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OFFICIALS' REPORTS

PRESIDENT

Alan Colburn



The racing season is now over for practically all of us – the road-men are recovering from the acres of “road rash”, the time trial guys are gently unwinding from the aero position, hill climbers regain their wits at the top and gently ride down to recovery but the cyclo-crossers are still left to hose down their bikes – and themselves.

So we look forward to a few weeks of relaxation, a couple of cream doughnuts perhaps and maybe the odd pint (or six!) We'll have a look back at our results and congratulate ourselves on the season (or not!) But I wonder how a certain American is now looking back at the tatters of a career which saw him dominate “Le Tour”. He's had miles of journalistic acclaim and earned millions of dollars and what has he ended up with? Can he really look at himself and say it was all worth it? He's going to be sued for most of the prize money and endorsements he received while his self respect must have dwindled away to nothing. Maybe he just doesn't care! Maybe he never did!

Where does the blame lie in this scenario? The rider, the DS, team doctor and the owners are all complicit in some way or other but there is, in my opinion, one more culprit who should be taking a stronger stance against doping. Who should be setting out stronger rules and sanctions to protect the sport against further dishonesty? Who should be making more effort to protect the younger pro riders? The governing body – that's who! They seem to have been lurching from indecision to no decision or bad decision on quite a few aspects in the past few years. An international organisation like the UCI needs clear objectives and a strong leadership and it appears to enjoy neither at the moment.

Returning to a slightly lower level of organisation, which does actually listen to what their members say, I'm pleased to confirm that the Standards Working Party have assessed the results of the first year of the new Standards and will be proposing slight adjustments as promised at the last Annual General Meeting. There has been praise and criticism of the new Standards throughout the season and it will be extremely interesting to hear the delegates' comments at the AGM in February where everyone will have the opportunity to participate. At this point I would like to offer some advice which, of course, you may decide to ignore but I would appeal to all members to go along to the Group AGMs and join in the discussions on how your Association is being conducted. It is at the Group AGMs that your Group delegates will be mandated to discuss and vote on the issues that appear on the National AGM agenda. They will be representing your views – don't miss the opportunity.

Christmas will soon be upon us again – I'm sure we had one only about a year ago! We'll all be celebrating in our different and varied ways but the message is always the same, isn't it? Have a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. Keep warm and stay safe. See you down the road.

SECRETARY

Ann Butterworth



What a momentous year 2012 has been. After 69 years using the Standards Tables first devised by Ernest Strevens, the VTTA took the plunge and a new Standard system was formulated and put into practice. Opinions are divided as to whether the new system is better but none can say that the exercise has been a waste of time.

After a full season, the full impact of the 2012 Standards can be seen and, where necessary, minor adjustments can be made subject to the agreement of the membership who will be represented by the Group delegates at the National AGM. What is certain is that we will not be returning to the 1943 Standards Tables.

I wish all members a happy Christmas and, to those of you who will be racing, a successful season in 2013, the 70th anniversary of the founding of the VTTA.

MEMBERSHIP SECRETARY

Merv Player



Sadly, the Groups have advised me that 32 members have passed away.

We now have 2486 members, which with 264 partners make a total membership of 2750 in all at the end of 2012.

Of this number 384 are non-paying members, compiled of six Distinguished Life Members, three Group Life Members and 273 Honorary Life Members. 37 Honorary Life Members have qualified in 2012.

We also have 102 Life Members. No member has paid the £50 necessary to become a Life Member since this new rate was introduced a few years ago.

Comparative figures, of the total membership, for the two preceding years are: 2011 2536 members and 259 partners, a total of 2795 and 2010 2587 members and 270 partners a total of 2857.

From these figures, you will observe that the membership has been reduced by 107 in the above two years

I would like to thank all the Group Secretaries and in some cases the Treasurers for their continued support and assistance in maintaining and keeping the Database in good order.

We have had a steady flow of new members joining the Association during the year, as well as several who have re-joined.

In total 311 new members have been added to the membership, with 339 not renewing.

WEBMASTER

Jim Gibb



The website is now well-established with visitor numbers reasonably steady and the occasional peaks of interest. After the home page, the next most viewed page is the standards tables followed by general information about the VTTA.

On the website you can see the latest news, results from events, the calendar of next year's events and contact details for the group and national officials. In addition, you can find details of the standards tables, the Association's awards and the results of the main competitions.

To generate more interest, the content of the website needs to change more. Groups and event organisers are therefore encouraged to send their start and result sheets along with a report of their event. Also any news about group activities would also be welcome. Send to webmaster@vttta.org.uk

Group Officials can now publish their own news items on the website. All that's required is a user name and password. Any group official who would like to make use of this facility should send a request to the webmaster.

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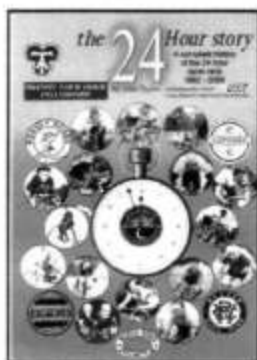


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AROUND THE GROUPS

YORKSHIRE GROUP

That's it for another year and a foul one at that; it even surpassed 2011 and that was bad enough. Despite all the wind and rain, there have been some good performances.

As most of you will know by now, Len Grayson (Team Swift) was killed when he was hit from behind whilst riding the Team Swift 100 in August. Our sympathies go to his wife Kathleen and daughter Jane; an obituary appears elsewhere.

Our final event of the season, Steve Gaunt's 10, was held in September. It was due to be held on the A19 but, in light of the above accident three weeks earlier, Steve decided to move it to the A168 at Walshford. It has to be said that roads like the A19 on busy Saturday afternoons are now motorways in all but name. The event itself was a success, with some fine rides done on what was an excellent afternoon in this foul summer. Michael Ellerton (51), Team Swift, was the winner both on actual time and standard with 21:19 +5:28, Brian Sunter (69), Condor RC, was second with 23:24 +5:03 – a great ride, giving away 18 years! In third position was Chris Suker (65) of Brough Wheelers with 23:00 +4:58, just five seconds behind Brian. Michael Ellerton led Team Swift to the team prize, being backed up by Wayne Thorpe (47) 23:07 +3:24 and Alan Gay (65) 26:38 +1:20. Interesting to note that last year's winner Mike Riches (79), Yorkshire RC, this time was over 2½ minutes adrift on standard; a sign of the new tables? Next season Steve has decided to keep this event on the A168. It will also feature the Club Team competition on standard for the Brafman Cup. This is a trophy which is nominated by the National Committee to an event (by rotation at each distance) and next year it will be Steve's 10 so something to aim for.

I can now confirm the dates for our events next season: Mike Williams' 10 will be on 13 April on V718, Bob Tate will run the 30 on 19 May on V243, Tony Stott will run the 25 on 21 July on V236/1 and Steve Gaunt the 10 on 7 September on V212.

Now to people in the wars: Mickie Hornby,

Team Swift, is back on the bike after suffering severe knee problems - her doctor says it is wear and tear; now I wonder what can have caused that! Pauline Smith, Clifton CC, was struck down with severe hip pain earlier in the year and finally went into hospital in October for a hip replacement, but five days later was at the Rideout Lunch brandishing a carbon fibre stick! We wish them both a full recovery.

To the Rideout Lunch itself: just twenty-nine were present - the usual stalwarts. John Churchman puts on an excellent do and deserves better support. It would seem the younger Vets aren't interested, which is a shame as this is an excellent way to end the season. Despite the low attendance, it was agreed to carry on next year so the date will be Sunday 20 October 2013. Why not come along, give yourself a treat; newcomers will be more than welcome. Once again John deserves our thanks for organising.

Still on social matters, our Annual Lunch and Prize Presentation will be at The Bridge, Walshford, on Sunday 27 January 2013, 12 noon for 12:30 pm. Tickets are the same price as last year (£20) available from Mickie Hornby (01904 766113). As mentioned previously, Keith Lawton, CTT National Secretary (Competitions and Development) will be Guest of Honour. Forget the races without numbers for one Sunday and come along and give the Group and Mickie your support.

Now to some sad news: Bas Smith, Yorkshire RC, died in September; he was 94. His career began in the thirties and spanned a golden age of British Time Trialling. He was the oldest living RTTC National Champion. He will be missed by his many friends in Yorkshire cycling and our sympathies go to his family. A full obituary appears elsewhere.

In October I attended the launch of the DVD 'Racing is Life', which is the story of the career of my late club-mate Beryl Burton. It was attended by many of Beryl's peers and brought back memories of functions past at Morley Town Hall when Beryl had come home with another World Championship.

The footage shows some of our club events in the fifties; not a car in sight, a million miles away from turbo trainers and power meters. A better world – or am I just getting old? Anyway, I can recommend it; an insight into Beryl's achievements when she was up against the might of Eastern Europe and their 'preparation' and won.

Now to our AGM: the usual 18 faces present. So much for bringing it forward to allow riders to have their say on the new standards; if you don't like what happens, you can't complain. Our membership has remained static at 176, which includes 16 life members and 12 honorary life members. Bob reported that there were only 18 qualifiers in our short distance BAR, down from 28 last year, and just 6 in our long distance BAR. The foul summer could have had something to do with this drop. Mike Shacklock (68), Yorkshire RC, has won our long distance BAR, Peter Yates (79), Otley CC, finished second and Cliff Beldon (65), Team Swift, third. In our short distance BAR, Len Grayson (75), Team Swift, had done enough before his tragic death to come out on top. Ged Millward (47), Ilkley CC, finished second and Mike Shacklock (68), Yorkshire RC, third. These results were derived using the new standard calculations. George Young, our Treasurer, reported a loss on the year of £404. Despite this, our finances are sound. Cliff Ralphs, our Racing Secretary, had produced an excellent report, noting that Carl Saint, Yorkshire RC, and Clare Ella, Born to Bike, had set a CTT National Competition record for the Mixed Tandem Tricycle at 15 miles with 31:40. Congratulations to

them. Mickie Hornby, our Social Secretary, reported that ticket sales for our Annual Lunch were going well and also that Kath Grayson, Len's widow, had been asked to present the awards and would be delighted to do so. All your officials for next year will remain the same as this year, although Bob did say that next year will be his last as Recorder so we will be looking for a replacement. All your officials deserve a vote of thanks for the effort they put in on your behalf. The date for next year's AGM will be Saturday 9 November.

At the time of writing, it is unclear how our riders may have fared in the National BAR. One final note: Bob's 30 next year will incorporate the National VTTA Championship.

Bradley Wiggins has literally come down to earth with a bump when he was mown down by a car pulling out of a garage. Sadly, you're just a hedgehog like the rest of us, Bradley! So much for the increased public awareness of cycling! His chances of winning the Sports Personality Award are vanishing faster than an Alpine descent, with the Armstrong affair and all the doping scandals. Looking on the bright side, the football season is in full swing. The number of people still alive who can remember when England last won anything will soon be all gone like the survivors of the Titanic!

Well that's it: I'm off to the sun. I'll see you all at our Annual Lunch.

All the best for Christmas and the New Year.

Malcolm T Cowgill



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WEST



I am able to report a successful WestVets AGM, which took place on Sunday November 4th. There were twelve in attendance but unfortunately there were several apologies recorded from those unable to get there because of unusual weather conditions. Flooded roads trapped some members, living not very far north, and snow bound roads prevented others in the Bath area from making the journey. Full marks to Ray Retter and Harvey Alford who were the first to arrive having driven all the way up from Devon.

Everything ran very smoothly and all current committee members were re-elected except for Allan Norwood, who was grateful to be relieved of the WestVet editor's job by Mike Jupp who returns to put together our magazine once more. Mike held this post previously until Allan took over ten years ago.

A vote of thanks was recorded for Allan's sterling work in providing us with a first class journal for many years.

With rising postal charges it was found necessary to increase the membership fee for the year ahead. Would you now forward your subscriptions to Ian Pritchard for 2013 which are: - Single members £17-00 Family £20-00. Excellent value if only for the eight very readable journals that drop through your letterbox at regular intervals. Make Ian's job easier by sending in your subscriptions now before you forget and so that he doesn't have to send you a reminder, which costs a

lot of money and causes him inconvenience. I can't put it more succinctly than that!

The new and rather magnificent Janet Wilson Memorial Trophy has been awarded jointly to two WestVets for their outstanding performances during the past year, namely Rob Pears from Bath CC and David Jones from Newbury RC. I believe that David has now announced his retirement at the age of 82 years.

Three group championship events over 10, 25 and 50 miles have been approved to go into next years calendar, and I hope that they will all attract good entries.

Now onto another subject that has been quite a talking point for the past few months. I think that many people were initially reluctant to accept the verdict on Lance Armstrong, but I believe and hope that we are all truly grateful now that he has been weeded out for his misdemeanours. He has done incalculable damage to the image of our sport. However I believe that we are quite strong enough to bounce back when we eventually show the world that we as a sport really are leading the fight to tackle the problem. From my point of view, science is always ahead of our detection methods and that will always be the situation, although the biological passport is indeed a great help.

I hope that you will all throw away your Nike blue socks, consider buying British or European bikes and return to using familiar cycling terms such as, wired on tyres instead of clinchers, bit and bit instead of drafting, pedal revs instead of cadence etc. I am convinced that Mr Armstrong's main objective was commercial and was to Americanise European cycling on a big scale.

Having said that, I believe that the UCI must take a lot of the responsibility for allowing obvious doping to continue until it reached this final disastrous stage. As a Sports Therapist, I reported that Armstrong and others were using performance-enhancing materials as long ago as 1999 when I observed the obvious symptoms on the Tour de France. Much to my amazement, nobody was prepared to listen, and completely rejected the strong evidence that was available even then. My view is simply that physical evidence was not conclusive enough to defeat the smart solicitors that

riders were able to engage to defend them.

With the racing at an end for this year, we can now settle down to an interesting social season - or can we! A short lay-off can be beneficial but if you have any ambitious plans, you should already be planning next year.

Finally may I wish all our good friends in the VTTA a very Merry Christmas and all you might reasonably wish for yourselves in the New Year.

Brian Griffiths

East Anglian Group



How very sad it is to know that there will be no National prize-giving this year, or at least no trophy presentation, although the reason is well understood. Thanks are due to Jim Burgin who, amid his numerous commitments, has found time to arrange this in recent years and to house the unclaimed trophies, The East Anglian Group has always been represented to collect group and/or individual awards since the days when members cycled across country to Warwick and later attended at such diverse venues as South Wales and the Nottingham area, and had hoped to do so again.

This unfortunate state of affairs is mirrored in this group, where only fourteen members attended the AGM, although figures for the lunch which

followed at the Holiday Inn, Ipswich, were as usual. The group has a number of handsome trophies given by, or in most cases memorials to, founder members or others who have served faithfully. Of these, eleven were left on the table for the long-suffering Tony and Sue Clarke to return to their loft; the only recipients present were Laura Gambling, who retained the Ladies Cup, and Antony Stapleton who, with team winners John Golder and Ann Shuttleworth made the 100 mile round trip on their bikes.

There was no sign of the "mystery man", namely Steve Irwin, Kingston Wheelers (reputed to have joined the group to get on the fast course). As he had achieved a number of awards, obviously everyone was curious to meet him, but it was not to be; maybe next season?

Antony was closely challenged by club-mate John Golder in the BAR, as was Laura in the Ladies Championship by newcomer Tricia Goulden. Third places went to Rob Dulson and Ann Shuttleworth. The ladies have all had a good season, including Karen Eaton, and are to be congratulated on being placed in the group's winning teams of six in both the National BAR and Three-distance competitions. Not to be forgotten was a new record of 29:54 by our little star of the East, Connie Tapper who, at the age of 83, can still set a good record for future generations to aim at.

It is pleasing to report that all officials are willing to carry on for 2013 with their usual efficiency. Christine Yareham, a very able treasurer, felt unable to attend the AGM as Dougie was rather poorly having contracted a chest infection, tho' still in good spirits which have served him well since the accident and which has amazed the medical profession. At the time of writing, he is now able to walk without crutches – but only just. Good wishes to them both. Thankfully there are no other mishaps to report.

Merv is both General and Membership Secretary of East Anglian Group and he reported to the AGM that John Iszatt, having had his event cancelled due to rain, rescheduled it whilst Ron Back, also suffering a cancellation, incorporated the Group awards in the Stowmarket 10. With the Counties 100 in the same boat, the Championship

was included in the East District 100.

Due to a misunderstanding the Standards were not calculated, but after considerable work by both Tony Clarke and John Golder a satisfactory result was arrived at.

Karl Read was one of the year's new organisers and he resurrected the 10 on the E2. It was a successful event and Karl is keen to run it again in 2013, this time incorporating the National 10.

John Iszatt has decided to stand down as organiser of the Group 25 next year but the gap has been filled by Lee Desborough.

East Anglian is the largest of the VTTA Groups with 340 members; this figure includes 27 Honorary Life members, five qualifying in 2012. Llewelyn Ranson who did not join until he was 69 was one of those (he is now 95). Another 8 become 80 next year, soon there will be more HLMs than paying members!

The Group has recruited 36 new members during 2012 but 27 decided not to renew. Sadly three members passed away - Peter Hamon, Will Marshant and James Shaw.

Eddie Fone, the Age Records Secretary, told the meeting that there were 30 age records during the year, some of them national records.

Ken Platts is now the holder of the 25 at 60 with a ride of 49:57 and also of the 12 hour with 269 miles.

The Group Chairman, Peter Horsnell is the national record holder at 30 miles with 1:23:36 at age 82, beating the existing record by one second!

The surprise of the year was Steve Irwin who, at the age of 41 holds the 10 and 50 records with 19:20 and 1:41:17.

Chris Dyason has the 25 Group record with his 54:15.

Tricia Goulden is another new name with 10, 25 and 30 mile records: 22:54; 58:49 and 1:11:24.

