THE PEDALLER
Yeovil Cycling Club
July 2001

All systems go

After the disappointment of the cancellation of the Pittard Road Race there was a great sigh of relief that the John Andrews Memorial Road Race could be run. Although Kevin, the race organiser, probably had mixed feelings.
With only a few days to go before the closing date there were only a handful of entries, but, as now seems to be the case, they all arrived at the last minute – or a week after it – so 57 riders appeared on the start sheet. Another three entries on the line meant a full field of 60 took the start line with Yeovil fielding a team of five riders.
The 88 mile event for 3rd and 4th category riders is long enough to rate double points, with placings and points down to 20th place. The usual tactic is for two or three quiet laps followed by some testing of the pack and then all down to the final sprint, if no-one manages to jump away. But this year it was all change, Malcolm Cox, a strong 100 time triallist, broke away on the very first lap, not far from the start.

Still upright. It must be the first lap…

Initially there were two riders away but the second soon realised this was going to be a very long break and dropped back. But Malcolm just kept on going. At the end of the first lap he had gained almost two minutes on the main field, and he continued to make time on them up until the end of the fourth lap.
Meanwhile back in the main field the action was getting a bit too physical. Darren Edmonds being the unfortunate victim of the

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... yes it is the first lap. Can you spot the rider that will not make it round again?

manoeuvres in the pack. An excursion onto the grass and an encounter with a telegraph pole finishing his race. (Don't worry Steve we won't mention that it was a fellow team mate that caused his demise!). Chris Fendt also retired on the second lap.

The valiant breakaway of Cox was thwarted at the end of the fifth lap when he was caught by a small breakaway of S Pickering (Penzance Wheelers), J Gall (Clevedon) and A Moore. The four continued to work together for the final lap with Malcolm Cox being dropped on the road from Yeovil to Mudford. The others went on to contest the sprint finishing in the order above, with M Cox finishing fourth, G Fry (Team Quest) fifth. The highest placed Yeovil rider Mike Loader, grabbed sixth spot after breaking away from the bunch on the Bridgehampton road.

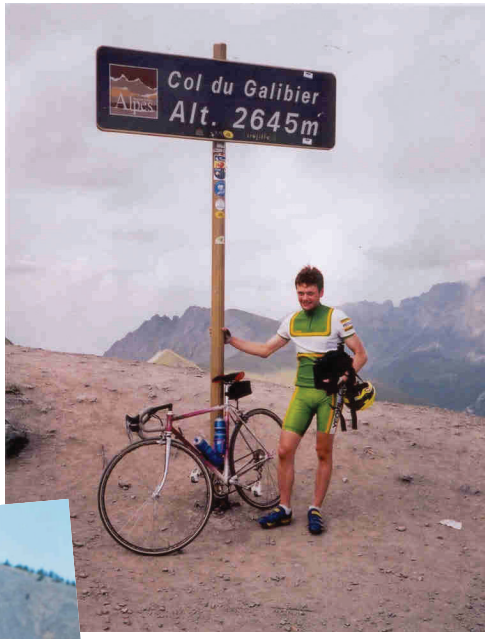
Other Yeovil finishers were S Pym (21) and John Clemit (23).

It was a great race and made even better by the excellent turn out of club members to marshal the course, there are too many to mention but you all know who you were so a big thank you to everyone that helped.

Stressed out? Teresa Floyd is a qualified massage therapist specialising in Swedish remedial massage (for the therapeutic relief of muscular tension and pain) ideal post or pre-race. Reasonable rates for all those aches and pains after racing or for injury recovery.
Full body, muscle grouping or just leg treatment available, call 01935 410333 for consultation, advice or appointments, home visits can be arranged.

Social Climber

Whilst some choose to languish in the sun on their holidays, forgetting about all that hard training, that cannot be said of our own Chris Fendt. He spent last summer climbing some of the Alpine passes (and yes it was summer despite the snow in the pictures). Thanks for the pictures Chris. *Only problem was he was meant to be in Somerset, he just took a wrong turn at Stoford!!*



Summit of Col du Galibier 2645m

Climbing Col D'Izoard 2360m

Summit of Col de la Bonette 2802m (highest pass in southern Alps)

The flying squad storms in

Well it seems the weather men did get it right, even if not on schedule, the dry spell came to an end just a few short hours before the TVCRA 4-up was due to start.

Seventeen teams from across the association, three up on last year, were scheduled to try and rest the Haywain Cup from the 2000 winners VC Camelot/Angliasport.

If the wet conditions were not bad enough some roadworks appeared under the Ilchester flyover and the freshly gritted Podimore road was still playing havoc with puncture prone tyres.

The rain did finally ease moments before the start but the surface water still made riding hazardous, and very slippery on the turns. The first team off, Somerset RC Tri, missed their slot so the Yeovil Team of Dave Walters, Chris Fendt, Andy Mortimer and David Notley had the dubious pleasure of being first around the course.

