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Yeovil Cycling Club

April 2002

British Eurosport is showing live cycling, the phone doesn't stop ringing "is it too late to enter..." and the best bike is coming out of hibernation, it can only mean one thing, the cycling season has crept up on us once more.

Ham Hill Road Race

For those seeking to check out their winter training the Ham Hill and Pittards road races provided a great opportunity. Both events attracted full fields, including reserves on the Pittards. Even more riders would have entered if there had been places (there is the possibility that the limit will be increased to eighty for 2003).

So on Sunday 7th April the sun shone, the wind blew and a full compliment of riders took to the road. The excellent turnout by Club members ensured marshals on every junction, two lead cars for each race and plenty of tea, coffee and cakes back at the HQ for those that returned for *an early bath*.

The Ham Hill was the first to start with the elite, first, second and third cats facing five laps of the usual circuit. Two early breakaways were soon joined by a group of twelve to make a small bunch that worked well together. By the end of the first lap they had established a gap

of about 45 seconds which they held steady for the next two laps. The fourth and fifth lap saw an increase in the pace with riders slowly being shed from the group and dropping back to the main bunch which was by now four minutes adrift. The last few miles saw a group of just four riders in with a chance of first place, the honours going to James Taylor (City of Edinburgh) on the sprint with N Brown (Deeside Thistle) and Tim Costello (Southdown Velo) taking second and third respectively.

Pittards Road Race

Pittards Road Race initially stayed together as a bunch, seeking protection from the strong easterley winds. The third lap saw John Wynn attempt a breakaway but he was caught by another group, which included Mike Loader, at the foot of Coppits Hill. They stayed together for the climb but then John Wynn and B Clewett and Ben Luckwell got away again. The final sprint placed Ben Luckwell first with John ten seconds back and the bunch two minutes in arrears. Yeovil riders Mike Loader and Chris Fendt finished 12th and 15th respectively.

Kevin Mahon would like to thank all the marshalls, judges and helpers that

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made the day such a success. Despite the Open Day at GT Motorcycles in Mudford which meant there were cars, bikes and people all over the place at the bottom of the hill, the races passed without incident. Only one rider sought the attention of the first aid teams that accompanied the race, after he had tried to “round off some of his edges’ on the tarmac.

Spring 10

Following promptly on the heels of the Road Races the first of our Open Time Trials took place the next weekend. Now firmly established as a Saturday afternoon event – there are plenty that can still remember a freezing Sunday morning in April not long ago – the event continues to attract a good field.

The roadworks were cleared away by WS Atkins, for which we were very grateful, and the event took place on a sunny but cool afternoon with the gift of a slight easterly wind too.

The course record is 19.55 set in September 1998 by Clive Brooks and the conditions looked as though that may be under threat. Despite a good time of 20.34 scratch man, Greg Sandy, could not get close so the record stands for a little longer yet.

Yeovil CC had a strong entry and duly took the team prize with Michael Loader (3rd) Chris Absolom (8th), and James Hector (=19th) coming in nearly half a minute ahead of the www.bikeshop.uk.com team of winner Greg Sandy. The dualling duo of James and John Clemit (21st) were split by only one second, with Nick Evans (22nd) just a short time back. Garry Swain did the promised pb knocking 58 seconds off his time and Adam Pearse was the runner-up

in the Junior section also reducing his PB by 11 seconds.

Other prizes went to Michael Lawrence, Vets on standard; Ann Wooldridge, Womans prize; Dean Ward, Junior/Juvenile and Adrian Clode best improver.

Once again sincere thanks to all the Marshalls, Time Keepers, and helpers that turned out to support the event.

Club Rcord

Mike Loader has set the standard for the new season with a new club 10 record, set at the Bournemouth Jubilee Wheelers event on, the aptly named, Good Friday. The new time to beat is now 20.34. If you are interested in the records they are all posted on the website, both distance and place-to-place records, click on the Time Trials button and then the Records button in the lefthand menu.

Need a break, or recovering from one?