Peter Horsnell broke the 10, 30, 50, 100 and 12 hours and Elspeth Knott, another new name, now holds the 50 record with her 2:10:09.

Jim Reed improved the 50 record with his 1:53:02.

Ann Shuttleworth holds the 10 and 50 with 23:13 and 2:01:11.

Connie Tapper, at the age of 83 did 29:54 for a 10 whilst Laura Gambling got a full set of records: 10, 25, 30, 50 and 100.

Merv Player broke two records, 50 and 30 miles whilst Eddie Fone managed new records at 10, 25 and 30.

Ken Platts improved records at 25, 30 and 50 miles in addition to 12 hours.

Others include Eric Marsh with a national 25 mile record on a trike (1:11:48) whilst Colin Bunnett and Peter Hopkins have claimed the national tandem trike record for 50 miles.

Jane Swain has ridden a tricycle for 24 hours covering 333 miles which becomes a national record as did Gary Empson and Glen Taylor when they rode a tandem for 50 miles. All these national performances are listed elsewhere in this issue of *The Veteran*.

Also detailed in later pages are the trophy winners.

Re the vexing question of the standards, the older members seem to have grudgingly accepted their fate, feeling that they have been air-brushed out or, as someone else said, "pushed into the shadows". Seven over-80s enjoying their cups of tea after an end of season event, were united in their criticism of the new figures, particularly the allowance for 40 year-olds.

A personal note I must add is that when I joined the VTTA in 1971, at the age of 40, there were no women's standards which were quite attainable, but now have been made easier for men of 40 – surely no further comment is necessary, only to say that it does not concern me any more as I am no longer in serious competition.

Have a Happy New Season with plenty of good times!

Mary Horsnell

SOUTH WALES



2012 has been the coolest, wettest summer since 1796, with overwhelming rain prevailing from April to October. Bad weather, that has to be blamed for many lost cycling opportunities and for more than enough stress among time trial folk. On a personal note, I estimate loss the of over 1000 training miles since January. Probably this is something of an over-reaction as since mid-August, there have been a few brighter moments worth reporting.

The Pontypool RCC 10, incorporating the Welsh Championship on August 18th, was such an event. Conditions were ideal, calm with a slight dampness in the air, easy for breathing quantities of the ether. Kieron Davies Bynea CC showed us the way by breaking the Welsh record with 19:08. Amongst our VTTA members, Cliff Jackson Pembroke Velo age 63, posted an impressive 21:56 while Welsh expatriate from the Midlands, Vince Jenkins age 72 recorded a useful 23:25. Your correspondent age 76 clocked a 5 year PB 23:58, good enough to take the standard. Other commendable rides were Nick Forbes 23:53, Ed Hadley 24:43, Paul Griffiths 26:25, Ken Squibb 27:29 very special, after radiotherapy earlier this year. Norman James was pleased with 28:02 and John Shehan was not so pleased with 28:42 caused by 5 minute late start penalty.

The following week August 26th was the Welsh

Championship 50, conditions were typical for this summer, cool and windy. Several of our VTTA group produced respectable performances, notably Paul Coleman, Pembroke Velo 1:59:09, Mike Broadbent, Bynea CC was pleased with 2:05:27, David Evans Worcester St Johns, another good ride 2.05.50 and after starting on time, John Shehan Bynea CC posted 2:12:11. Your correspondent went back to 2:16:29, but Pete Wilson Bath CC was well pleased with 2:18:16. Others to finish were Pete Murrieri, Ed Hadley and Paul Griffiths. I should not forget the standard, won by Paula Moseley, Climb on Bikes with 2:01:06 +25:14 – I wouldn't wish to take anything away from Paula's excellent ride, but I think the new standards are more than generous to women, especially considering that most events already offer more prizes per head to the fair sex.

The Port Talbot 25, held every year in early September, once again drew a stellar field, all hoping for PBs. I have to say that hardly any competitor left South Wales disappointed. Michael Hutchinson shaved the 25 mile record down to 45:46 when conditions were described by Les Thomas, Event Secretary, "as less than favourable". Here I would wish to differ. In the main event 14 riders beat 50 minutes and 78 riders finished inside 55 minutes. Throughout the 4 hours of the event the wind slowly increased, at the same time switching from south east to south, a cross wind in a narrow valley creating favourable wind currents in both directions and unbelievable bonus for many riders. Amongst our group, Hugh Davies, age 67, posted 55.50, John Murphy at age 72, a PB 56:21, David Evans, age 55, registered 57:16, John Shehan, age 66, recorded 57:26 your correspondent, age 76, posted 59:45, Clive Chappe, age 65, recorded 1:01:01, Ed Hadley, age 56 timed at 1:01:19, Ken Squibb, age 76 posted 1:08:27 and Jeff Chambers, age 71, a valiant 1:12:22.

Regarding the new standards' effect on this event, it should be noted that 1st, 2nd, and 3rd on standard, all recorded times inside 50 minutes. Proof if needed, that the new standards committee were way too generous with the 40 year olds. A final sad note, the late Gordon Butler was on the

Port Talbot event starters list, before his fatal accident on September 5th. The Port Talbot Wheelers and all his many friends expressed their condolences by signing bereavement cards to his wife, Pam and family. His photograph and unused number were displayed next to the result board. His obituary will appear in this edition.

The following Saturday the Cardiff 100 Miles RCC held the final Open 10 of the season on the Abergavenny – Raglan dual carriageway. The weather was cool with a westerly breeze, conditions that did not hinder Rob Pears, Bath CC with 19:24 winning the scratch and standard prizes, yet another example of winner takes all with the new standards. Many of our members posted respectable times for their age, but found themselves way out of contention due to the bias against older riders. For example, Rob Pears registered a plus of 7:16 ,Hugh Davies, age 67, 22:25 plus 5.47, Arja Scarsbrook, lady vet age 64, 24:28 plus 5.38 – all good rides, but little recognition for these competitors. Hopefully the committee will recognise that they need to amend the tables for 2013.

With the end of season, we have more time to enjoy social cycling. Maindy Stadium, Cardiff, on Sunday mornings at 9:30 attracts up to 100 riders looking to join various groups. Numbers that point to the increasing popularity of our sport. The young and fit can utilise their energies in the fast group, for myself, an easier group planning about 70-80 miles in 5 hours is good . In recent weeks these rides have seen the Welsh Valleys and longer climbs in the Brecon Beacons, but it's the coffee and cakes stops that really make it an enjoyable day out. The best news about these club runs is that nobody is left behind with regrouping on each hilltop. For the elderly, the very young and newcomers to the sport there is always a shorter ride to the cafe, a pleasant introduction to the sport.

While I am on social cycling, I should mention that one of our members, Paul Durrant is living in Alicante, Spain. Paul recently rode a 3 day sportive on the Island of Menorca, with a large number of participants including some 30 Brits. The event was well organised with professional guidance from US Olympic medallist Sarah Hammer. Paul added that

VTTA members who appreciate some winter warm weather cycling should check out the website www.costacycling.co.uk – If you fancy escaping the cold and rain, give it a try.

Earlier this month another family member suggested that we should join them for a few days in Soller, Mallorca. Soller is a beautiful part of the island and the weather was absolutely stunning, but from a cycling point of view it was seriously challenging. First ride was the easiest option to Valldemossa, 10 kilometres uphill drag. However, the second ride to Bunyola was a more taxing 10 kilometre climb, this time over Col de Soller, a road with countless hairpins and a descent that gets your attention. By this time I realised that before returning home I would have to do the celebrated three cols route, including the one that British cyclists know as “Big Soller”, 15 kilometres to the summit with a tunnel, then down to Selva, Lloseta and back up to Alaro, turn right, second climb, seven kilometres to Orient. Drop down to Bunyola and finally up another nine kilometres to Col de Soller; full distance 100 kilometres with more than 30 kilometres of climbing. After that effort - I felt justified in spending the remainder of the holiday on the beach.

Barry Williams

KENT

The Group's Annual Lunch and Prize Giving will be held on 17th February and is again at Swarden Charter Hall. This is being organised for the second - and sadly final - year by our social secretaries, Bernadette Conefrey and Angela Nye, and promises to be an outstanding event. The Guest Speaker will be Keith Butler. Bernadette and Angela look forward to welcoming many guests at this un-missable event, so get your booking in early to Angela - enquire at angelanye@hotmail.co.uk.

The group held its AGM on Sunday 18th November. As is usual on these occasions, attendance from the membership was sparse, but most of the Committee were present. The meeting heard reports from all of the officers, including the General Secretary, Treasurer, Time Trial Secretary, Recorder, Social Secretaries and News Editor.

In her report, the Secretary stated that the

membership of the Kent Group had fallen from 248 in 2011 to 216 for 2012, due in no small part, she suspected, to the introduction of the new Vets standards. She added that it is not only the Kent Group who have reservations; as she travelled across the country to events there were more unhappy vets around the results boards than those satisfied with the new standards.

The Committee, on behalf of the Kent Group, have written to the NEC putting forward the Kent membership's feelings. We did have a reply from the General Secretary which didn't give any hope that things may change. Basically the committee involved with the changing standards will assess the situation when all the results have been collated but feel that there would only be minor changes if any at all. It is to be hoped that a solution can be found because all that has happened is that the onus has shifted from the older vets to the younger vets and so it would appear it is still unbalanced - a failure in the key objective of changing the standards.

We have had several members who have reached the age of 80 so they will now become Honorary Life Members. These are Arthur Dann, Nobby Holdtssock, Peter Stone, Ron Hayward, Edward Hill and George Rogers. It is hoped that these members will attend the Annual Luncheon in February when their certificates will be presented to them.

The final results for the year have now been compiled by the Recorder, and those most notable are given in the following paragraphs.

In the National BAR, Shay Giles was 2nd overall with, disappointingly, only two other members in the placings; last year there were ten in total. The Group was placed 3rd in the Group Team BAR and VC Elan came 2nd in the Club Team BAR and Ashford Wheelers 4th.

In the National 3 Distance Competition Shay Giles was placed 6th, an improvement on his 9th place last year, with three other members being placed (seven last year). VC Elan was 2nd Club Team.

Three members achieved National records: Carole Gandy at 10 miles (twice), 25 miles and 50 miles for age 68; Kevin Tye at 10 miles (also twice),

and 25 miles for age 50; and Peter Crofts at 30 miles at age 74.

There was a significant reduction in the number of Kent riders claiming for the National competitions compared to 2011, and this was reflected nationally - a result of the new standards I fear!

Turning to Kent's own competitions, the BAR was won by Andy Miles, with Shay Giles filling the second spot - a reversal of the order last year. The Ladies' Doris Veitch trophy this year went to Deborah Percival. The Don Hook team BAR trophy goes to VC Elan (Giles and Miles).

The 85 Competition was won by Kevin Tye, with Andy Miles and Shay Giles second and third respectively. The new Pete Avis Cup, awarded annually to the highest placed Group member who is of the opposite gender to the winner of the 85 competition, was won by Deborah Percival.

The Group's champions for 2012 are:

10 Miles	Kevin Tye	20.23	6.20
25 Miles	Kevin Tye	52.08	14.48
30 Miles	Carole Gandy	1.20.37	13.10
50 Miles	Andy Miles	1.51.00	25.58
100 Miles	Shay Giles	4.21.28	55.23
12 Hours	Shay Giles	252.65	74.54
24 Hours	Tabitha Rendall	389.039	55.429

The Group's Wednesday 10 series was won by Carole Gandy with +16:54 accumulated over her best four rides. The four remaining medal positions were: Robert Giles +10:15; Carl Bradford +5:32; Ian Turner +3:18; and Mick Walker +2:00.

Group age records were accomplished at various distances by Peter Crofts, Shay Giles, Carole Gandy and Kevin Tye. Age records were established on Kent courses by Mike Daniels, Kevin Tye and Shay Giles.

Finally, eleven members achieved standards at various distances, five of them to be awarded plaques for achievement at four or more distances.

Heartiest congratulations to the winners of the Group's trophies, medals and certificates; these will, of course, be presented to those in attendance at the annual lunch on 17 February mentioned above.

So, the end of another season, and no doubt we are all making plans and setting our goals for 2013. Winter training beckons – however you choose to accomplish this, be safe.

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WESSEX

The second of our Group Championships at 50 miles was incorporated in the Bournemouth Jubilee Wheelers event on the 19th August. As for 2011 there was only a small field of 34 riders of whom 25 actually started on what turned out to be a fine sunny day! All eight group members in the field started and finished and Terry Icke with an excellent time of 1:50:59 (another new National VTTA record for 68 years beating Brian Haskell's record of 1:51:28 at 70 years of age as long ago as 1999) was fastest and BOS +38:08 to win the Group Championship: Dave England (2:06:01) was 2nd BOS with +23:54 and Cliff Rowe of Bournemouth Jubilee Wheelers (2:02:07) was third with +18:52 and he, together with Kevin Ridge and Phil Evans, won the team award with a combined plus of 41:45.

The Group had two more scheduled Open events (the August Bank Holiday Sunday 25 at Bognor and the 2 Up TTTs in September). However, although all 54 riders in the 25 promoted on the Group's behalf by a member of the Hampshire RC (Chris McGuire) left the timekeeper but only a very few completed the course because of a serious accident involving Rob Rickson, Eastbourne Rovers, one of the early starters on his way back from the far turn at Arundel which resulted in both sides of the main A27 dual carriageway between Fontwell and Arundel being closed to all traffic by the Police to enable an Air Ambulance to land on the east bound carriageway. Rob was at first taken to London and is currently in hospital in Salisbury making a slow but steady recovery. The event was declared null and void and most of the riders agreed with the promoter's decision to send surplus funds to the Kent, Surrey and Sussex Air Ambulance charity.

On the Friday afternoon before the 2-up events in Dorset, two separate sets of emergency traffic lights for gas repairs appeared on a section of road which riders had to pass twice in each direction. There was no other suitable course nearby nor any possibility of getting another HQ at such short notice and it would have proved impossible to run the event so (regrettably) it was cancelled. Ironically the weather on the Sunday was so bad that the

continuous heavy rain caused many roads across the South of England to be flooded or partially blocked in many, many places, so for safety reasons it would have had to be cancelled anyway.

Bob Joliffe (New Forest CC) competed in the 50 - 59 years age group category at the Transplant Sport UK Games at Gravesend in Kent on the Friday evening before the August Bank holiday weekend and won two silver medals. The first of these came in a time trial held over two laps of the testing 2.9km Cycloport circuit there which he covered in 9:47 - sixteen seconds behind the winner. Later the same evening, he finished 8th overall in an eight lap (23.2km) open floodlit road race for all categories - he came 2nd in a two man chasing group who finished just behind the leading half a dozen riders but in second place in his age category. He tells me that it was a fantastic way to celebrate the kidney transplant he had undergone in August 2009 -since then he has heard he has been selected to ride in the World Transplant Games in Durban, South Africa next year when he will be competing in the next age group category (60/69 years).

Three days later on the Bank holiday Monday, he was Event Secretary for the 6th round of the Rudy Project Series event promoted by his own club and held in the New Forest on August Bank Holiday Monday. Terry Icke was 6th fastest Veteran (41:02 for the 17.8 miles distance) and fastest Veteran on Target time +14:12. John Woodburn was 2nd +10:32, Geoff Platts 3rd +9:31. Allan Miller (Caesarean CC) 5th and Cliff Rowe (Bournemouth Jubilee) 8th both finished in the top ten in this category. To complete a busy period Bob rode the VC Melyd 10 in North Wales a fortnight later finishing in 26:36 riding a fixed wheel bike with a gear of 86 to achieve his season's goal of getting a plus on standard after a series of disappointing 27 and 28 minute rides.

Results gleaned from various sources show Andy Langdown achieving a creditable time of 51:57 in the Real Team MM 25 in South Wales. Poole Whs 25 (South DC Championships) was won by Steve Walking (52:29) and Fastest Veteran with Terry Icke BOS +19:17 (3rd Fastest 52:54) and in the winning Poole Wheelers team whilst Lesley

Walking was fastest Lady 57:28. Seb Ader (a3crg) joined the Group on 1st October and on the 7th October won his own club's Open 38 Km Tour of the Lod Valley with a time of 54:59 and a fortnight later had another win in the Southdown Velo Hilly 28 with 1:07:05 (1st BOS +4:58 as well as winning the prime with a time of 18:23.9 - one of only two riders to achieve a plus on the very hilly course based around Goodwood racecourse.

Rudy Project Round 8 at Devizes saw John Woodburn puncture so he could only finish 2nd overall on Target time (297 points) two points behind this year's winner Geoff Platts. John rode the BTTC Championships and took 1st place in the 75 -79 Age Group with a time of 58.00 over the 21 mile race distance. Gawie Nienaber was 2nd (51:33) in the 55 - 59 category in the same event.

Earlier in the season, Tom Cox had won the same Age Group Category award in the CTT National 50 with a time of 2.03.45. Nik Bowdler's winning ride in the CTT National 12 hour reported in the last issue also won the 40 - 44 Age Group Category and he was in the winning team which set a new Record time of 5:05:26 in the National 50. It was no surprise that he ended up in third position in the BBAR with an average speed of 27.330 mph.

Ray Hughes rode the VTTA (London and Home Counties) 25 on 7th October finishing 2nd (54:25) and BOS +14:15 and the following week was Fastest Veteran (50 -59) with a time of 5.40 in the Sotonia CC Hill Climb which was the first Open Hill Climb in the South DC for very many years.

Three of our members have experienced health problems towards the end of the season. Jack Brown advises he has been diagnosed as having angina and is due to see a specialist - this after a disappointing season (by his standards) and he might decide to retire from racing, whilst life member Bob Wareing recently had to go into hospital for a heart valve replacement - his recovery looks to be proceeding normally.

