

**YCC Committee Meeting
held at
the Abbey Rooms, The Forum, Yeovil
on 12 May 2025 at 1930**

Next meeting: 14 July 2025 at 1930

Those present:

Dave Notley	Chairman
Derek Todd	Treasurer
Martin Wills	Runs Secretary
Sandra Wills	General Secretary
Mark Fisher	Press/Records Secretary
Mark Boxall	Membership Secretary
Rob Galvin	
Jane Baker	
Apologies:	
Sue Nisbet	Welfare Secretary
Alec Thomson	

Agenda

1. Apologies
2. Chairman's Opening Remarks
3. Actions from Previous Minutes
4. General Secretary's Report
5. Treasurer's Report
6. Time Trial Secretary's Report
7. Membership Secretary's Report
8. Runs Secretary's Report
9. Records Secretary's Report
10. Newsletter Secretary's Report
11. Welfare Officer's Report
12. Press Secretary's Report
13. Any Other Business

Action

1 Apologies

Apologies were received from Sue Nisbet and Alec Thomson.

2 Chairman's Opening Remarks

The chairman opened the meeting and thanked the attendees for their presence.

3 Matters Arising

3.1 There were no matters arising.

4 General Secretary's Report

Sandra said that she will be stepping down from the role of Secretary at the AGM.

5 Treasurer's Report

The treasurer gave the following report:

Transactions since March 2025

Income:

Membership	£336 (total paid this year £2193.00)
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Bike box hire	£30.00 total this year £150)
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Evening ~TT entries	£209.00
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Total income:	£578.00
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Expenditure:

Davis Hall hire	£108.00
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2 stop watches	£97.64
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Newsletter P & P + stationery	£125.00
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Road Peace donation 2025	£25.00
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Total expenditure:	£430.64
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Current balance:	£17,682.60
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6 Time Trial Secretary's Report

The Time Trials are going very well. There were 30 riders at the Come and Try and other weeks there have been 20s and 15s. The new course is being well received. Volunteers have come forward to cover when Dave is away.

Tristram Clark has taken photos at the event.

The new HQ is working well.

Derek asked if there was any help available for the next two weeks. Dave will address.

Dave has carried out a traffic count which falls within the recommended numbers.

7 Membership Secretary's Report

There are 125 fully paid-up members (includes 4 new members in 2025), 8 have not yet renewed and 8 will not be renewing.

There are no junior members (Will Salter is the youngest member at 18 years).

There are no more subs reminders planned in 2025.

8 **Runs Secretary's Report**

We started in very chilly weather on 16th March, with two groups going to Cranmore Station and one to the George Hotel at Castle Cary. All went well with the Cranmore Station groups and we had a bit of news at the George Hotel. I knew it had been bought by the Newt but didn't know it was going to shut over the next few months for complete modernisation. The staff at the George assured us that we would be welcome to drop in in the new year, when they reopen and for us to use the White Hart, just down the road, in the meantime.

On the 23rd March, Burnham on Sea, Sweets and Godney were the scheduled destinations and two groups stopped off in May's Cafe in Burnham and everyone else went to Sweets. The weather was starting to improve as well.

A week later, it was mothers day and the clocks went forward. About twenty of us went to the Canal Centre at Maunsel Lock. Due to all the inside seating being reserved for the Mothers Day Tea party, we had to sit outside, which was chilly but bearable.

On 6th April the long ride was Cheddar backwards, where we come down the Gorge instead of going up. The medium and short routes went to Middlewick Farm near Glastonbury. The weather was really nice and although it was a chilly start it soon warmed up. I think one group did the Cheddar route and two went to Middlewick Farm, where it was warm enough to sit outside and we all seemed to merge into one large group coming back.

The 13th of April saw us all heading for the Cider Shack by two different routes. We decided to bypass Butleigh Drove on the way there, as an exploratory ride a few days previously had revealed road closed signs at either end of the drove and really deep and hazardous potholes along the whole length. You could cycle along it with care but I think you wouldn't want to risk a car along it. It was just warm enough to sit out at the cafe but a short rain shower meant we had to seek shelter during our visit.