The evening seemed to be dogged by punctures with riders left scattered around the course, the first team off were not the first to puncture however, Chris waited until he crossed the finish line, John Fazakerley from the number two Yeovil squad only got as far as the Ilchester flyover before he blew a front tyre (and then the back one as he rode back). The Yeovil elite squad was not immune either with Mike Loader suffering at the Stoke turn. The only Yeovil team to make it round unscathed were Stuart Wroot, Mark Askill, Terry White and Steve Pym. Even Paul Sparks, who joined the Mendip team to make up their numbers, suffered the indignity of tasting tarmac when wheels touched, thankfully it was only pride that was hurt.

The prizes were contested by the pre-race favourites: VC Camelot were beaten into third place, by just one second, by the Somerset RC team of Tom Cox, Dave Bentley, Rick Johnson and Jon Wynn – another casualty of the puncture problem. The winning team, returning the trophy to the home side, were Chris Absolom, Paul Haggerty, John Clemit and Mike Loader.

Bedraggled and cold the riders managed to find their way to the Podimore Inn for the buffet and presentation which has now become a traditional part of this event. An excellent spread of hot (*and some said the Madras really*

was hot) food was enjoyed, accompanied by a pint or two of ale. Tales of speed and danger gradually got embellished as the evening progressed but everyone seemed to enjoy themselves and all professed to be coming back again next year.

Thanks to Chris Absolom (and Nick Armstrong) for organising the event, to Derek Todd and Kevin Mahon for timekeeping, to *Absoloms Angels*, Gary Mitchener Bryan Pearse, and anyone else that I may have missed, that helped make it such a successful evening. Finally thanks to the TVCRA for funding the event.

1 43:16 Yeovil CC
Paul Haggerty, Mike Loader
John Clemit, Chris Absolom

2 43:54 Somerset RC
Tom Cox, Dave Bentley
Rick Johnson, John Wynn

3 43:55 VC Camelot
Dave Pitman, Matt Law, Andy Millward, Graham Lackford

4 46:19 Somerset RC
Andy Wyatt, Martin Pearse
David Webb, Leigh Pinchin

5 46:40 Wellington Whlrs
Andrew Winterbottom, Ian Musgrove, Pete Shelly, Stuart Davis

6 46:55 Gillingham Whlrs
Jeremy Carpenter, Paul Horan
Gary Merrydew, Duncan Marsh

7 47:41 Yeovil CC
Chris Fendt, Andy Mortimer
Dave Notley, Dave Walters

8 47:50 Somerset RC Tri
Jon Davies, Mark Jones
Andy Pearson, Adam Wells

9 48:09 Yeovil CC
Nick Armstrong, Jon Sharp, John Fazakerley, Darren Edmonds

10 48:22 CRT 2000
Tony Lester, Tom Raven
Andrew Crocker, Dave Russell

11 50:22 Yeovil CC Team X
Mark Askill, Stuart Wroot
Steve Pym, Terry White

12 50.44 Somerset RC Tri Team B
Grant Butler, Dan Hockley
Mike Pearson, Alan Vicary

13 50:51 Chard Whlrs
Andy Lawrence, Dean Ward
Doug Ward, JohnTrout

14 50:58 Gillingham Whlrs
Steve Noyce, Peter Wright
Shawn Walsh, Mike Donovan

15 55:52 Somerset RC Tri Team C
Paul Moore, Jon Newby
Matt Price, John Senior

16 63:04 Mendip CC +
Nigel Plant, Jason Lock
Paul Sparks (Yeovil CC)

17 67:58 Somerset RC Tri Team D
Paul Croker, Robin Herbert
Richard O'Neill, Duncan Richards

A tale of missing bodies, tumbling teeth and death defying decents…

…no not another Jeffrey Archer novel but just a few of the incidents that make the Sunday morning Club runs that bit more entertaining than a solo ride.

The runs have attracted a good attendance now the summer weather has finally arrived, and with it the return to some of our old favourite destinations. The trip to West Bay was marred only by the loss of a new recruit who we managed to abandon somewhere in Dorset (apologies Andy we didn't realise you were no longer with us until we reached the cafe stop). A new venue a Burcott met with approval.

Coming soon Cranmore, Burton Bradstock and…well who knows.

On the web

Yeovil CC has it's own web site, see the panel on the front page, listing all the club activities and a news section. It will be kept up-to-date with the evening 10 results posted each Friday (hopefully), reports on club members, local events and information.

If there is anything else you would like to see on the site then use the e-mail link to let me know. Other things that are being considered are Club members contact details (just e-mail) and a list of who has entered what to try and co-ordinate team/travel.

If you have come across any good cycling sites they can be added to the links page.

What a performance

Douglas Northcott riding a tandem *(now that I should like to have seen)* took 3rd place in the National Track Championships at the Velodrome. Mike Loader knocked nearly two minutes of his pb for a 30, and reducing the Club record he already held to 1:06:35.

Four riders finished in the top 20 of the South West Divisional Championships with Chris Absolom our highest place rider at 9th, and Mike Loader 15, Darren Edmonds 17 and John Clemit 18.

A blistering performance in the Club 50 saw yet another pb for Mike with a 1:53 39 ride.

Olive Tabor has been guest rider for the West DC ladies team who are currently lying second in the National league.