Finally, Dave England had a serious accident when he fell off his bike on 30th August and broke his pelvis. At the time of writing, he hopes to start walking with the aid of a stick after using a zimmer frame in recent weeks to get (slowly) about. He has been well supported by his family, friends and the

local cycling community since his fall and hopes to get back to full fitness as soon as possible.

Since the last report we have welcomed two new members - Seb Ader as well as Ian Austin, Alton CC.

Brief news of our AGM on 4th November - regrettably no volunteers had come forward to fill ANY of the posts I currently hold. It was agreed that a circular letter be sent to all Group members as soon as possible with fuller details of what these positions entail in the hope that we can persuade people to volunteer. In the meantime I will go ahead with the help of others and arrange a Lunch and Prize Presentation on a lower key than previously. Whatever happens seems to be in the lap of the gods, but luckily Peter Warhurst did volunteer to take over the post of Press Officer and he will be responsible for the Wessex Group copy in *The Veteran* from the March 2013 issue onwards. All the usual Championships will be decided in other South DC Open events next year and fees payable remain the same as for 2012 - £12 for sole and joint membership and £10 for Standards fees.

Ken Blowe

NORTH LANCS AND LAKES

The Group AGM was held at Kirkland Memorial Hall on the A6 road on Sunday 4th November with Sue Black serving the very welcome tea, coffee and cakes prior to the 10:30am start.

Chairman John Leach opened the proceedings and after welcoming those present asked that they stood to observe a one minute silence in memory of one of our longest serving members Harry Benson who, amongst various other connections with the Group, had penned our Group notes for *The Veteran* for many years.

We were then down to business with the Minutes of the 2011 meeting generating a short discussion before the various officers of the Group gave their reports.

Secretary Derek Black wound up his own report by saying that he had spent over £80 in postage in sending out the notifications to this AGM and many of those members had not attended the

meeting today. He made the very valid point that if members were not in attendance they should not then complain about decisions made at the meeting but should come along and make their comments heard in future.

Hazel Matthews gave her first Treasurer's Report and confirmed Group membership figures of 183 members in total, seven of which were honorary members, there were 24 joint members and 128 single members with numbers down on last year. Hazel suggested that we hold a raffle at our Luncheon at The Crofters in January and offered to organise it. This was accepted. Guests could bring along items for the raffle. Hazel said that she agreed with the previous Treasurer, Maureen Gibson, that joint membership should be more than £1 above single membership. This will be discussed at a later stage.

The Group Recorder, Richard Taylor, gave his report on the racing side of the 2012 season stating that there had been only eight members applying for personal Standards this year with Sue Cheetham, Paul Fleming, Harry Haseley and Barry Preston each achieving Standards over four distances, Denis Thompson (3), Peter Glover and Graham Sheard (2 each).

Ten Senior Vets (over 70) had raced this year and were: John Draper, Rod Goodfellow, Fred Hampson, Jim Harrison, Harry Haseley, Jack Iddon, Frank Kerry, Peter Knott, Bill Lloyd and Neil Sterling.

Forty-two members had ridden either in Group events or in the two nominated promotions with Paul Fleming taking the Points award, Martin Kerry second and Martin's father Frank third. Harry Haseley was in fourth place whilst Sue Cheetham was best lady in fifth, Jim Connell in sixth and Gary Sutton seventh.

The cancellation (twice!) as reported in the previous *Veteran* of the one 100 in our area caused a radical re-think by the Committee for the Best All Rounder competition. It had been agreed that, for this year only, any 100 ridden in the country would count for our BAR. Peter Greenwood (Clayton Velo) is therefore the overall winner, Harry Haseley (North Lancs Road Club) second and Barry Preston (West Pennine Road Club) third with no other

Group members having times in 100 mile events in 2012.

The election of Officials was the next item on the Agenda with Chairman John Leach being re-elected once again despite making it clear that he wished to stand down. All other Officials were re-elected except for Terry Kay who will stand down from his position as Dinner Secretary after January's function, following many years of organising our luncheon. Terry received a round of applause for all the work that he had put into the luncheons in the past.

The general committee elected was Frank Kerry, George Nowland, Ron Mellor, Geoff Duteson, Peter Knott and Terry Kay, with Keith Tattersall standing down after many years of commitment to the Group including the job of Recorder over much of that time and also received a well deserved round of applause. Dave Shorrock would join the committee as an event organiser next year and Harry Haseley was also elected.

Mal Gill (North Lancs. Road Club) was asked by Chairman John if he would take over the Auditor's role and Mal agreed.

Delegates for the National AGM in February would be agreed at a later date.

Trophy Awards for 2012 season - as confirmed at the time of going to press:

Men's Champion -Trader's Cup	Peter Greenwood
Ladies Champion	Sue Cheetham
Karrimor Saddle	Peter Greenwood
Paddy Malone Trophy	Harry Haseley
Dobson Trophy	Peter Greenwood
Points Trophy	Paul Fleming

There will only be three events promoted by the Group in the 2013 season and all of them on Wednesdays:

15 April	25	L2521 (Cockerham)
1pm start		Richard Taylor
19 June	25	L256 (Clitheroe)
	7pm start	Richard Taylor
26 June	10	L105(Barton/A6)
	7pm start	Dave Shorrock

The April 25 will be the selected event for the National VTTA Pett Cup in 2013.

Two motions were discussed:
Bill Lloyd proposed to introduce a term

'Performance Awards' on a National basis which would replace the traditional personal Standard Awards and would require a separate set of Standard Tables.

Frank Kerry tabled a motion to modify the system of qualification for the Group Championship based on a Points system. This would be for the Lancs and Lakes Group only.

Both motions were voted on and accepted with the first one to be forwarded for the VTTA National AGM Agenda.

A discussion took place on various trophy and age records conditions for the future.

In 2013 the only 100 on an 'L' course would be the CTT National Championship event on 14th July which means that some group members may not qualify with their times in the case of a full field. It was agreed that events on L, D and J courses would count for group awards. It was also agreed that Age Records for 100 miles, 12 hours and 24 hours could be set on L, D and J courses. There will be no Lancashire Road Club 12 hour on an 'L' course in future. The same courses would count for the Crowther Shield and Karrimor Trophy but preference would be given to rides on 'L' courses.

Terry Kay updated the meeting on the Group Luncheon and Prize Presentation at The Crofters on the A6 at Garstang on Sunday 6th January. The Guest of Honour would be National Secretary Anne Butterworth. Tickets were now on sale at £19.

In AOB, I brought up the point that there would be no event results in the back of *The Veteran* in future as they would only be shown on the VTTA website. After some discussion, I asked how many of those present had not got internet access. The outcome was that more than half - 18 out of the 33 members at the meeting - did not use the internet. It was felt that this penalised those mostly, but not all, older members and it was agreed that Secretary Derek Black would write to Editor Jim Burgin on this subject.

Since the meeting it has been confirmed that three members across a wide age-range have had record claims ratified for National Age Records:

Mick Ellerton of Team Swift, 10 in 19:26 and 25 in 49:52 at age 51; Peter Greenwood of Clayton Velo, 10 in 19:49, 30 in 1:02:39 and 50 in 1:45:36 at

age 60 and Frank Kerry of Lancashire Road Club 10 in 22:31 at age 77. Very many congratulations to all three members on some truly incredible performances this year.

There are just two new members with Steve and Karen Wilkinson of Nelson Wheelers rejoining. We give the usual welcome to them and hope they enjoy their time with us. At the recent CTT North District AGM, Steve had taken over the Courses Secretary role from me.

Membership renewals are now due with payment to our Treasurers Hazel or Bob Matthews.

Subscriptions are £12 for Single and £13 for Joint Membership.

Finally, Group members are welcome to meet at the Plough at Eaves near Catforth on New Year's Day lunchtime as we have done for many years.

Dave Brown

SCOTLAND

At the group's AGM on Sunday 4th November a queue was formed of officials wishing to stand down from their posts, with both our treasurer and secretary entering their second year of 'standing in' while waiting for someone to put their hands up and volunteer to take on their roles. Equally, the press officer has joined the queue as he was unable to find a willing volunteer to continue the work of editing the group's contribution to the magazine. Let's hope it's not too long a wait for all concerned. You'll find a brief AGM report from Jim Harris below.

In this article you'll also find reports on the last few competitions of the year plus the end-of-season results and tables. Both the Time Trial and Records secretaries' reports also add to the accounts of the past season's racing.

Competitions

The John Cusker trophy

As usual our 12 hour riders had to head south for their fix of pain and suffering and the results in the table below were recorded at the CTT 12 hour championship.

Carlos Riise	47	267.05	+63:46
Christine McLean	51	240.26	+59:17
Graham Jones	47	253.96	+50:36
Iain Wilson	44	251.19	+44:05

The Reilly and Sharpe Trophies - 100 mile championship

Sadly this event was cancelled due to lack of entries, Norman Skene having received only a scant 10 come the closing date. There was much discussion at the AGM concerning the running of events with very low entry counts, many feeling that an event should be run at all costs and quoting examples from the past. The riders' safety also needs to be considered of course; in these days of heavy, fast traffic and aggressive drivers, having a mere handful of riders scattered out over 80 miles of dual-carriageway may not have been wise.

The Bill Lennon Trophy - Tour de Trossachs

Jim Cusick was both fastest veteran on the day and fastest on standard at the TdT the latter achievement winning him the trophy with a +12:49. Sadly the event had to be stopped following an accident between a rider and a car, but of the SVTTA members racing only Tam Gordon and Iain Grant were affected with both having to record DNFs.

The 2013 Season

Speaking of which, our secretary has produced a provisional race calendar for the coming year and this can be accessed via our website at www.svtta.org.uk

As ever it's a nigh-impossible task juggling our own championships, National VTTA and SC championships and there are a few inevitable clashes. Those wishing to ride both the national and group 100s will have to pull out two 100s in 2 weeks, then possibly come back for the SC championship a scant couple of weeks later. All good fun!

Our own 100 mile championship is due to be run on Bob Gibson's A90 course and hopefully the earlier date should equate to a healthy number of entries. Bob is considering a change to the course which would remove one of the climbs out of Stonehaven, a change which I'm sure many riders

would appreciate as that's one tough climb into the prevailing headwind even on the first lap.

The 50 is the only championship without a home at the moment although it is hoped that it can be hosted at the Glasgow Couriers event which produced such fast times last year. Understandably though the SC championship may go to that event, so time will tell. Sadly there is no 'Mid 50' on the Blairdrummond course for the second year running. Here's hoping that this is a temporary omission as it is such a nice course and we can't afford to lose it.

With the new Glasgow Velodrome plus the substantial refurbishment of Caird Park we can expect track racing to feature more highly in the future and with this in mind the committee is pursuing a course of action to try and fill the long-vacant position of track secretary on our committee. In the back of the VTTA handbook you will find two sets of track records, one for indoor and the other for outdoor Velodrome. These would be good targets for our members when visiting these new facilities.

Annual General Meeting

Firstly a brief AGM report kindly compiled by Jim Harris.

Sunday 4th November was the Scottish Group's AGM. Not body counting but I would say that about twenty members made the effort. Chairman Michael Devlin welcomed the Members and got quickly onto business. The meeting itself was mostly taken up with the various secretaries' reports, then the call for office bearers starting with Mrs Johan Thayne agreeing to be the Group's President once more. The Chairman, Records and Social secretaries were also happy to continue their excellent work.

Steve Nutley indicated that although willing to keep on the job of being our webmaster, he would like to step down from being the press secretary; after two years he felt that a new face was needed. Steve is still a competitive rider which we all know requires a lot of time on the bike. The Group committee thanked Steve for the excellent work he produced. Other positions that need filling are Treasurer and Group Secretary - Alastair Smith and George McLaughlan are at the moment filling-in those positions and would like replacements to

come forward.

The only Group trophy that is awarded at the AGM is the Tom McGuinness Meritorious Cup. This year the meeting voted that David Mitchell of Perth United be awarded the trophy.

David suffered two severe accidents in 2010 and 2011 and fought back to fitness to time trial again in 2012.

Report of the Timetrial Secretary

The year 2012 was the 60th year of the formation of the SVTTA. The clubmen who met in the CTC clubrooms in Falkirk would be proud to know of the growth and domination the SVTTA has achieved in Scottish Cycling.

We have a new BAR Champion, Philip Kelman. Philip has had an excellent season winning numerous time trials and setting course records. As yet I haven't seen the SCU BAR but I reckon Philip is near the top if not leading. This year he carries off the three top awards of the SVTTA.

Cycling Weekly at the moment are advertising a new DVD about Beryl Burton the greatest female cyclist ever. However, here in Scotland we have our own Beryl, namely Christine McLean. This lady goes from strength to strength. Her name is quite prominent near the top in our various championships. Also on her ventures to England she has taken 2nd on standard in the VTTA 10 mile Championship and 4th in the RTTC 100 mile Championship. Next year she is off to the "Island Games" in the West Indies. We wish her well.

We welcomed a new Vet this season. Iain Grant, and did he not set the heather on fire with the times he returned during the season and along the way taking the SCU 25 and 50 mile Championships. Iain didn't return a 100 mile time this season so we will never now what he would have achieved in our and SCU. BAR. Welcome to the Group, Iain.

With the new standard table our thoughts turned to our senior members thinking that winning Championships would be a thing of the past. One Vet proved us wrong - Derek Stewart. He may have only won 1st on standard in one Championship but he achieved 2nd and

3rd placings in others also taking 1st on standard in the Archie Speed Trophy. Derek again went down south to compete in VTTA championships. He came home with a 3rd in the 10 mile and a 2nd in the 25 mile.

Steve Nutley combined his timetrialling with his press secretary job for the Group. He won the 10 and 50 mile Championships on standard and was 2nd in our BAR, 3rd in the Archie Speed Trophy and in my reckoning will be near the top of the SCU BAR. Steve also went down south and rode the RTTC 100 mile championship alongside Carlos and Christine. He recorded 3:53:16.

David Millar has had a quiet season but still managed a 1st on standard in the 25 mile Championship. He also managed to get his name on the Boomerang Trophy although he had to get his old pal Jim Cusick to help him out there.

Carlos Riise is still a rider to watch and respect. Again his name goes on the John Cusker 12 hour Trophy. Carlos and three other Scots had to go to England for their 12 hour events, the others being Christine McLean, Graham Jones and Iain Wilson. Their mileage is reported elsewhere in this report.

Iain Wilson also rode the Mersey Roads 24 finishing with a respectable mileage of 445.160. In the same event George Berwick rode tandem with new member Philip Jurczyk, I believe returning a new age record of 262 miles. Welcome to the Group, Philip.

The John Cramb handicap 25 miles always brings a new name to the fore. This year the winner was Robert Ivell of Perth United. Robert has joined our Group on transfer from an English Group.

After having a good season, Shelley Farrar crowned it all by taking 7th on standard in our BAR and 9th in the Archie Speed Trophy.

The Group members have done us proud this year with the times recorded by them, from Caithness to the Borders they have kept the SVTTA name to the fore although one of our Border lads does most of his times in England. New blood is always welcome in the Scottish

Group so if you know a clubmate who is 40+ pester him/her to join our merry band.

The season-long competition results and the table of trophy winners from Jim's report. are published either in the Results Pages or on the National Web Site, depending on space available.

National VTTA BAR

Congratulations to Shetland Wheelers' Christine McLean on her 3rd place in the national BAR. The results SVTTA riders can be found in the tables published elsewhere in this issue.

Report of the Records Secretary

Thanks to JJ Harris, George McLaughlan and Steve Nutley who all helped with information and support in the compilation of this report.

I would like to take the opportunity to point out that age record claims were a bit slow to come in this year. With the improved BCF/SCU results service research for records has, however, been relatively painless. With JJ as backup it is hard to go wrong, I hope. In this digital age we probably need to be embracing claims by email (opinion). There is no doubt that an appropriate format compatible with our (SVTTA) rules could be developed and adopted.

I would like to add my congratulations to our VTTA medallists in 2012, Christine McLean and Derek Carlos. Christine continued her rampage through the record book - 10, 25, 50, 100 and 12 hour. Christine's time of 21:47 in the VTTA 10 created a new UK record at age 51 years wiping Carol Gandy's record of 22:08 from 1996 off the book, a distinguished scalp for her. I believe Christine also has an outright SC Vets' record for her 100 to claim.

The records are in the published table but we have had a couple of interesting record breaking sequences, none more so than at 25 miles. Steve Nutley created a new record at that distance and reduced it twice taking it to 55.04. Along came a certain 66 year old youngster, Mr D Millar, to erase Steve's record at 56 years with a superb 54 minute effort. Steve set new records for a 56 year old at 100 miles in what were generally agreed atrocious conditions, and at 50 miles.

Derek Stewart continues to re-write the record book for over 70s at 10, 25, 30 and 50 miles and justifiably felt aggrieved when the SVTTA 100 was cancelled. He continues to go fast down south with a 58:26 and a 22:34 in the VTTA 25 and 10 Championships. Mind you, he was a mere 75 years old at the time.

The year wouldn't seem right without 47 year old Carlos' contribution to the record book at 12 hours and 10 miles.

Best 100 of the season was undoubtedly by Phil Kelman (48) and this record could stand for some time. I was there and everyone was well and truly gob smacked on the day.

Our rider from the far north, Al (ABG) Washington (75) in again at 100 and the only person, other than Derek himself, to erase a Mr D Stewart's (at 73) record, from the book by a mere four seconds.

George Berwick (71) keeps re-appearing, this time with a 24 hour effort on a tandem with Phillip Jurczyk (67). Tandemists - the epitome of team work!

New kid on the block Iain Grant (41) takes our 10 record to sub 20 minutes whilst removing Carlos' effort at 40 dating back to 2005.

10 times of 20:17, 20:05 and 19:50, combined with a blistering 1:46:19 50 having taken the SC 50 the week before with a 1:49:00 - a great year, seldom out of the top three in open events all season.

