organising events, especially the timekeepers and marshals.

Chris Bray

TERRY KAY
1933 – 2016

Terry joined the Preston Wheelers in the mid seventies after previously being a member of the now long gone Preston Cycling and Athletic Club and the Lea Road Club. A clubman to his finger tips, he was always a willing pair of hands and over the years held several positions involved in running of the Club including President and Chairman several times. In the late 1970's he became Time Trials Secretary, a post he held until very recently. Terry was indispensable in the running of the Wheelers for well over forty years and could always be relied upon to do a good job quietly and efficiently and with the minimum of fuss.

Terry always looked good on a bike and was immediately recognisable for his strong, smooth pedalling style. In his fifties Terry hit a purple patch chalking up a host of PBs. Race reports of 1984/5 show he was often in the winning team in Open, NLTTA and VTTA events.

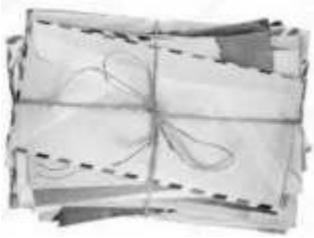
Terry played a major part in the organisation of the North Lancashire and Lakes Group of the VTTA. In 2007 after 15 years as Group Secretary and Treasurer, Terry retired from these two official positions. He remained as Dinner Secretary, a position he held for a total of 18 years and was an event promoter for 27 years. He was a prolific Timekeeper and was the Group's Quartermaster which involved looking after the Group's signs etc. which he would organise for any relevant event. He has long been regarded by many as the Group's hardest working official.

In 2008 he was rewarded with the Ted Bricknell Trophy in recognition of outstanding services to the VTTA after being nominated by the North Lancs and Lakes Group.

Terry was definitely a very worthy recipient.

John Ward (Preston Wheelers) and Keith Tattersall (VTTA)





LETTERS

From Dave Orford

Dear Jim

THE 32ND INTERNATIONAL CYCLING CHAMPIONSHIPS 2016 IN WOESTEN, BELGIUM

The programme starts on the second Thursday in August -11th this year - and it is possible to enter on the start of the four-day programme.

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The first event is for the 50+, followed by the 65+, which is the 15th Memorial to Brian Hawkrige who died in a British time trial in 2001.

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There have been many British winners, starting with myself in 1990 (24Km).

On the Friday, 12 August 2016 in the category 36-49. Again eight seconds per year you are older than 36 - (32Km).

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