Challenge 2000

The local heat of the Challenge 2000 series was held at Bucklers Mead School. Organised by Tim Huxley (Yeovil Sports Development Officer) and Chris Revell, and supported by Yeovil CC in the form of Kevin Mahon. Thirty children, aged between 5 and 13, competed over a skill based course for places in the area final. Certificates and medals were presented to the winners. The area final is at Haynes Motor Museum, Sparkford, in July.

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

May

Matters arising New stop watches for use in time trials would arrive tomorrow. K Mahon will produce accounts for the amount of £23.32p in respect of the cancellation of the Ham Hill & Pittards RR's, he had contacted E McLean about risk assessing the course.
Gen Sec No correspondence. Gary reported on a letter from Linda Pincombe about Yeovil Sports Forum and read out a letter from David Crisfield about the proposed new Community Centre for Yeovil.
Treasurer Reported that he had paid £115 for the stop watches, £84.60p for the CTC affiliation fee and insurance. He had received £219.70p for the sale of clothing and £218 in membership fees.
TT Sec. D Todd reported that he had sent off the Police notification for the Open 25 mile TT to be held on the 8th July. D Notley reported that the 4-up TTT has been moved to a new date of the 14th June.
Membership Sec The Club has 44 fully paid up members, 5 new members: Andrew Mortimer, Gary Swain, Timothy Brookes, Adam and Brian Pearse.
Paul Haggerty is a 2nd claim member.
Runs Sec G Mitchener reported that the runs are proceeding as normal with some new participants.
Records Sec, TVCRA, Newsletter Ed No report.
Press Sec Articles published in the newspapers are rather patchy.
RR Sec Reported that the HQ for the John Andrews was booked, Ivy Andrews had agreed to do the catering, lead cars had been appointed and the Marshals sorted out. He had not yet booked an Assistant Commissaire but would do so Shortly. Will attempt to get Margaret Bartlett as a Judge and Number Steward, yet to book up Cycle Race First Aid. G Mitchener raised the matter of the poor state of the CB radios. D Todd suggested mobile phones may be the answer to the problem, supplementing the CB Radios. RR Sec instructed to write to Cycling Weekly and ask them to put an advert in the *Whats on* column about the John Andrews Memorial RR.
The discussion on the new regulations was deferred until after the risk assessment had been completed.
AOB Stock of clothing is getting low and so more will be ordered. M Loader raised the matter of the 4-up TTT. A discussion followed on the choice of teams. K Mahon reported on Challenge 2001.

June

Matters arising Stop watches in use. Accounts for Ham Hill & Pittards done. E McLean contacted about risk assessing.
Gen Sec CTC mag received.
Treasurer Had received £48 in membership fees £31 for the sale of clothing and paid £113.39 in respect of a small clothing order.
TT Sec. Sent apologies, reported good turn-outs, low traffic, income to date £133.35.
Membership Sec The Club has 48 members including 3 'new' Martin Bailey, Andy Pugsley and Mark Johnston and one truly new Andy Ablett.
Runs Sec good turnout, one accident involving Colin Wise (bike problem) and one mislaid rider.
Records Sec, new 30 record for Mike Loader.
TVCRA No report.
Newsletter Ed. website now fully functional and next issue of the Pedaller due July.
Press Sec News published about a week late.
RR Sec JAM RR very successful, excellent support by club members, mobiles worked well without CB radio, minor problem with video but all riders placed Accounts to follow.
AOB Challenge Series report. New Clothing ordered at £955.28 less discount.

A run(a)way success

With both *Gillingham and District Wheelers* and *CRT Tor 2000* joining the TVCRA (you didn't know the Vale of Taunton extended that far!) there has been a really good turn out each week at the Ilton circuit. There has already been a record number of riders, over 50, training on two evenings.

The format has remained the same each week with a mass start of all abilities, covering eight laps of the three mile circuit. The field has stayed together most evenings with the inevitable breakaway group splitting near the final lap. There has been plenty of opportunity to experience riding in a big bunch at the sort of speeds associated with road racing, without the inherent danger of traffic and poor road surfaces. Whether you last all eight laps, take an occasional short cut, or simply do a couple of circuits it is a great facility.

If you haven't tried it yet why not come along one Tuesday evening for a one off ride you pay just £2.50 which is refunded if you pay for the full season (£10.00 plus 50p per evening).

The Yeovil riders that ride out meet at 6pm at the Brympton Roundabout (where it divides to Odcombe or Stoke), if you drive then you need to leave time to sign on and start at 7pm.

The airfield is on the northern edge of Ilton village, not far from Ilminster. There is a security gate where you may be asked to show your pass, if it is your first time the should let you in. Just remember they tend to build airfields on exposed, windy sites and this one is no exception.

Club Clothing

A new supply of short sleeve road jerseys, training tops and bibshorts is due in soon. Meantime we do have the kit listed below but not in all sizes.

Item	*£*
Bib shorts	*35.50*
Skinsuits	*48.00*
Skin Shorts	*30.00*
Thermal T/top	*42.00*
Training top	*35.00*
Road vest short sleeve	*31.00*
Road vest long sleeve	*30.50*

D Notley, see right for details

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