In all 30 records broken or created with 21 remaining in the book and the balance straight to archive.

Over 70s report :10 elder statesmen raced against the clock this season.

It's been a pleasure compiling this report and I trust it meets with the Group's approval.

A summary of the records will be published in the Results pages if there is room, but in any case on the National web site.

And finally . . . a reminder that membership subscriptions for 2013 are now due. The membership form can be downloaded from our website and should be sent to George McLaughlan

along with the relevant payment.

*Steve Nuttley and Bob Gibson
Scottish Group Recorder (Age Records)*

LONDON AND HOME COUNTIES



With the racing season over, it is time now for the social functions and all the talking about what should have been and what was achieved during the season. I guess from all that I heard from around the result boards at events when having finished my timekeeping duties was the new standards and how people's times and plusses stood up against the old standards.

However in life, business and sport you cannot keep looking behind, you have to look forward, I am sure there will be lots of debate and talking during the next few months over many a pint of beer or cup of tea on this subject, it will help to keep those grey cells working.

Now to other matters including the last of the race results and times which hopefully includes members who I have missed over the last two issues of the magazine.

There have been three Group events since July; the first with Malcolm Ash being the organiser on F12/10. Best on standard on the day was Neil Coventry +5:13 from 21:46, then John Dowling, +5:04 from 22:00. Others were Dave Creese 22:42 +4:46, Geoff Perry 22:13 +4:38, Richard Williams

23:44 +4:05 and Roger Porter 23:22 +4:05; there were 38 entries, including the one woman, Gill Reynolds who clocked 26:49 (+3:10).

The next group event should have been on 12th August but was moved to early September and it was Brian Harris the man in charge for the Fifield 10 On HC10/10 with a field of 21. Best on the day was Richard Williams with +3:35, 24:44, followed by John French, +3:21, 24:02 and in 3rd place John Woodburn +3:12, 26:15. The best woman was Nikki Hunt, gradually recovering from her horrendous accident to finish with a splendid plus of 2:30 and a time of 27:58. The weather, according to Brian, was dry and mainly sunny.

Final Group event for the year was the 25 on H25/2 (the 'Ski-Slope') on 7th October which the late Rocco Richardson had promoted for many years. This year Jim Burgin took over the duties and with it being limited to VTTA members only there was a smaller entry. The winner of the re-named 'Rocco 25' was Ray Hughes of the Clarence Wheelers. Ray, who has, like many of us, fond memories of Rocco, had set his sights on the event, in spite of not riding in solo competition during the year. Liz Creese, Rocco's partner, presented the unique trophy to a delighted Ray.

The High Wycombe's Geoff Powell was second with +12:39 followed by Steve Irwin, +12:13. Group riders' times were Paul Holdsworth +12:05, John Francis +11:33, Nik Staggs +11:07, Robert Gilmour +10:56. The best by a woman rider was Jill Bartlett with +7:24. As with all the Group events in 2012, there was a handicap competition and the first three were: Stuart Simmonds, Malcolm Ash and Gary Martin. There were 15 entries from group members and the full result is viewable at www.vtta.org.uk.

Now for those riders I have missed: we start back with the National Championship 24 hour in July. Steve Davies was the only group member riding and recorded a very creditable distance of 370.867 miles which was a PB. He also rode the North Hampshire RC 25 in August and clocked 58:38.

On tandem in the Derby Mercury 25, Team MK duo of Kevin Stokes and Geoff Perry set a new National Age Record for 50/52 with a time of 49:37

after two years of trying to get under 50 minute barrier.

Peter Hopkins on Tandem Trike clocked new National Age Records for 25 and 50 miles; respectively 1:04:12 in National Championship event and 2:05:25 in the super-fast Shaftsbury event in July on E2/50C.

Other times I missed were Geoff Powell's 20:13 in the Hemel Hempstead 10 on F11/10 in June then his 51:46 in the API Metro 25 on E2 in July and again 50:49 in the Derby Mercury event on A25/11 in August. In the API Metro event John Dowling clocked 51:46 and Robert Gilmour 52:10, all these being new Group Age Records.

Now for the remainder of the results, in the TA Championship 10 on the 8th September Peter Hopkins on his trike clocked 32:15 and on the same weekend in the Didcot Phoenix 25 Frank Pressling recorded 1:05:36.

A week later, Greg Lewis went north to ride the YCF 10 and finished with a splendid 20:51 whilst down south on the F1 in the Norlond TTC 25, Dave Creese recorded a plus of 12:45 (57:19), Richard Moule 9:11 (59:48), Geoff Reynolds 8:09 (59:04) and Mrs Hilary Reynolds 11:32 (1:01:02). Other times were Dave Rogers +3:37 (1:05:03), Trevor Parrish +6:24 (1:05:47), Murray Kirton +7:28 (1:05:51).

In the Festival RC 10 on 22nd September, Rob Gilmour clocked a plus of 2:52 (24:41) and Peter Cockbain 3:28 (25:17). A week later in the Lea Valley CC 30 Peter Cookson recorded 1:27:51 and in the first weekend of October on the 6th in the VTTA East 30 Roger Porter recorded +17:04 (1:08:56), Geoff Perry +16:04 (1:06:21), and Clive Faine +10:26 (1:15:56).

Finally in the Lea Valley CC 25 On 7th October Dave Creese finished in 58:28.

Now moving into the colder months of the year, we had the Group AGM on 11th November at Great Missenden. Attendance was fully in accord with what prevails at almost all of the other 15 VTTA Groups – hardly anyone turned up! It was suggested that perhaps a separate meeting should be held at everyone's home in turn to ensure full representation of the membership's views, but it was turned down on the grounds of it being difficult

to assimilate 195 cups of tea or even coffee. Thus, as with the VTTA, the CTT and even Local and National Government, the views set forth and the policy 'endorsed' were those held by the same people who travel backwards and forwards to meetings, who organise events and systems to run them only to have such views, decisions and actions, complained about by those same people who didn't and never turn up for meetings for fear of, if nothing else, being bludgeoned into taking on a job. Enough cynicism. Fifteen people turned up on a bright Armistice Day morning and, once the obligatory tea and biscuits were downed, Chairman Roy May opened the meeting at 11:00 with two minute's silence.

That same silence was continued for most of the meeting as the in situ officials were re-elected and Stewart Boucher assumed the additional role of Awards Secretary. Stewart was thus grateful for the Committee's decision to follow the National Committee in producing photographs of the trophies for presentation (if required) at the Annual Luncheon instead of hauling the trophies backwards and forwards to and from wherever they had been stored.

There were no nominations for someone to fill the post left vacant by the tragic passing of Rocco Richardson which was perhaps understandable for who could replicate the effervescent presence of dear old Rocco at Aldenham Golf Club come January? It will be different without him but perhaps it will mean that more will be there to remember him.

The rest of the meeting passed off in convivial fashion: the Secretary reported that the 25 mile National Championship was to be run by the Group in 2013, using Course H25/2 and would be restricted to VTTA members – noting that the course may cease to be viable in 2014 due to modifications to the junction of the A404 and A308. The Wednesday afternoon series would see a change of courses to the F11/10 and the H10/2 and the Don Byham Memorial 10 to the F11/10 also. The handicapping system which replaced the 'Best Improvement on Standard' will continue as would the restriction to members only in the Rocco 25 in October. One item of cheer was that 30 new

members were signed up and but three did not renew.

Geoff Perry provided a full list of the current Group Records and Stewart Boucher made his annual contribution with the list of BAR and other competition winners, both officials assisted in their computations by Paul Newby whose presence at the meeting, in spite of his health problems, was appreciated.

Not to be missed was Chas Jepson's presentation of the accounts which reflected the Committee's profligacy but which nevertheless still showed a surplus on the year's activities.

The minutes, reports and records and tables are all on the VTTA website.

Group Lunch is on 28th January 2013 at the normal place, Aldenham Golf Club, Tickets £18 each contact Jim for your booking or return the form that is available on email from him.

Subscriptions of £10 for a single and £12 for a double are due and should be sent to Chas at 22 The Horse Close, Emmer Green, Reading RG4 8TT or, if you prefer, direct to the bank, details (and a form if required) from jim@jaburgin.co.uk.

One new member to welcome in the person of Richard Snow plus a late renewal from Paul Holdsworth.

Not a lot more from us this time only to say have a good festive season, enjoy your food and drink but consume the alcohol in moderation, hope the person who come down the chimney brings you all those special bike bits you so desperately need, keep those pedals turning and finally all the best for 2013 and hopefully the winter weather will not hinder your training schedule for those who are still racing; for the rest of us, we will continue to enjoy riding the roads and lanes and hopefully we all do not have an incident like Bradley Wiggins and Shane Sutton. Take care and see you out and about.

Pete Tasker

SURREY/SUSSEX



The most recent event was the AGM held on 18 November. It had one of the highest number of attendees for several years, which was prompted by the changes to the Veteran Standards. There was what is often termed a frank and open exchange of views. It was fortunate that members of the NEC were not in attendance as I suspect they would have been shocked at the ire the change had invoked. Esther summed it up when she said "John Woodburn could win events on standard when he was young without the assistance of a statistician". The meeting debated a range of proposals to be put forward around the standards issue, but it was decided that the proposal, which as I type this is still to be formulated, will express in some way the Groups "no confidence" in the new standards.

However, the issue over standards may be resolved in a way perhaps the VTTA had not expected. It appears from those present that across clubs and associations in the south that for 2013 the only events where awards based on standard will be presented are those promoted by the VTTA Group. For club and association promoted events awards will be given to the fastest in five year age bands. This means that there could be just the Group promoted 10 and 25 where standards are used.

The other issue raised was membership of the Group. Because of concerted efforts the number of members had remained constant for 2012.

However, a large number of those present at the AGM were still considering whether they would rejoin. The obvious issue this raises is who will run the Group? With only eight under 50, the Group is dependent, as I suspect many others are, on the goodwill and support of the older vets. With the change in standards there is little for them anymore. And we must not forget that losing one aged racing man inevitably means we lose the help in the hall, marshals and all the other thankless jobs that need to be done. We are sending two delegates to the National AGM and we are waiting with interest to see what the outcome is, as are those who intend to wait until after the AGM before they decide to renew their membership.

With the season over and all the paperwork completed what has the 2012 season been like? Well we know it was wet, but that did not stop a number of Group members breaking either National or Group Records. Ever young Ray Dare broke the National 25 record with a 1:06:42 (86 years old). The AGM set Ray's targets for 2013, although he seemed slightly uncomfortable at having to ride both a 12 and 24 hour event. Ann Bath set a new 24 Hour best for the ladies with 327.360. We had a flurry of Group records, with Ray and Ann's two plus Maurice Carpenter set new times for 79 and 80 years trike ten miles (33:06 and 33:19), Peter Moon's 24 Hour (471) for 51 year old and Pete Tadros updated the 25 record for 42 year old with a 50:38.

The awards for 2012 have all been decided. Three and Four Distance competition claims forwarded to NEC and Standard medals readied for engraving. With the change to the standards and also a new method of calculating the Three and Four Distance competitions this was inevitably going to be a year of change. One of the few older vets to win a Standard Award in an event was Ray Dare who got first Vet in the SCCU 25, although he did have to break a Vets' National Record to do it.

Despite writing to all the members of the Group of the 14 who completed qualifying distances for the Three Distance competition only seven put in claims, and of the three finishers for the Four Distance competition only two submitted claims.

In the long Distance BAR, which includes the

12 Hour, the only real difference was the lack of finishers. Some failed to fit in a 100, and the likes of Peter Moon had problems sitting after his epic 24 Hour ride so declined the joys of a long day in the saddle to ride the 12.

Geoff Smith takes the Four Distance competition with a plus time of 41:09. This was the first change with an odd calculation to convert 12 hour distance to a 200 mile plus time and then divide by 10.

There were only three finishers in the Four Distance competition but John Mankelow, who would have been third, did not send in his form. Alan Lloyd was second with 35:38.

The Three Distance competition was more straightforward with just the pluses for the three distances divided by the number of times 25 went into the distance. There were fifteen finishers in this competition but under half put in their forms. David Shepherd was a worthy winner with a plus 40:00. Had his team mates Mark Jones (33:03) and Tony Reeves (22:36) also claimed they would have been third team in the National Competition.

Disappointingly we had no lady finishers in the Lady's BAR. The remaining Trophy winners this year are:

Men's Best All Rounder

Geoff Smith, Eastbourne Rovers +41:09

Jim Ballard Trophy

Three Distance Competition
David Shepherd, GS Stella +40:00

Charles Robson Cup

Ladies Short Distance Competition
10, 25 & 50 Miles
Jake (Jackie) Dodd, Kingston Phoenix RC +20:51

Robin Buchan Memorial Cup

25 Miles - September Group 25
Nick Dwyer, Lewes Wanderers +13:50

Pound Hill Trophy

Team Trophy September Group 25
Lewes Wanderers +26:30
Nick Dwyer +13:50 Alan Lloyd; +6:28secs;
Peter Baker +6:12)

Stan Harvey Memorial Trophy

June Group 10
Richard Gifford, In-Gear Quickvit +4:45

Wilf How Cup

Team Trophy June Group 10
Eastbourne Rovers +8:47
Peter Moon +4:02; Geoff Smith +3:32;
Kevin Burton +1:13)

Aubrey Wenman Trophy

Bec CC 25
Iain Brogden, Eastbourne Rovers CC +13:28

Aldershot Cup

ESCA 50
David Shepherd, GS Stella +23:06

The Mick Burgess Memorial 30 Mile Trophy

Lewes Wanderers CC 30
Steve Dennis, East Grinstead CC +15:52

Despite it only being November many are already looking towards the 2013 season. However, before starting 2013 it would be nice if Group members came to the Lunch and Prize presentation, which draws a line under 2012. It is on **Sunday 27th January 2013** at Rowfant House, Wallage Lane, Rowfant, Crawley, West Sussex RH10 4NG. The lunch is £20. A booking form will have been sent out to members either by email or post by the time you read this. Please contact Ann Bath for more information or **if you have not received a booking form - 61 St Mary's Road, Long Ditton, Surbiton, Surrey, KT6 5HB Tel: 0208 398 2775.**

Subscriptions for 2013 for the Surrey/Sussex Group have been kept at £11.00 for individual members and £12.00 for couples, with an extra £10 payable to register for standard awards at all distances. Payment should be sent to Keith Wilkinson.

And last but not least we would like to welcome Andrew Jones of the Charlotteville CC, and Jason Harris and Lisa West of the Twickenham CC to the Group.

Tim Carpenter

MANCHESTER AND NORTH WEST



David Joynson promoted the last Group Open, a 25, on Tuesday afternoon, 21 August. As a first time promoter, circumstances were to prove that the job is never a sinecure. Arriving at the Cranage headquarters, he was told by early arrivals that there were roadworks and temporary traffic lights on the course at Chelford. His wife, Mary, monitored progress and relayed news to him by mobile, enabling a late start to be made at 3.00pm. By this time it was pouring down and 26 of the 64 entries decided to stay dry. Even then Dave's worries were not over: Sam Tomlinson (Stone Wheelers) was knocked from his bike by a van on a straight, wide section of the A50. It was the van's wing mirror, which hit him on his back. Bruised, but with nothing broken, he got back to the headquarters. Apparently the Police apprehended the driver but he has avoided prosecution.

The fastest three, Adam Bailey (Macclesfield Wheelers) 54:11; Steve Dentith (Warrington RC) 56:07; and Jack Green (VC St Raphael) 56:06, are all under 40. On Standard, however, Frank Kerry (Lancashire RC) the oldest competitor at 77, confounded the critics of the Standards with his 1:03:15 (+13:02), ahead of Andy Eagers (49) (Derby Mercury) 56:09 (+11:36) and Nige Wood (49) (Wills Wheels) 56:33 (+11:12). Nige wins the E.S. Ward Trophy for the best on Standard by a Group rider in the last 25. No team or woman finished.

Calculating the VTTA National BAR this year has involved converting distance covered by riders in 12 Hours into the time they would have taken to do 200 miles. Our Recorder, Tony Farrell, received copies of the results from the National Recorder on 10 November, so I was able to see that the Group has five riders listed. Brian Camfield (64) (Stone Wheelers) was our best placed rider in 4th position. Jim Gresty (67) (North Shropshire Wheelers) was in 7th place and Dave Fearon (48) (Weaver Valley CC) was 13th. Further down are Steve Stoddart (54) (Seamons CC) and John Baddeley (66) (Stone Wheelers). Only 38 completed the four distances. They include four women and Christine McLean (51) (Shetland Wheelers) was placed 3rd overall. Nik Bowdler (43) (Team PedalRevolution.co.uk) is the current National Champion.

The above five riders are placed in the Three Distance competition, together with Derek Hodgins (78) (Stockport Clarion) placed 8th and Steve l'Anson (Buxton CC). Ninety-one have qualified in this competition, including ten women, with Christine McLean again placed third overall. Peter Greenwood (60) (Clayton Velo) is the National Champion. Our top six counters were placed second to East Anglian in the Group Team competition.

These results confirm that, in our Group competitions, Derek has retained the Butterworth trophy as winner of the Group Three Distance competition, Jim Gresty being runner-up and Brian Camfield placed third. In the Local Three Distance competition (rides on J/D/L courses) Jim topped the qualifiers followed by Brian, and in third place is Steve Stoddart. This year the beautiful Lamp Trophy goes to John Baddeley. John also shares with team mate Brian Camfield the Watterson trophy for the best team of two riders in the Three Distance competition. Listed below are their counting riders.