The following Sunday was Easter and everyone went to Sweets. It was dry and sunny and everyone except me enjoyed it. I was plagued with a slow puncture that eventually left me with the option of pumping it up every few miles from Greylake to home. Sweets track pump gave me a slight respite but not for long.

However, the number of cyclists turning up at the Athletics Centre has improved. Dry and warmer weather and perhaps the fact Chris Tate is not attending at present.

On the 27th April we were scheduled to visit the View Cafe at Milton Abbas and Round Chimneys Farm at Boys Hill but as the weather was really nice we all went to Milton Abbas. About 35 of us made the trip, which, as always, is quite a taxing ride but a very good one. Lot's of bluebells emerging gave it a lovely spring feeling. The Cafe coped, just and although us later arrivals had to wait a bit, it was a very good club ride and one we will repeat.

A week later, we went to Wells and Glastonbury, again enjoying lovely cycling weather. Again we had a good turnout, with the bulk of the riders going to Wells.

The Glastonbury ride dropped into the Fara Cafe on Benedict Street, which was busy but we were served quickly and it was a nice break. Another mechanical for me resulted in limited gear choice on the way back but never mind.

Yesterday, there was a long ride to Weymouth and a shorter option of Dorchester. It was heartening to see so many members arriving at the Athletics Centre in club kit, which seemed to be the preserve of the older members and Thursday riders lately. Also, it seems that the majority of riders plumped for the longer ride to Weymouth. I have heard nothing back so I presume all went well.

The Thursday rides have been going well, with a couple of rides scaling the Quantocks, an away day to Andover, and local rides going up towards Weston Super Mare, the Deveralls and the other side of Taunton. Marius, Neil and the other regulars, seem to have it all, well in hand.

I have been encouraged lately by the return of Members we haven't seen for some time and a feeling of camaraderie that seemed to be lacking of late. I know the improved spring weather has helped. It was an awful winter, not really cold but gloomy and wet, so, lets hope, the present sunny weather lasts.

I would like to add, that it's my intention to step down from being the Runs Secretary at the AGM. I have been in charge (loosely) for 13 years and I feel it's time for someone else to have a go. I realise the world has moved on and my IT skills haven't kept up. I won't completely vanish. I will still be member and will assist with any route planning, if required. I am pleased to have had some input into the development of the club and I hope to enjoy it going forward.

Dave thanked Martin for all his efforts in helping to build the club.

Alec Thomson has updated 170 ish routes with what3words for each cafe location so that it can be plotted on a map on the club website. He has a full list of club rides and will update and mark short/medium/long rides and also add what3words to them and mark any cafes that appear to have closed.

9 Records Secretary's Report

Mark will fill in the missing records/trophy winners from 2019 onwards. 2023 has not been awarded and in 2024 many will not be awarded.

Derek brought the trophies for Mark who will stocktake and then look towards making decisions regarding awards and presentation.

It was agreed to offer male and female trophies for the hill climb.

The committee will consider where to hold a get together/presentation evening.

10 Newsletter Editor's Report

April's newsletter has been issued and distributed.

Bike boxes were discussed. It was agreed to check the frequency of use and condition of boxes in order to decide whether they should be replaced.

11 Welfare Officer's Report

Jane has carried out her computer training to be followed by a face-to-face next week. Jane will present the invoice when received.

There is a BC incident report form which should be completed if anything happens during a ride, e.g. someone left behind.

12 **Press Officer's Report**

The TT results have been published in the Western Gazette and sent to Yeovil Press as well. Mark is very appreciative of Tristram Clark taking the photographs. The Facebook post of Dave Driver time trialling elicited the most likes of any YCC post.

13 **Any Other Business**

Mark Fisher has entered the World Masters in Italy next year and is looking for club support over the £200 limit. He will present details to be discussed by the committee.