Brian Camfield	64	58:04	2:00:03	4:09:59	263.86
Jim Gresty	67	58:42	1:59:51	4:18:49	242.69
Dave Fearon	48	54:44	1:52:19	4:08:40	262.61
Steve Stoddart	54	1:01:13	2:09:58	4:34:12	231.58
John Baddeley	66	1:07:33	2:15:02	5:59:51	187.28
Steve l'Anson	55/56	57:44	1:52:58	4:24:00	
Derek Hodgins	78	1:00:29	2:07:56	4:58:28	

All Derek's times, plus 24:22 at 10 miles, are Group Age Records. Brian was placed second in the VTTA National 12 hour Championship and his ride is a National Age Record. His 100 mile ride won the VTTA National Championship.

A new Group competition for 2012 requires riders to compete in all four Group events, resulting on a best on Standard winner overall. The first recipient is Paul Shallicker (41) (coveryourcar.co.uk). Paul also wins the 25 Mile Championship Cup for best aggregate performance on Standard in the Group's 25 and 30.

Mike Cotgreave (68) (Westmead Team '88) started the season well by leading the winning team in the 10 Mile Championship and has subsequently set Group Age Records at 10 miles in 21:36 and 25 miles in 54:10. He ended the season by retaining his over-65 Hill Climb Championship title, up The Rake, but only as the sole survivor in that age group. Alan Shuttleworth (65) (Altrincham RC) is the Group's only regular trike competitor and, this year, set a new Age Record at 30 miles in 1:26:54. Roger Wrenn (68) (Macclesfield Wheelers) has regularly won Standards at 10 miles; his best times being 21:51 and 22:36.

Our two outstanding lady riders have both ended the season nursing injuries received whilst riding events. As reported last time, our Group Secretary Denise Hurst (58) sustained a badly-broken arm and wrist in the WCTTA 12. At our recent AGM she still had little use in her left hand. She can't drive, is off work and is to have another operation replacing the original plate installed after the accident.

Mary Joynson (66) (Kingsgrove Wheelers) had not raced since 1973, which underlines the merit of her outstanding rides this year. All are Group Age Records: 25:12; 1:05:11; 1:26:37 and 2:29:21. What she had planned to be her last ride this year, the Warrington RC 2-up on 29 September, definitely was. Riding with her husband, Dave, a car exiting onto the A34 at Marthall crossroads caused the accident. Dave avoided injury, but Mary sustained a badly fractured collarbone and torn neck ligaments, and is still wearing a neck brace. Even before the 2-up, they had decided that next year would be touring for them and Mary is confident that is what

she will do. She told me she would take a couple of paracatmol and go to the M&DLCA dinner on Friday 10 November to collect her trophies. There is a lesson there for some trophy winners!

Johnny Helms Invitation GP de Gentlemen, promoted for the third time by Warrington RC, was held on Sunday, 7 October, using a different circuit this time (Allostock/A50/Goostrey) and using that circuit enough times to cover 20.8 miles. The clear winners, both on actual and on Standard, were Barry Charlton (Lyme RC) paced by Junior Champion Ryan Mullen (Planet X). Their time was 43:22 (+12:17); their average speed was 28.78 mph. The runners-up were last year's fastest pair, George Atkins (100% me) and Phil Raynor (Welland Valley CC) 43:59, and they were also 2nd on Standard in +11:58. Third were Arthur Winstanley (Pheonix CC) and John Woodburn (VC Meudon) in 50:37 (+11:33). Arthur is our Group's Guest of Honour at the Lunch and Prize Presentation on 25 November. Just outside the placings were the Macclesfield Wheelers pairing of Steve Burke and Roger Wrenn, 48:15 (+11:29). Previous winners on Standard, Derek Hodgins paced by Carl Ruebotham (Team Swift), were timed at 53:45 (+9:50). Carl could well have been DNS; he is awaiting an operation, hopefully to relieve a restriction in his leg. Steve Dentith and Trevor Horton, representing the promoting club, were placed 8th 48:48 (+10:56). This is becoming a classic end-of-season event, attracting a large number of spectators.

The Group AGM was held on Remembrance Sunday with only 21 members in attendance. Before the meeting started all stood for a minute's silence to include in their memories the five members who have passed away since the last AGM: Bill Bradley, Wynne Clarke, Ken Bennion, Harold Simpson and Dorothy Ogden.

All the existing members of the Committee were re-elected: Jim Ogden Chairman and Editor, Denise Hurst Secretary, Jim Gresty Treasurer, Tony Farrell Recorder, Helen Gresty Lunch Organiser, with Ann Butterworth, Peter Hayhurst and Wilf Lewis making up the Committee. Tony has indicated that he would not seek re-election next year. Derek and Barbara Hodgins remain as the

Group's Auditors. Mike Cotgreave had raised by letter the possibility of adding a Vice Chairman and Assistant Treasurer to the Committee. This was discussed under any Other Business and, after some discussion, it was decided that an appropriate item would be placed on next year's agenda. Certain members raised dissatisfaction with the new Standards. As National Secretary, Ann Butterworth was able to point out that the National Recorder, Steve Lockwood, plans to suggest slight modifications the Standards and will be bringing these to the next NEC meeting on 1 December. Therefore it was agreed that the Group would hold a Special General Meeting to discuss this matter on Sunday 20 January, 9.30 for 10.00am, at Goostrey Village Hall. By this time the National AGM agenda will have been published, so the Group SGM will be in a position to mandate the delegates on all items, including those on the Standards, before the National AGM is held on 2 February 2013.

A programme of solo and tandem events for next year has been agreed:

A reminder that subscriptions are due: £11.00

Tue 9 April	10	J2/1	14:00	All ages	Bob Norton
Sat 8 Jun	50	J4/16	14:00	All ages	Peter Hayhurst
Sat 22 Jun	30	J4/11	13:00	All ages	Dave Fearon
Tue 20 Aug	25	J2/9	14:00	All ages	Dave Joynson

single; £12.50 double; £6.00 for LMs wishing to receive copies of *The Veteran*; and HLM free. Send cheques (made payable to VTTA Manchester & NW Group) to Jim Gresty, 7 Balmoral Drive, Market Drayton, Shropshire TF9 1RJ.

To be among the Standard winners next year you need to register with Tony Farrell at Lealtad, Brook Edge Lane, Adlington, Cheshire DK10 4JU. £10 covers all events at all distances.

Ann Butterworth provided welcome refreshments for the meeting, which ended at noon. Reports on the Group Lunch & Prize Presentation will be in the next issue. Should *The Veteran* arrive in time, I send my best wishes for a happy Christmas and a New Year that fulfills all your hopes.

Jim Ogden

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NOTTS AND EAST MIDLANDS



Well, the wet and windy racing season of 2012 has ended and hopefully we can look forward to a better year with faster times in 2013.

Alford Wheeler's 25 on the 12th of August produced some good times with Ian Dalton of Cherry Valley recording 56:11, becoming second fastest to Joel Wainman of Team Swift who did a 54:01. Anthony Nash of Scunthorpe Poly was 3rd fastest 57:02, whilst Sleaford Wheeler Ian Pike was just under the hour with 59:44; his dad Dave managed a splendid 1:09:08. Francis Grafton Nottingham Clarion was a minute behind (1:10:08) and Melton Olympian Bill Vetcher, did 1:12:42.

The Derby Mercury 25 held on the 18th of August was a different story in terms of times, with senior Matt Bottrill from www.drag2zero.com setting the fastest time on the day of 47:23 and the next 94 riders coming in under the hour. Gill Henshaw set another ladies age record of 1:07:54 in this event.

In the Tandem section, the South Pennine pairing of Dave Bates and Jeff Bowler set a time of 55:08, taking second place to Kevin Stokes and Geoff Perry, Team Milton Keynes, at 48:37.

The Mercia 30 promoted by Plan-B Racing produced some creditable times by NEM Veterans with Peter Lavine, Coalville Wheelers, on 1:09:17, Dave Bates, South Pennine RC, 1:09:42 and Graham Green 1:12:09. Setting the men's age record, Ken Stevens of the South Pennine RC finished with 1:20:35, whilst Gill Henshaw setting a

new ladies age record despite going round one of the traffic islands twice – she did 1:26:03 - well-done Gill and Ken.

The BDCA 50 on the 4th August produced some good standard times from NEM Group entries. Andy Eagers of Derby Mercury RC was placed 6th with a 1:47:41 which gave him a plus of 31:43. Others were, David Ellis, Mapperley CC, 1:48:47 (+29:02), Micheal Wills, Hinkley CRC, 1:51:49 (+29:10), Ian King Coalville Wheelers CC, 1:52:11 +26:02. Mapperly's Jason Rozee 1:54:34 +21:30, Dave Bates, South Pennine RC 1:55:14 +31:08 and Norman Portess, Melton Olympic completed the NEM under the 2 hour markers on 1:59:30 +23:38. Other East Midlands times included Micheal Wilkinson, North Notts, 2:04:32 +16:03, David Barber, Derby Mercury, 2:06:54 +11:19 and John Stewart, South Pennine, 2:22:35 +5:48. Clare Ella, Born to Bike, 2:01:02 +26:49 and finally Jim Hopper, Derby Mercury (trike), 2:24:12 +15:43.

I have just spoken to Ron Hallam and he informs me that he is now going along nicely and his original PMR condition has cleared-up, but he had been hospitalised with another unrelated problem for which the treatment has been successful and has left him feeling much better. He and Pat have taken up walking and he is pedalling away on his turbo trainer. The good news is that he hopes to ride next year. I am sure that we will be all pleased to see Ron at the events again and hope that he continues to improve.

Along with a number of NEM competitors, I had my first experience of a RTTC Rudy Project Series event on the 16 September 2012. Round 7 was held on the flat course near Lincoln between Saxilby and Harby and was very well organised by Lincolnshire DC. I found the veterans' distance of 14.1 miles a little puzzling but it turned out to be a most enjoyable event. Chasing down your own target time appears to bring a new element to time-trialling. Geoff Platts, MG Deco Team, was 2nd on Vets' Target time +07:31 actual position 6th 32:07, and with Graham Green taking 4th spot with +06:40 actual 22nd, 36.:37, joined with senior rider Scott Walker helped them to take the team prize. Ian Dalton Cherry Valley RT was 5th on target +5:24,

2nd on an actual 31:10.

Clare Ella, Born to Bike, is never far down the prize list and was third in the Women's event with plus 1:31 on target with an actual time of 36:25 and Karen Brooks, Lincoln Wheelers 4th, +3:12 on target 37:37 on actual. Julia Shaw was first woman with +7:09 and third overall on a target time of 31:55.

Our recorder Graham Green kindly sent me the 2012 NEM Group results which are listed elsewhere in this issue if there is room but in anycase on the VTTA web site.

The Annual Luncheon and Prize Presentation will be held on Sunday 27 January 2013 at Cleve Lodge, Elm Avenue, Long Eaton, Notts NQ10 4LR – 12 noon for 12:30pm. Further details and tickets available from Joe Summerlin, 19 The Paddocks, Sandiacre, Nottingham NG10 5HQ. Tel 0115 9398984. Please include a stamped addressed envelope if you want tickets mailed to you and Joe will also provide a location map.

The final top ten results of the Leicestershire Series after 8 events are listed elsewhere in this issue if there is room but in anycase on the VTTA web site.

David Herd

NORTH MIDLANDS

With another season under our belt, it's been quite a year on which to reflect. We've had the success of the British riders in "Le Tour" and in the Olympics, an appalling summer, the damning revelations about Lance Armstrong, and we've had a chance to assess a season competing under the new Standards. Leaving the new Standards aside for a moment, we could sum up the cycling year by quoting the film title "The Good, the Bad and the Ugly." As for the new Standards, at aged 76, I didn't have a problem getting a plus to beat my Standard for a 10. (I only rode 10s this season because of a knee problem). On the other hand, the chances of picking up a Standard prize seemed well out of my reach. I got the impression, while chatting and over hearing conversations after events, that Standard prizes seemed to favour riders in their 40s and 50s. Of course, there are some exceptional Senior Veterans who still win Standard prizes.

The 2012 season also saw the launch of the re-vamped Time Trial entry form. *Cycling Time Trials* wanted to make it simpler and more user-friendly. What do you think? Apparently, there were some mutterings among competitors and event organisers about the new form. CTT have said comments made regarding the new format would be taken into account when they next review it.

After the afore-mentioned summer, we did get some reward with some decent Autumnal weather during September and October. In fact, I clocked more miles in September than any previous month in 2012.

Our Group's 10 in late September was our last event of the current season. The weather was warm enough for shorts but a blustery wind made it less than perfect for the early starters. The wind did ease a little as the race progressed which favoured riders further down the field. The event was the final chance to collect Prestige Points and also to win the Cleethorpes Trophy for the Best on Standard VTTA North Midlands rider. Mike Ellerton of Team Swift was overall BOS with +6:54. North Midlands rider Julian Ramsbottom of Scunthorpe Poly CC was 2nd with +6:09 and winner of the Cleethorpes Trophy. Other North Midland members doing well were Alan Cooke 4th and Anthony Nash 5th.

So, that concludes the Prestige Points Trophy Competition for another year. It was a close run thing with Julian Ramsbottom, Scunthorpe Poly CC, winning with 29 points. Last year's winner Tony Keyworth, of Kiveton Park CC, came a close second with 28 points. Incidentally, Tony was in reverse role this time having won by one point last year. Third, with 26 points, was Paul Mapletoft also of Kiveton Park CC.

Now we can relax a bit and enjoy some steadier rides on winter bikes, weather permitting. As I write this report we are looking forward to our Annual Luncheon and Prize Presentation. We will be welcoming Ron and Pat Hallam as Guests of Honour. I will be reporting on the Luncheon in the March issue of *The Veteran*.

If you are an active member riding on the gloomy short days that winter brings, make sure you're wearing "High Viz" clothing and sporting an LED rear light. To every member, may I wish you a Happy Xmas and a trouble free 2013.

John Scully

MERSEYSIDE GROUP



It is mid November and I have spent too much time recently in Annual General Meetings related to cycling. North Shropshire Wheelers, Liverpool DC, WCTTCA and Merseyside VTTA with the SCCA AGM and VTTA National AGM still to come. On the whole they can be pretty depressing events. Not many people attend apart from the committee, and you can come away wondering why you bother.

However, there have been some highlights at the meetings this year. At the North Shropshire Wheelers AGM, a committee member who only joined the committee 12 months ago commented that he had learnt a lot about time trialling and how the governing body works and had thoroughly enjoyed the experience. So much so that he stood again.

At the Liverpool DC AGM, someone had attended the meeting with the purpose of volunteering for the District Committee and was duly elected as a committee member.

At the WCTTCA AGM, the room was full of delegates from member clubs and it was a very positive meeting.

At the recent Merseyside Group AGM, Keith Nield attended and he accepted a proposal that he be Chairman of the group. Doreen Mahar is re-elected as President with Harry Mahar elected to a new Vice-President role.

It was so encouraging that Keith attended the AGM and was prepared to stand as Chairman, a

role he holds for his club Chester RC. Keith has also thought long and hard about the new standards and put some time into considering an alternative system.

We do have an award, the George Butler Memorial Trophy, which is awarded each year to someone in the Group for outstanding services. It is usually given to a committee member. It was particularly pleasing this year to award it to two people in group who are not on the committee, but whose commitment and support to time trialling in the local area is huge. They are two of the many "un-sung hero's."

On a less positive note, at the Group AGM, there was a discussion about why more members didn't attend and how we could encourage people to take an interest in the management of the group. Is it apathy? Are the meetings in the wrong place, at the wrong time? Do members believe that the duties of the committee are onerous? Is it just that people are out training, getting fit for the next season?

I don't know the answer, probably a bit of all of the above. A particular disappointment this year was that although we have had lots of comments throughout the season about the new standards, we had very little direction from members about how to progress those comments. Of course it could just be that you have confidence in the committee to take action, and confidence that the action will be right? Hmm..... not so sure about that!

Congratulations to four members of the group who have recently been awarded Honorary Life membership, Dave Swales, Gordon Roberts, Bill Hanson and Jim McKnight. 25 years of membership and aged 80 years young is a great achievement. The group is indebted to Dave Swales and Bill Hanson, who have both held official roles for Mersey Group in the past.

I have managed to get out on a couple of club runs recently. The annual holiday to Majorca is booked, so I need to try and gain some fitness. This Sunday I was riding with three new club members, young men, juveniles. They have been inspired to cycle through watching cycling's successes this year. We did around 40 miles, and on the whole they did very well, although one needed some

encouragement towards the end of the run.

That got me to thinking about the times I have needed encouragement and support on a ride. Often it comes from Bryan, but not always.

Our first holiday abroad with bikes was Lanzarote - Club La Santa. I don't know if anyone has been there, but there is a five mile (it might be shorter, but it feels like five miles) hill to climb to Tinajo before you can go anywhere else and it can be pretty daunting.

It was whilst climbing this hill that I had my first experience of being assisted on a bike. Tony Doyle was one of the professional riders on the training camp, and he was riding in the elite group. As they passed me on the climb, (no surprise there) Tony grabbed hold of my bum bag (it was the early nineties, I wouldn't be seen dead with one now!) and proceeded to drag me up the hill alongside him.

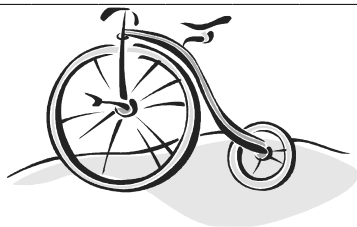
He was able to pull me at nearly the speed of the elite group. My legs were spinning faster than they had ever spun on a bike before. Near the top, he let me go, knocked it up a gear and sprinted to catch up with his group who were a few yards ahead. It was an impressive display of strength on a bike. I just breathed a huge sigh of relief that I didn't have to keep up any more! Which pretty much sums up my attitude on a bike, I enjoy riding one, but am not particularly competitive.

I have little doubt that the three juveniles I was out with on Sunday will quickly surpass my ability and will start riding with the faster club run. I hope they stay with the sport, and maybe will be Mersey Vets in about 25 years - you never know.

Mo Cliff

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NORTH



Can I start with the usual bit of bad news; Ian Hutchinson has, as he put it, Crashed i.e. fallen off his bike. Broken bones but fortunately nothing life threatening; by the time that you read this he should be back in action.

Better news on the casualty front is that George Hugill is getting out fairly regularly, but has discovered that whilst he was out of action the local council were out making all the small hills nearby into large ones, which means that he now has started to use the big sprockets on his block, which is not all bad since they do not wear out as quickly as the small ones.

At the Group AGM the major changes were, first, the appointing of a new Recorder, namely David Oliver, a welcome volunteer. Please give him all the help that you can by submitting your claims for Standards and Group Competitions by the requested closing dates. The retiring recorder

wishes to thank all our members for their co-operation over the past years. The other changes were that our Annual Subscription has been increased from £10.00 to £11.00 and after something like 30 years the Standard fees go up to £6.00 for each single distance and £12.00 for the full set. Also, we have decided to discontinue our general meetings on the first Sunday of the month, in future our only General Meeting will be the AGM, all other meetings will be committee meetings. We still need someone to fill the vacant post of Press Secretary.

One of our Vagabond members, Richie Case (48) rode in the RTTC Hill Climb Championship and was placed 117th with a time of 3:32.2 sandwiched between clubmates, Kyle Watts (aged 16) who recorded 3:01.5 and Jessica Watts (aged 13) with 4:21. Oh to be young again

As far as our Group Competitions are concerned, the awards are fairly well spread except for the Points Competition Which was a clean sweep for Terry Bashford who took first place in each of the sections, Standard, Actual and Handicap. A clear winner on Standard by nine points, just made it on Actual by two points, and shared first place with Ian Hutchinson on Handicap.

When you plan your programme for 2013, remember - More Rides More Points!

The result of our BAR was the closest I can remember with only 0.091 mph separating Dave Bennett, first and Terry Walsh second. Once again, no team award; if you can ride 100 miles this trophy is there for the taking.

G.E.D



Brian Sunter
50 Mile Champion
Photo Kimroy

MIDLAND



The last race of the Midlands VTTA/Echelon 2012 Points Series season took place on September 15 and was expertly organised by Jeff Matthews, VTTA Group committee member, who was well assisted by other committee members, friends and local teams, including sponsors Echelon Cycles. The race, which took place on the K33/10D course was blessed with good weather. Despite a cold start to the day, it was sunny and clear with minimal wind, although there were still a few who felt the breeze!

The winning time was achieved by regular rider Jon Simpkins, who has featured at the top of the results sheet for many of the local races this season. 19:55 put him well clear of the next rider, Richard Bradley, who was best on Standard with a time of 20:30. Nice to see two VTTA members, Scott Westwood and Karl Moseley taking second overall and second on Standard with 20:32 and 21:14 respectively. Also in the prize money were Rob Weare, 21:45 who was fourth on scratch, and Standard prize winners, Mark Mullender and Jon Sadler who finished in 21:32 and 21:54 respectively.

There were many more impressive times from VTTA members trying to score as many points as possible in the concluding event of an exciting series. This year, riders were rewarded for riding more events and it was this new incentive which

determined the final standings. Going head to head in the 'Kids' event were Clark and Westwood, with the former coming out on top thanks to his bonus points for riding eight events. Clark had led most of the way through the series, but after seven events, Westwood sneaked in front with maximum points; however, having ridden just five events, he only collected five extra points so Clark finished ten points ahead, with 95 points. Third and fourth place goes to Adrian Manning and Simon Wix both with 78 points but final placing determined by the tie-breaker rule. Both rode the final race and recorded 22:59 and 22:15 respectively.

It is great to see a female rider in the top seven, in fact the only one! Sue Semple, who has ridden six events in total, was just one point behind Manning and Wix and one point ahead of Jon Sadler, who finished in sixth place overall. Sue's time of 24.52 was fourth quickest for the ladies. Husband Alastair also won some of the prize money finishing seventh with 73 points.

I'm pleased to report that unlike last year, all groups except for one had at least seven members who completed at least four events. In fact the youngsters had nine riders, which is a great improvement on last year, when they only had three. Three out of the top four were new members and only Manning competed in the series last year, finishing fifth. Simon Dighton rode five events and collected 63 points, with Richard Hill eight points behind him after four events. Dighton recorded 23:48 in the final event. It was nice to see David Lazenby return to the fold at the last minute with an impressive time of 21:47, to collect 19 points. Riding his second event was Gerry Peppin who finished in 27:38.

Last season we had a total 67 members competing and this year we were up to 79, which is great news! The second biggest group was the 50 - 58 year old category with 24 Vets taking part. The winner was the only rider to claim maximum points for Best of Four and maximum points for riding eight events. Last year's runner up, Rob Weare was obviously determined not to be second best again, and finished with an incredible 100 points, which probably deserves a separate prize.

Newcomer David Wood finished second with 88 points, after completing his seventh and final race in 23:36. Last year's winner of the 40-49 year group, Mullender, came in third with 84 points, just two ahead of Terry Shough, who also rode seven events and finished the ten mile finale in 22:41. Riders competing in five events included Steve Wilkins, Andrew Simpkins and Karl Davies with times of 23:07, 24:30 and 26:03 and total points of 74, 69 and 61 respectively. Riding four events were Michael Dalton and Stephen Cooke who finished on 53 and 51 points each.

In the smallest group Phil Brown maintained his lead and finished with the fourth highest score overall of 90 points having ridden six events. He recorded a 22:42 on the K33/10D and second overall with 71 points, Andrew Dalloway's time was 26:13. Newcomers Arja Scarsbrook and Peter Delves both did very well in their first event of the series with times of 25:34 and 23:49 respectively.

In the biggest age category, the winner had led for the last four events. Murray Kirton, finished with 94, the third highest score after seven events. Kirton finished second last year behind our 'favourite' retired rider, Alan Coburn. Due to 15 bonus points accrued this season, Bob Franks finished second with 80 points and Bob Awcock, also aided by bonus pints finished third with 74

points. All three riders took part in the final race and recorded 25:42, 29:11 and 26:59 respectively. Only one point behind was John Grumbley, who lost out on second place having 'only' completed four races. However Peter Rose topped up his score of 60 with ten bonus points to finish in fifth place. Grumbley finished in 24:52 and Rose in 33:18. Not taking part in the race, but completing four events were Bob Mowat, with 69 points, and Phil Gambles, one point behind.

There were three 'new' faces in this group competing; John Parkes, 24:05, Brian Newton, 24:42 and Mick Gray, 29:07. We look forward to welcoming them back next season.

Once again the Team prize goes to Walsall RC who really ran away with it scoring 45 points, 27 points ahead of the runners up, Worcester St John's. Third place went to Stafford RC with 16 points. Well done to all the riders, event organisers and helpers who made the event series possible and a special thank you to our sponsors Echelon Cycles.

Don't forget the Annual Awards Lunch will take place on January 20th 2013 at Kings Coughton Hotel, Kings Coughton, Alcester. Full details to follow, but please put the date in your diary now.

Miranda Harris

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**VTTA South Wales Group
Gordon Butler Memorial Open 50 Mile Time Trial and VTTA Championship
Saturday 22nd September – Course R50/3**

by Gordon Scott

A dry sunny day greeted the riders in South Wales, although an easterly wind was a disadvantage on this course. 76 riders had entered with 21 deciding against starting with most notably Rob Pears (10 and 30 mile Champion) and Kevin Tye being absent.

From my position at the finish, it was apparent that Rob Weare was riding strongly along with Ian Greenstreet although fate played its part with both puncturing. The 100 mile Champion, Brian Camfield, looked steady and his time of three seconds over the two hours to give him a plus of 26:19, an excellent ride, however Brian Sunter returned a plus of 26:28 to take the championship he last won in 2008 with Stefan Harrison and Stephen Potts tying for 3rd on standard with a plus of 20:51. Stefan also received the fastest VTTA member award with his time of 1:56:33. Team Champions are Bynea CC with Jeff Chambers, Nic Forbes and John Shehan returning a minus of 1:50.

The welcome extended by the organisers and volunteers was gratefully received and I look forward to returning to this event next year, I was fortunate enough to help out as recorder, sitting with the finish timekeeper Tudor Thomas and enjoying his company whilst comparing notes.

(The full result on the next page)

Scottish Results

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NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP 50

Brian Sunter	Condor RC	Yorkshire	2:03:27	26:28
Brian Camfield	Stone Wheelers CC	Manchester & NW	2:00:03	26:19
Stefan Harrison	Stourbridge CC	Midlands	1:56:33	20:51
Stephen Potts	Somerset RC	West	2:00:32	20:51
Mark Sanders	Mid Devon CC	West	2:01:40	19:19
Simon Wix	Evesham & Dist Wheelers	Midland	2:00:55	18:29
Anthony Gill	Pedalsport CC	Yorkshire	1:58:32	18:26
Hugh Davies	Port Talbot Wheelers CC	South Wales	2:10:45	17:38
Tom Cox	Northover VT	Wessex	2:06:40	16:28
Sam Williamson	Hemel Hempstead CC	East Anglian	2:03:20	16:04
Dave Driver	Yeovil CC	West	2:17:10	15:25
David Evans	Worcester St Johns CC	South Wales	2:07:30	14:44
Andi Timothy	Revo Racing	West	2:08:08	13:15
David Wood	Wyre Forest CRC	Midland	2:09:44	12:57
Rebecca Timothy	Revo Racing	West	2:17:25	11:22
Mike Hazlewood	Warwickshire RC	Midlands	2:13:14	10:23
John J Murphy	Gloucester City CC	West	2:22:16	10:19
John Shehan	Bynea CC	South Wales	2:17:24	10:16
Cliff Voller	Newbury RC	West	2:18:33	06:05
Peter A Murreri	M & D Cycles Specialised	South Wales	2:17:58	03:01
Dave Unsworth	Hereford & Dis Wheelers CC	South Wales	2:34:19	00:20
Allan Renyard	Guernsey Velo Club	Wessex	2:30:54	-0:09
Clifford Jackson	Pembrokeshire Velo	South Wales	2:27:21	-1:35
Nic Forbes	Bynea CC	South Wales	2:20:38	-4:34
Sally Harmer	Ystwyth CC	South Wales	2:37:18	-5:55
Philip Batch	Scunthorpe RC	North Mids	2:29:57	-7:43
Paul Griffiths	Acme Whs (Rhondda) CC	South Wales	2:32:44	-10:03
Patrick Haywood	North Shropshire Wheelers	Merseyside	2:46:16	-10:29
Jeff Chambers	Bynea CC	South Wales	2:49:10	-17:32

SCOTTISH BAR COMPETITION

Philip Kelman	Deeside Thistle	48	53:32	1:52:16	3:51:19	26.893	5.503
Steve Nutley	Sandy Wallace Cycles	56	54:32	1:52:37	3:58:12	26.355	5.465
James Cusick	Glasgow Couriers	47	55:32	1:54:33	3:55:20	26.547	5.096
Carlos Riise	Shetland Wheelers	47	56:32	1:52:53	4:11:56	26.154	4.703
Christine McLean	Shetland Wheelers	51	57:32	2:03:58	4:20:41	24.142	4.504
Derek McMillan	St. Christopher CC	51/52	58:32	1:59:39	4:06:09	25.257	4.071
Shelley Farrar	Deeside Thistle	44/45	1:01:05	2:05:40	4:27:47	23.612	3.604
Graeme Hay	Stirling Bike Club	43	56:51	1:57:49	4:14:37	25.137	3.422
Roger Sewell	Ross-shire Roads	64/65	59:56	2:04:50	4:40:47	23.476	3.215
William Bunyan	Kennoway RC	54/55	59:41	2:06:11	4:18:52	24.028	3.048
Brendan McCabe	Aberdeen Wheelers	48/49	57:56	2:03:50	4:30:06	24.110	2.773
Mike Ferguson	Johnstone Wheelers	55/56	59:25	2:04:05	4:38:21	23.659	2.742
Iain Wilson	Deeside Thistle	44	58:20	2:03:27	4:21:01	24.334	2.688
ABG Washington	Caitness CC	75	1:07:04	2:16:59	4:49:03	21.674	2.638
Graham Jones	Edinburgh Road Club	47	1:00:30	2:08:49	4:22:21	23.650	2.199
Mark Leadbetter	Stirling Bike Club	45	1:00:07	2:09:19	4:29:54	23.460	1.880
Stewart Mitchell	Deeside Thistle	72	1:10:36	2:30:13	5:20:42	19.975	0.528
Becky Watson	Deeside Thistle	43	1:10:16	2:24:50	5:08:36	20.501	0.385
David Mitchell	Perth United C.C.	66	1:14:35	2:40:27	5:27:52	19.036	-1.074
Ed Rattray	Elgin Cycling Club	40	1:08:42	2:28:03	5:40:02	19.914	-2.027
Graeme Walsh	Stirling Bike Club	49	1:02:12		4:28:03		
Patricia Baird	Deeside Thistle	47	1:04:23	2:19:51			

NOTTINGHAM AND NORTH EAST MIDLANDS RESULTS

BAR

1	Colin Parkinson	South Western RC	53:13	1:46:13	4:01:11	27:103	+5:834
2	Clare Ella (W)	Born to Bike	57:33	2:00:53	4:27:49	24:249	+4:132
3	Jim Ithell	Melton Olympic	1:07:45	2:33:44	6:01:32 T	19:416	+0:994
4	Chris Close	Sleaford Whls	1:11:23	2:28:25	5:05:46	20:416	-0:054

Senior Bar

1	Jim Ithell (Trike)	Melton Olympic	26:59	1:07:45	2:33:44	21:296
	Jim Ithell (Bike)	Melton Olympic	29:22	1:14:37	2:51:57	19:327

Prestige points

1	Ian Dalton	Cherry Valley RT				39
2	John Needham	Alford Wheelers				31
3	Steve Howgill	Leicestershire RC				30
3=	Ian Pike	Sleaford Whls				30
5	Colin Parkinson	South Western RC				26
5=	Norman Portess	Melton Olympic				26
7	Dave Bates	South Pennine RC				21
8	Mike Wilkinson	North Notts Olym				15
8=	Stewart Gregory	Notts Clarion				15
10	Sean Hunt	Lincoln Whls				14

Trophies

Fred Smith 50	Ian Dalton	Cherry Valley RT	21:23
Joe Baines 30	Ian Dalton	Cherry Valley RT	14:29
Hermes	TBA		
Ivan Mohon	Geoff Platts	MG Decor Team	12:53
Bert Christian	TBA		

Leicestershire Series

Position	Rider	Club	Points Overall	Number of Rides
1	Chris Walker	Melton Olympic CC	455	5
2	John Dixon	Team Echelon-Rotor	450	5
3	Russell Gent	Melton Olympic CC	425	5
3=	Norman Portess	Melton Olympic CC	425	7
4	Geoff Platts	MG Decor Team	300	3
5	Terry Horsburgh	Ratae RC	287	5
6	William Harrison	Witham Wheelers	285	4
7	David Herd	Witham Wheelers	284	5
8	Anthony Hardenberg	Witham Wheelers	245	6
9	Charles McCulloch	www.drag2zero.com	200	2
10	Michael Spurr	Leicestershire RC	193	4

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February, March, April and September
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Three Distance - 2012

Posn	Name	Club	Group	Age	25	50	100	Plus
1	Peter Greenwood	Clayton Velo	North Lancs & Lakes	60	0:52:28	1:45:36	3:47:09	56:31
2	Nik Bowdler	Team PedalRevolution.co.uk	Wessex	43	0:50:32	1:40:42	3:41:45	51:09
3	Christine McLean	Shetland Wheelers	Scotland	51	0:57:35	2:01:11	4:14:41	47:36
4	Steve Inwin	Kingston Wheelers	East Anglia	41	0:49:49	1:41:17	3:54:57	46:52
5	Robert Gilmour	Hounslow & Dist Wheelers	London & Home Counties	60	0:52:10	1:50:11	4:22:01	46:04
6	Shay Giles	VC Elan	Kent	67	0:57:31	1:54:01	4:21:18	45:23
7	Colin Parkinson	South Western RC	Nottingham & East Midlands	50	0:53:13	1:46:13	4:01:11	45:14
8	Derek Hodkins	Stockport Clarion CC	Manchester & Northwest	78	1:00:29	2:07:56	4:58:20	43:56
9	Mike Shacklock	Yorkshire RC	Yorkshire	68	0:57:41	1:58:08	4:25:16	43:21
10	John Golder	Chelmer CC	East Anglia	59	0:55:05	1:52:12	4:15:10	42:36
11	Jim Gresty	North Shropshire Wheelers	Manchester & Northwest	67	0:58:42	1:59:51	4:18:49	41:55
12	Carlos Riise	Shetland Wheelers	Scotland	47	0:53:47	1:52:50	3:51:54	41:52
13	Brian Carnfield	Stone Wheelers	Manchester & Northwest	64	0:58:04	2:00:03	4:09:59	41:31
14	Laura Gambling	CC Breckland	East Anglia	55	0:58:53	2:04:03	4:40:16	41:15
15	Gareth Bowyer	Rhos on Sea CC	Merseyside	43	0:53:02	1:48:30	3:57:38	40:47
16	Christine Wilcock	Port Sunlight Wheelers	Merseyside	44	0:57:23	2:00:06	4:27:53	40:18
17	Ged Millward	Ilkley CC	Yorkshire	47	0:52:20	1:50:12	4:09:32	40:13
18	Anthony Stapleton	Chelmer CC	East Anglia	46	0:57:52	1:43:41	3:59:38	39:48
19	Andy Miles	VC Elan	Kent	43	0:53:47	1:51:00	3:55:55	39:12
20	Clare Ella	Born to Bike	Nottingham & East Midlands	43	0:57:33	2:00:53	4:27:49	39:01
21	Simon Greenland	Maidenhead & Dist CC	London & Home Counties	59	0:57:47	1:54:08	4:17:32	38:35
22	Dave Fearon	Weaver Valley CC	Manchester & Northwest	48	0:53:50	1:52:19	4:08:40	38:29
23	John J Murphy	Gloucester City CC	West	72	0:56:21	2:10:13	4:49:15	38:04

Three Distance - 2012

Posn	Name	Club	Group	Age	25	50	100	Plus
24	David England	Crabwood CC	Wessex	69	0:59:33	2:06:01	4:28:55	37:52
25	Andrew Askwith	Bridlington CC	Yorkshire	48	0:53:23	1:54:55	4:06:06	37:50
26	BG Quick	Reading CC	Wessex	67	0:56:36	2:05:29	4:33:35	37:30
27	Mark Sanders	Mid Devon CC	West	53	0:56:39	1:54:33	4:12:39	36:36
28	Ann Shuttleworth	Chelmer CC	East Anglia	45	0:59:23	2:01:11	4:35:28	36:34
29	Rob Dulson	Hainault RC	East Anglia	51	0:56:46	1:55:33	4:07:43	36:00
30	Peter Yates	Otley CC	Yorkshire	79	1:03:23	2:13:11	5:17:55	35:50
31	Stephen l'Anson	Buxton CC	Manchester & Northwest	55	0:57:44	1:52:58	4:24:00	35:14
32	Peter Horsnell	Chelmer CC	East Anglia	82	1:10:01	2:18:42	5:18:28	34:21
33	Arthur Winstanley	Phoenix CC (Aintree)	Merseyside	56	0:58:31	2:00:47	4:14:54	32:48
34	Harry Haseley	North Lincs RC	North Lincs & Lakes	70	1:00:16	2:14:05	4:35:30	32:47
35	Matthew Rowley	Oxonian CC	Wessex	44	0:54:06	1:57:12	4:10:57	32:42
36	Andrew G Clarke	Mid Shropshire Wheelers	Merseyside	53	0:54:58	1:59:26	4:28:46	31:49
37	Bob Quarton	Wolsey RC	East Anglia	57	0:59:49	1:59:10	4:22:59	31:42
38	Paul Coleman	Pembroke Velo	South Wales	51	0:56:13	1:59:09	4:20:14	31:37
39	Peter Moon	Eastbourne Rovers CC	Surrey/Sussex	51	0:58:34	2:00:43	4:08:29	31:25
40	Cliff Beldon	Team Swift	Yorkshire	65	1:00:25	2:06:48	4:31:42	31:21
41	Howard Waller	Oxford City RC	London & Home Counties	48	0:52:45	2:09:19	4:44:20	30:22
42	Nick Webber	Colchester Rovers CC	East Anglia	52	0:57:54	2:05:25	4:08:43	30:17
43	Roger Sewell	Ross-Shire Roads CC	Scotland	64	0:59:56	2:04:50	4:40:47	29:56
44	Geoff Smith	Eastbourne Rovers CC	Surrey/Sussex	61	1:00:35	2:04:38	4:30:53	29:07
45	Alasdair Washington	Catfness CC	Scotland	75	1:07:04	2:16:59	4:49:03	29:03
46	Adrian Humpage	Lyme RC	Midland	49	0:53:22	1:59:29	4:37:50	28:41

Three Distance - 2012

Posn	Name	Club	Group	Age	25	50	100	Plus
47	Allen Bell	Yorkshire RC	Yorkshire	66	1:00:54	2:09:46	4:41:15	28:02
48	John Baines	Yorkshire RC	Yorkshire	74	1:04:26	2:14:19	5:04:47	27:18
49	Graham Painter	Chelmer CC	East Anglia	41	0:59:27	1:53:05	4:13:58	26:35
50	Alan Lloyd	Lewes Wanderers CC	Surrey/Sussex	60	1:00:42	2:08:51	4:31:43	25:31
51	Jenny York	Mid Shropshire Wheelers	Merseyside	54	1:01:48	2:23:30	4:51:37	25:04
52	Michael Ferguson	Johnstone Wheelers	Scotland	56	0:59:25	2:04:05	4:38:21	24:23
53	Clifford Jackson	Pembroke Velo	South Wales	63	0:56:11	2:27:21	4:27:57	24:18
54	David Rogers	Hemel Hempstead CC	London & Home Counties	54	0:57:01	2:04:43	4:43:13	24:09
55	Greystone Small	Bridlington CC	Yorkshire	57	0:59:43	2:07:28	4:37:20	23:34
56	Kevin Norman	Stowmarket & District CC	East Anglia	47	0:57:18	1:57:24	4:41:57	23:33
57	Ian Boam	North Shropshire Wheelers	Merseyside	45	0:59:35	2:01:09	4:22:50	22:55
58	Peter Baker	Lewes Wanderers CC	Surrey/Sussex	54	0:59:14	2:09:10	4:39:25	21:40
59	Karen Eaton	Wolsey RC	East Anglia	42	1:07:12	2:10:52	4:42:33	19:56
60	Steve Stoddart	Seamons CC	Manchester & Northwest	54	1:01:13	2:09:58	4:34:12	19:35
61	Dave York	Mid Shropshire Wheelers	Merseyside	57	1:00:09	2:10:03	4:46:42	19:30
62	Chris Womack	VC Baracchi	East Anglia	65	1:01:34	2:08:57	5:10:36	19:24
63	John Hatfield	Ravenshorpe CC	Yorkshire	65	1:04:03	2:19:23	4:41:34	19:22
64	David R Parkes	Coventry RC	Midland	57	1:01:52	2:11:42	4:38:54	18:54
65	Ian Turner	Southborough and Dist Wh	Kent	63	1:02:47	2:15:21	4:52:49	17:29
66	Michael Fry	Glendene CC	East Anglia	51	1:01:16	2:05:52	4:45:09	16:59
67	Cliff Voller	Newbury RC	West	61	0:58:58	2:14:17	5:06:38	16:38
68	Fred Newton	Wessex RC	Wessex	64	1:04:53	2:18:09	4:46:11	16:36
69	Nick Parravani	CC Breckland	East Anglia	66	1:05:45	2:13:51	5:00:16	15:58

Three Distance - 2012

Posn	Name	Club	Group	Age	25	50	100	Plus
70	Richard Claxton	VC Elan	Kent	68	1:09:14	2:14:43	4:56:09	15:47
71	T Walsh	Ferryhill Wheelers	North	69	1:09:20	2:23:11	4:47:44	14:48
72	Dave Bennett	Darlington CC	North	64	1:04:56	2:17:12	4:55:38	14:21
73	Tim Carpenter	Hastings & St Leonards CC	Surrey/Sussex	50	1:01:38	2:06:06	4:51:59	14:10
74	Claire Jessop	Club Ilkley	Yorkshire	43	1:06:00	2:20:29	5:03:16	11:22
75	Helen Tudor	Oswestry Paragon CC	Merseyside	43	1:05:36	2:23:30	5:05:12	10:19
76	Peter Walton	Hertfordshire Wheelers	East Anglia	57	1:00:44	2:07:29	5:26:33	10:14
77	Richard Sill	Wansbeck CC	North	57	1:02:57	2:17:31	5:01:59	09:08
78	Barry Preston	West Pennine	North Lancs & Lakes	45	1:00:56	2:14:35	4:45:46	09:07
79	Peter Horsfield	Redmon CC	Surrey/Sussex	62	1:05:34	2:24:08	5:02:28	07:01
80	Keith Neild	Chester RC	Merseyside	70	1:09:58	2:27:30	5:13:16	06:56
81	Keith Wilkinson	East Surrey RC	Surrey/Sussex	66	1:05:52	2:30:20	5:06:38	06:26
82	Stewart Mitchell	Deeside Thistle	Scotland	72	1:10:36	2:30:13	5:20:42	05:57
83	Becky Watson	Deeside Thistle	Scotland	43	1:10:16	2:24:50	5:08:36	04:08
84	Paul Dawson	Teesside RC	North	51	1:07:32	2:19:36	4:48:06	03:07
85	John Baddeley	Stone Wheelers	Manchester & Northwest	66	1:07:33	2:15:02	5:59:51	-00:54
86	Roger Squire	Fibrax Wrexham	Merseyside	43	1:05:50	2:22:05	4:48:51	-01:37
87	Mick Fountain	Didcot Phoenix CC	West	71	1:14:18	2:31:32	5:43:18	-05:32
88	Chris Close	Sleaford Wheelers	Nottingham & East Midlands	57	1:11:23	2:28:25	5:05:46	-05:41
89	David A Mitchell	Perth United	Scotland	66	1:14:35	2:40:27	5:27:52	-12:39
90	Michael Armstrong	Liverpool Century RC	Merseyside	55	1:11:24	2:38:31	5:13:35	-14:05
91	Ed Rattray	Elgin CC	Scotland	40	1:08:42	2:28:03	5:40:02	-22:25

BAR - 2012

Posn	Name	Club	Group	Age	25	50	100	12 Hr	Plus
1	Nik Bowdler	Team PedalRevolution.co.uk	Wessex	43	0:50:32	1:40:42	3:41:45	301.71	1:13:31
2	Shay Giles	VC Elean	Kent	67	0:57:31	1:54:01	4:21:18	252.65	1:03:16
3	Christine McLean	Shetland Wheelers	Scotland	51	0:57:35	2:01:11	4:14:41	240.26	1:01:47
4	Brian Camfield	Stone Wheelers	Manchester & Northwest	64	0:58:04	2:00:03	4:09:59	263.86	1:00:54
5	Mike Shacklock	Yorkshire RC	Yorkshire	68	0:57:41	1:58:08	4:25:16	237.94	0:58:07
6	Antony Stapleton	Cheimer CC	East Anglia	46	0:57:52	1:43:41	3:59:38	278.78	0:57:33
7	Jim Gresty	North Shropshire Wheelers	Manchester & Northwest	67	0:58:42	1:59:51	4:18:49	242.69	0:57:24
8	John Golder	Cheimer CC	East Anglia	59	0:55:05	1:52:12	4:15:10	250.78	0:57:11
9	Carlos Riise	Shetland Wheelers	Scotland	47	0:53:47	1:52:50	3:51:54	267.05	0:57:05
10	Rob Dulson	Hainault RC	East Anglia	51	0:56:46	1:55:33	4:07:43	272.22	0:53:31
11	Gareth Bowyer	Rhos on Sea CC	Merseyside	43	0:53:02	1:48:30	3:57:38	260.20	0:53:12
12	Andy Miles	VC Elean	Kent	43	0:53:47	1:51:00	3:55:55	265.36	0:52:52
13	Dave Fearon	Weaver Valley CC	Manchester & Northwest	48	0:53:50	1:52:19	4:08:40	262.10	0:52:47
14	BG Quick	Reading CC	Wessex	67	0:56:36	2:05:29	4:33:35	233.31	0:50:44
15	Peter Horsnell	Cheimer CC	East Anglia	82	1:10:01	2:18:42	5:18:28	205.35	0:49:32
16	Mark Sanders	Mid Devon CC	West	53	0:56:39	1:54:33	4:12:39	249.43	0:49:11
17	John J Murphy	Gloucester City CC	West	72	0:56:21	2:10:13	4:49:15	210.05	0:48:01
18	Arthur Winstanley	Phoenix CC (Aintree)	Merseyside	56	0:58:31	2:00:47	4:14:54	255.54	0:47:40
19	Howard Waller	Oxford City RC	London & Home Counties	48	0:52:45	2:09:19	4:44:20	255.71	0:46:34

BAR - 2012

Posn	Name	Club	Group	Age	25	50	100	12 Hr	Plus
20	Peter Yates	Otley CC	Yorkshire	79	1:03:23	2:13:11	5:17:55	190.03	0:45:09
21	Paul Coleman	Pembroke Velo	South Wales	51	0:56:13	1:59:09	4:20:14	246.21	0:42:54
22	Clifford Jackson	Pembroke Velo	South Wales	63	0:56:11	2:27:21	4:27:57	255.33	0:41:18
23	Geoff Smith	Eastbourne Rovers CC	Surrey/Sussex	61	1:00:35	2:04:38	4:30:53	236.45	0:41:14
24	Cliff Beidon	Team Swift	Yorkshire	65	1:00:25	2:06:48	4:31:42	220.42	0:40:42
25	Allen Bell	Yorkshire RC	Yorkshire	66	1:00:54	2:09:46	4:41:15	217.73	0:37:08
26	Matthew Rowley	Oxonian CC	Wessex	44	0:54:06	1:57:12	4:10:57	224.45	0:36:51
27	Alan Lloyd	Lewes Wanderers CC	Surrey/Sussex	60	1:00:42	2:08:51	4:31:43	231.07	0:35:42
28	Jenny York	Mid Shropshire Wheelers	Merseyside	54	1:01:48	2:23:30	4:51:37	218.63	0:34:47
29	Graham Painter	Chelmer CC	East Anglia	41	0:59:27	1:53:05	4:13:58	241.47	0:33:52
30	John Hatfield	Ravensthorpe CC	Yorkshire	65	1:04:03	2:19:23	4:41:34	219.21	0:28:49
31	David R Parkes	Coventry RC	Midland	57	1:01:52	2:11:42	4:38:54	231.99	0:28:24
32	Steve Stoddart	Seamons CC	Manchester & Northwest	54	1:01:13	2:09:58	4:34:12	231.58	0:28:09
33	Karen Eaton	Wolsey RC	East Anglia	42	1:07:12	2:10:52	4:42:33	223.27	0:27:46
34	Richard Claxton	VC Elan	Kent	68	1:09:14	2:14:43	4:56:09	215.66	0:25:13
35	Claire Jessop	Club Ilkley	Yorkshire	43	1:06:00	2:20:29	5:03:16	202.69	0:14:16
36	Mick Fountain	Didcot Phoenix CC	West	71	1:14:18	2:31:32	5:43:18	216.70	0:05:31
37	John Baddeley	Stone Wheelers	Manchester & Northwest	66	1:07:33	2:15:02	5:59:51	187.28	0:00:54
38	Roger Squire	Fibrax Wrexham	Merseyside	43	1:05:50	2:22:05	4:48:51	214.41	-0:00:11

BAR 2012 - TEAMS

Club

1	Antony Stapleton	Chelmer CC	0:57:33
	John Golder	Chelmer CC	0:57:11
	Peter Horsnell	Chelmer CC	0:49:32
2	Shay Giles	VC Elan	1:03:16
	Andy Miles	VC Elan	0:52:52
	Richard Claxton	VC Elan	0:25:13
			2:21:21

Group

1	Antony Stapleton	East Anglia	0:57:33
	John Golder	East Anglia	0:57:11
	Rob Dulson	East Anglia	0:53:31
	Peter Horsnell	East Anglia	0:49:32
	Graham Painter	East Anglia	0:33:52
	Karen Eaton	East Anglia	0:27:46
2	Mike Shacklock	Yorkshire	0:58:07
	Peter Yates	Yorkshire	0:45:09
	Cliff Beldon	Yorkshire	0:40:42
	Allen Bell	Yorkshire	0:37:08
	John Hatfield	Yorkshire	0:28:49
	Claire Jessop	Yorkshire	0:14:16
			3:44:11

Three Distance - 2012 - Teams

		Club				Club	
1	John Golder	Chelmer CC	0:42:36	3	Mike Shacklock	Yorkshire RC	0:43:21
	Antony Stapleton	Chelmer CC	0:39:48		Allen Bell	Yorkshire RC	0:28:02
	Ann Shuttleworth	Chelmer CC	0:36:34		John Baines	Yorkshire RC	0:27:18
2	Shay Giles	VC Elan	0:45:23	4	Andrew G Clarke	Mid Shropshire Wheelers	0:31:49
	Andy Miles	VC Elan	0:39:12		Jenny York	Mid Shropshire Wheelers	0:25:04
	Richard Claxton	VC Elan	0:15:47		Dave York	Mid Shropshire Wheelers	0:19:30
							1:16:23
		Group				Group	
1	Steve Irwin	East Anglia	0:46:52	4	Gareth Bowyer	Merseyside	0:40:47
	John Golder	East Anglia	0:42:36		Christine Wilcock	Merseyside	0:40:18
	Laura Gambling	East Anglia	0:41:15		Arthur Winstanley	Merseyside	0:32:48
	Antony Stapleton	East Anglia	0:39:48		Andrew G Clarke	Merseyside	0:31:49
	Ann Shuttleworth	East Anglia	0:36:34		Jenny York	Merseyside	0:25:04
	Rob Dulson	East Anglia	0:36:00		Ian Boam	Merseyside	0:22:55
	Derek Hodkins	Manchester & NW	0:43:56	5	Christine McLean	Scotland	0:47:36
2	Jim Gresty	Manchester & NW	0:41:55		Carlos Riise	Scotland	0:41:52
	Brian Camfield	Manchester & NW	0:41:31		Roger Sewell	Scotland	0:29:56
	Dave Fearon	Manchester & NW	0:38:29		Alasdair Washington	Scotland	0:29:03
	Stephen l'Anson	Manchester & NW	0:35:14		Michael Ferguson	Scotland	0:24:23
	Steve Stoddart	Manchester & NW	0:19:35		Stewart Mitchell	Scotland	0:05:57
3	Mike Shacklock	Yorkshire	0:43:21	6	Peter Moon	Surrey/Sussex	0:31:25
	Ged Millward	Yorkshire	0:40:13		Geoff Smith	Surrey/Sussex	0:29:07
	Andrew Askwith	Yorkshire	0:37:50		Alan Lloyd	Surrey/Sussex	0:25:31
	Peter Yates	Yorkshire	0:35:50		Peter Baker	Surrey/Sussex	0:21:40
	Cliff Beldon	Yorkshire	0:31:21		Tim Carpenter	Surrey/Sussex	0:14:10
	Allen Bell	Yorkshire	0:28:02		Peter Horsfield	Surrey/Sussex	0:07:01
			3:36:37				2:08:54

Members over 70 Still Racing

Many years ago, Ron Smith, one time member of London Group, suggested that all members over the age of 70 and still racing ought to be designated 'Super Vets' and the list has been spasmodically maintained and published from time to time. An effort is to be made to maintain the list properly and the current version is shown below, if those not included would be kind enough to let the Editor know then it will be updated in these pages each quarter and more frequently than that on the web site.

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BASIL SMITH

Basil (Bas) Smith, Yorkshire RC, passed away in September. He was 94; at the time of his death, he had been the oldest living RTTC National Champion. He won the 100 title in 1945. His passing severs a link with the past. As Bas once said, he started racing 'when Shake Earnshaw was a middle-marker' and Hitler was coming to power! In the late fifties, he set VTTA national age records at 100 miles 4:15:32 and 25 miles 59:04 which back then were amazing times for somebody over 40. His first club was Leeds Clarion and when he rode his first 25 in 1936, he did 1:09:19 for fourth place and fastest novice. In his second season, he joined Leeds Kirkgate and rode his first 50 in 2:16:35, finishing the season winning his new Club's BAR. His third season brought another change of club; Bas joined the Yorkshire RC, where he remained until his death. His first Open win came in 1940 in the Yorkshire Cycling Federation 25.

Bas was a joiner by trade and worked as a 'Bevin Boy' in the coal mines during the Second World War, He ended up at the Barnbow Tank Factory as a radial arm driller. It was when he was riding home from there after work that he was hit by a car. He remained in a coma for some considerable time before eventually recovering.

He was married in 1941 to his wife Beryl, who sadly died some years ago. His club-mates persuaded him to start

racing again, which he did, and between 1942 and 1946 Bas was in winning Yorkshire RC teams in more than fifty events. His racing ranged from roller contests, time trials, road racing and pursuit racing on the track. He was a member of winning Yorkshire RC teams in several National Championships. When he won the 100 title in 1945, he was invited to ride the Grand Prix des Nations, which at that time was the unofficial World Time Trial Championship. Bas rode with his usual determination and, despite crashing, finished eighth.

He was Yorkshire BAR on more than one occasion. But it wasn't just racing; Bas organised over 60 Open Time Trials, served on the Yorkshire RTTC District Committee and was his club's Racing Secretary. His achievements are too numerous to list here.

He was a true stalwart of Yorkshire cycling. My rides through Wetherby, where Bas lived, aren't going to be as entertaining. I used to see him quite often on my way home; he was fit and active to the last.

He leaves a son, Paul, and daughter, Leslie, to whom go our condolences. He was a most unusual Smith. You will be missed, Bas.

Malcolm T Cowgill

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LEN GRAYSON

Len Grayson, Team Swift, was tragically killed while competing in his own club's Open 100 in August; he was 75. Len began racing in the fifties, riding for Allerton Bywater CC. He was a short-distance rider, at that time riding the track and 25 mile time trials. He rode the grass track at Roundhay Park, racing against the likes of Barry Hoban. After over 30 years out of the game, Len returned to racing joining the Vets. It wasn't long before he recaptured his speeds and 2010 set a Vets record of 1 10 20 at 30 miles when he was 73. Last year he broke the 74 year-olds record at 10 with 22 12, in July this year he lowered it to 22 10; also in July, he won our group 25. There was a large turnout for his funeral at Pontefract Crematorium. He leaves his wife, Kathleen, and daughter, Jane, to whom go our condolences.

Malcolm T Cowgill

JOHN STANLEY KEMPE

The Life of a Star.



We of the Bristol South CC have sadly recently lost our very popular President, John Stanley Kempe, aged just 80 years.

John was one of a number of teenagers who joined our club in 1949 and we would wish to remember him with gratitude for his presence. He was an inspiration to those of us who raced, by his dedication to the traditional formula of 'get the miles in.'

It worked for him until as a young man he suffered an unfortunate accident, rendering him comatose for approximately 28 days. Later he was 'ribbed' thus; was he trying for a club record. During a period of convalescence in deepest Somerset he was restricted from having a bike. John however arranged for someone to bring one to a nearby motor-car repair garage for storage.

Most mornings John would tell the nursing staff that he was just going for a walk to the village, but at the garage he was able to change into cycling clothes and set off for a spin undetected.

Once back at work the employer ruled that he must remain in the jig and tool design office as an aerofoil blade designer, moving on up to become a leading designer.

All this took place in parallel with him marrying Sandra and together raising a family. Oh yes! Sandra was a club member and keen racing lady too.

We all feel that we were privileged to have known, ridden with and been befriended by John.

John became a confident road rider and time triallist; the 100 mile TT perhaps being his best. Together with Jeff Fry and led by the very impressive Chris Holloway they became British Best All-Rounder

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Team Champions in 1961.

They stood together on the stage of the Royal Albert Hall to receive the trophy from T de F winner Jaques Anquetil.

Our star had quite a dry sense of humour and an incidence of it was shown when nearing home on a Sunday evening at the end of an evening club run when we were pulled up by a Police patrol car.

"One of you is without a rear light" claimed the officer. John stepped forward and politely pointed out that battery quality was unreliable. It had been OK when dusk had fallen. He suggested that if the officer cupped his hands round the light he would just see a glimmer. Smilingly, the officer conceded acceptance of the predicament.

During our teens and twenties our club group would often meet on Saturday mornings to discuss team plans over coffee and cake. John could always complete the crossword in the Times or Telegraph when they were quality broadsheet newspapers.

He was the intellectual amongst us and was also quite meticulous in his preparation for his sport, all the time being the devoted family man. It was so sad to witness John's decline in recent years, joining the cycling groups when possible, during which time he received tremendous support from Sandra and his entire family.

For John to depart so early was just not fair. These are the thoughts of the Bristol South CC 'Oldies' and we are sure that current younger members and all who knew him would feel similarly.

Peter Baldwin

DERRICK KLECKHAM

Derrick was a member of the SVTTA from 1967 and held various committee positions, sadly passed away on 29th October.

Born in London he joined the Royal Navy in 1931 and saw action while serving on HMS Rodney against the German Battleship Bismark. He also served on the notorious Arctic convoys. He attained the rank of Chief Petty Officer during his Naval career.

As a cyclist he rode with the Cheshire Roads until his employment brought him up to Scotland; first Edinburgh then Glasgow where he joined the Scottish Group and went onto the Group's Committee and held various positions.

A large gathering of friends and relations met at Clydebank crematorium to say their farewell to him including his old compatriots from the Royal Navy who draped his coffin with the White Ensign and service cap.

JOHN (JACK) CAMPBELL

John Gold Campbell was born in the family home at Cadzow Street, Larkhall, on 19th February 1934. With his father J B (Johnnie) Campbell being such a notable in the hierarchy of Scottish cycling, having received an Olympic Torch replica from The Torch Trophy Trust in 1967, it was inevitable that Jack would be introduced to the pastime at an early age. Indeed, Jack was to embrace the pastime of cycling in all of its forms and became a lifelong cyclist.

Following education at Machanhill

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primary school and then Larkhall Academy Secondary School, Jack joined John Steel (Drapers), Larkhall, as a junior. However, National Service beckoned and Jack joined the RAF, being stationed in England, Wales and Ireland. Wherever he was located, his bike went with him and he had many tales of his, and his colleagues', adventures while cycling round and acquainting himself with new parts of the country.

After leaving the RAF, he returned to Larkhall and John Steel's and continued to work there for over 30 years.

He decided, however, that Larkhall could benefit from a friendly cycle shop and, with his knowledge of the retail trade he decided that it was economically viable and hence in 1980 Pro-Am cycles was opened with Jack as owner/proprietor. Jack continued with this business until failing health caused him to retire in 2008.

For the last few months of his life Jack resided at The Ballantine House

Nursing Home, Ashgill before dying quietly on Sunday 23rd September.

During his life Jack embraced all aspects of cycling including touring, cycle polo with The Royal Albert Cycling Club team and all forms of racing. He competed in road racing, time trials at all distances from 10 miles up to, and including 12 hours and track racing. Indeed, it was probably as a powerful track rider that Jack enjoyed his greatest successes, including being a member of the Royal Albert track pursuit team that won the Scottish Championship. In addition to performing, Jack was a Scottish Cycling accredited time keeper and commissaire and for many years organised the grass track racing at The Strathallan Highland Games.

The funeral took place at Blantyre crematorium on 3rd October. Jack will be sadly missed by family, club mates, friends and everyone who knew him.

John Pardo

PETER WILKS 1930 - 2012



Peter, Pete as we all called him, was the younger brother of one of London Group's top riders (Ron) from way back when the VTTA was something we were waiting to qualify for.

Their club was the Dragon Roads Club and, like many clubs of that time, it had its own individuality; in the Dragon's case it was the ability to promote a really first class Annual Dinner and Dance. The Club would attract every member and more to its annual do and, once there, with Pete as the Master of Ceremonies a great time was always to be had. Pete had the personality which was called for on those occasions and we who shared them will always remember the happy evenings - no raucous, deafening pop music, just straight-forward ballroom dancing - happy days.

Pete moved to Jersey some years ago and so we saw little of him but his memory remains and is treasured by all who knew him.

Jim Burgin

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GORDON BUTLER 1935 – 2012



We were shocked to hear of Gordon's sudden death on September 5th. He was found seriously injured on the B4350 near Glasbury on Wye. Following an emergency flight by air ambulance he died later at the Heath Hospital, Cardiff.. This accident happened just seven miles from his home in Clifford, Herefordshire as he completed a training ride to and from Builth Wells. The full circumstances surrounding this tragic accident are to be covered at the inquest due in early December.

Gordon started cycling as a teenager with Roamer CC in Essex, however, following National Service in the RAF and marriage to Pam and the arrival of his son, Nick and daughter, Georgie, he found new interests, first by taking up squash, then later sailing, a sport for his young family to take part in with him. Retirement found Gordon returning to cycling on a need to keep fit basis. He joined local club, Oxonian CC, and started riding time trials.

Shortly after he and Pam decided to find a rural retreat, hence their move to Clifford, Herefordshire near the Welsh border town of Hay on Wye. Gordon transferred his cycling allegiance to Hereford Wheelers

I first met and became acquainted with Gordon in 2002. We were to enjoy a special rivalry and friendship throughout the following years. I remember him as being quietly spoken and modest; but soon appreciated that beneath a somewhat casual façade lay a huge determination to be a successful age standard performer in time trials. In this he succeeded, notably between the ages of 67 in 2003 and 69 in 2005, Gordon recorded many special results at all distances. These included a 10 in 23:21, a 25 in 56:55, a 50 in 2.:04:09, and a 100 in 4:28:42. However, his best was undoubtedly at 12 hours when he posted 236.993 miles at age 68. In this period Gordon won almost all the South Wales VTTA trophies and for that matter he continued to get his name on our silverware as recently 2011

In 2007 Gordon was brought down in a West Wales event which clouded that season and in the following year he realised that he would need a hip replacement operation. In spite of any pain, Gordon carried on riding as many events as he could possibly muster. Eventually, he had the hip replaced in 2009 and astonishingly he was back to racing within six months. After a full season in 2010, he slowly regained his old form and in the following year 2011, he showed great resolution and determination to record 59:22 at age 75 in the Merthyr CC 25.

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Gordon was more than a time triallist – he was also a tenacious performer on Friday afternoons at Newport Velodrome and duly rewarded for his dedication with age group medals at the Masters Track Championships

However, lest we forget - Gordon's racing prowess was only half the story. Back in November 2003, South Wales Vets had a momentous meeting in Bonvilston when it became apparent that to save the group we would need to take responsibility. To their eternal credit, Gordon and Pam put their hands up and with support from Dave Davies and your correspondent, we were able to re-establish the VTTA group. In reality, Gordon was our leader and driving force - he sponsored new trophies for 10 miles and 100 miles - he promoted events, he utilised his mathematical skills to calculate not only the annual results, but also - figures to furnish the quarterly report to Veteran Magazine.

It goes without saying that Gordon was a popular figure in South Wales and Herefordshire cycling, he will be missed by all of us and above all by his wife, Pam and family. We offer our sincere condolences to Pam, Nick, Georgie and grandchildren George and Emma.

Barry Williams

NEV ATKINSON

Sadly, I have to report the death in September of North Mids Member Nev Atkinson who was 77. Nev was a good competitor winning VTTA Trophies and many Standard prizes over the years. Jim Proctor, of Sheffield Phoenix, recalls Nev offering to provide Marshals for the Doncaster to Cleethorpes race following the 1981 event which Jim organised. As Jim reflects, this was very much appreciated and in fact Nev honoured his commitment every year until the event terminated. On behalf of the Group I would like to express our condolences to Nev's family.

John Scully

CLIVE BOOTH

It is my sad duty to announce that Clive Booth a member for 50 years of Newark Castle CC died suddenly on 23 October 2012. Clive had never been a member of the VTTA or a prolific tester for that matter, although I actually met him at club time trial events during the Ted Guy era in the late eighties and nineties. Clive would be the first to volunteer for marshalling duties but, most of all Clive was a kind, considerate and charismatic man with a very dry sense of humour. Clive was 69 years old, a practising architect right up until his death and a very talented artist. His funeral on the 13 November was very well attended by the local cycling fraternity, business associates and friends.

David Herd

ROCCO RICHARDSON

As has been announced previously in these pages and on the web site, London Group mourned the passing of Rocco back in June. There was a huge turn out for his funeral with the overflow Chapel having to be used.

The congregation heard much of Rocco's past with details of his accomplishments as a road racing man before we VTTA members began to benefit from his participation.

Another side to his activities was the organisation and taking part in the in Audax events. He was an 'Ultra Randonneur' and achieved SR status between 1980 to 2003.

It is for his contribution to the running of the London Group that we will remember most and be most grateful for. His presence at the Annual Luncheon with his distinctive voice made the occasion special. His promotion of the October 25 for so many years was special too.

Rocco will not be forgotten - there is now a unique trophy and event in commemoration and his partner Liz, another Audax devotee, remains a member of London Group.

Jim Burgin

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exploring the beauties of the Aude, at somewhat slower speeds.

If you and your friends or club decide to come and stay with us, we promise a warm welcome, great rides, good food, excellent wine and quite a few laughs.

Graham (and Sandra) Weeks

DON'T THROW YOUR TOYS OUT OF THE PRAM!

I have been a member of the VTTA for a very long time but I don't remember experiencing the outrage, the ferocity and the sheer indignation of the comments that have been bandied about over the subject of the new standards.

I have read all the letters that you, Mr Editor, have published; I have been witness to although not party to, a lot of the spleen vented at events and I have even ventured onto the *Time Trial Forum* which takes some courage and a good intake of something to help calm the nerves.

At no time, at no place, have I heard or read someone saying "I voted in favour and I'm sorry, I made a mistake."

To recap: Is it not true that for many years there have been complaints about the Standard Tables, which reached a peak when they (the members) voted for a thorough review of them. Is it not true that a sub-committee was formed to analyse lots of results from previous years and is it not so that they, the Sub-Committee, put forward proposals which were debated before being put to what purported to be a full representation of the members. It is correct, is it not, that at that gathering some amendments were made based upon the opinions of those representatives and did the VTTA membership, via the Group delegates at the Annual General Meeting, after nearly twelve months of deliberation, vote in favour of the changes.

If this is so, how come the vexation and the apparent eagerness to attribute blame to someone (anyone will do apparently).

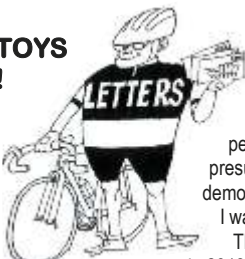
The elders say they can't win any more, the youngsters say nothing but presumably pocket the prizes with gratitude whilst the 'middle classes', to coin a phrase, are left with nothing.

So what do we do now? We can't very well give it back to the elders but presumably have to take it away from the youngsters. Does that mean we'll give it to the middle classes?

The real truth is, is it not, that we have to calmly assess the results from the past season and make reasoned adjustments if the members wish it.

However, based on the feed back from this year there never will be agreement and so the saga will continue.

What has been so astonishing is that some have



said they will not rejoin the Association because 'they can't win anymore' or because they don't agree with the changes. We are talking here of mature people; people with years of experience who presumably are capable of understanding what democracy is - not those who, 'if you don't do as I want I'll throw my toys out of the pram'.

The VTTA celebrates 70 years of existence in 2013, during which time it has created a sporting institution to cater for the ever-growing number of cyclists over the age of 40.

Is it naive to assume that it is owed some loyalty, some gratitude for what it has achieved?

I M Partial

FRAGMENTATION?

Over the course of the season I have been collating results from local events to assess the impact of the New Standards.

It would seem that the distribution of awards has not been equal among the age groups, heavily favouring the forty year olds. This has caused unease among some older members and in my opinion does not actively encourage older Vets to aim for awards which are unrealistic to them.

Tellingly a large number of events in this area have abandoned the new tables and are using the old Standards, Target Times or age group awards. The SCCU use Target times to calculate their BAR awards and for SCA events the use of the new Standards has decreased as the Season has progressed. I believe ESCA are actively reviewing their use of Standards for the forthcoming season. If this trend continues only VTTA events in the area will be using the New Standards. Surely such a fragmentation is not in the best interest of the sport in general.

I raise these points in good faith, and I am sure most right thinking people appreciate the hard work and dedication put in by all committee members and I do not feel that members are in any way criticising the intentions or motives of officials in any way. It also has to be acknowledged that the Standards work well for National events, although this has to be balanced with the impact it has on local events, which are the bedrock of the association and one that directly affects most of the membership.

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