Take a relaxing massage after that winning performance, but before you get into trouble with the wife for scanning through the *massage ads* in the local paper, check out a qualified professional with a cycling husband.

Theresa Floyd is an ITEC qualified massage therapist, working in Yeovil. Whether you need help recovering from an injury or just for relaxation massage can be very beneficial, so see the club *soigneur*. You can contact her on Yeovil (01935) 410333.

New faces

There are two new faces on the Committee this year, Martin Bailey has taken on the task of Runs Secretary and Mark Askill is now Time Trial Secretary (responsible for the evening 10's) assisted by Chris Fendt.

Club runs

Martin marked his inaugural run with a club first, we all had to get off and walk! Batcombe Hill on a damp Sunday morning was just a little too steep and slippery, it was arguable whether it was safer on the bike or struggling in your cleats, but it made a great talking point and no-one has complained about the hills since.

Evening Time Trials

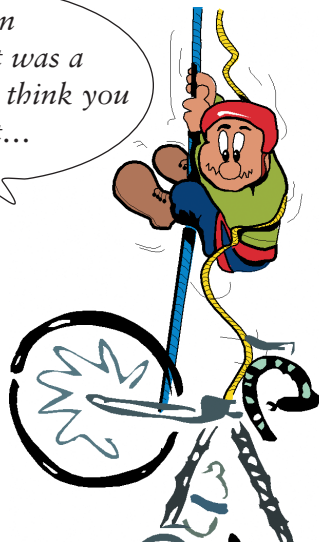
Mark has already been thrown in at the deep end with over-running roadworks on the Yeo bridge causing the events to be shifted to the UC361 (Mapperton) course. There is no indication as to when these roadworks will be cleared so a course decision is being made early each week.

Notification of the course will be posted on the News page of the website. Hopefully we shall soon be back on the U30. All the roadworks are supposed to be clear by the end of May.

Team Championships

This season the RTTC West Division is running a Team Championship, over 10, 25 and 50 miles. Three events have been nominated as the Team Championships, and the first three riders from each club (or more if there are enough multiples of three) will count as the team, they do not have to be nominated beforehand. We have a

*When
you said it was a
climb I didn't think you
meant...*



very strong set of riders this year and must stand a good chance of winning at least one event, especially after we took the team prize in our own Open 10. The three dates are in June:
2, U7,10, 0800, Bristol South CC
9 U21 50 0630 Clevdon & Dist
30 U46 25 0830 Corinium CC
Contact Mike Loader if you are interested. He is intending to ride the 10 and 50 however the 25 clashes with a fast 100 (Oxford).

Get organised

Please remember to get your entries in on time. For Open TTs you must have an entry in on the Tuesday – 10 days before the event, if you don't you cannot ride. For Road Races the entries need to be in three weeks before, whilst it is possible to *enter on the line* (double entry fees) you may not get in if the event is already full or the event may be cancelled if not enough riders enter. Help the organiser to provide what you want, more cycling.

Next year the Club will celebrate it's 75th Anniversary, it was founded in February 1928. The committee would welcome ideas as to how we might mark the occasion. A number of suggestions have been put forward amongst them:

That a special item of club clothing be ordered bearing a 75 year logo (not the item left!) which would be made available to all members either free of charge or at a greatly subsidised rate. It would have to be the same item for everyone, perhaps a training top, and based on 50 members all wanting one the cost would be



around £1500 if it were done f.o.c. falling to £1000 if they were sold at £10 each.

How about a reunion buffet with as many past members invited as can be traced?

Possible cost £500 for 100 people.

The final decision will be made at the date fixing meeting in September, so put on

your thinking caps and let's have a few more suggestions and/or some reactions to these ideas. They will be posted on the website over the next few months so everyone can see what has been suggested prior to the meeting.

Once a cyclist always a cyclist!

Taken from a recent article in a school

Staying with the Yeovil CC....the Editor writes..... it was a pleasant surprise to have intercepted the next email whilst in New Zealand as I hadn't realised that the sender was an OY!.....it was mailed in by George Perry from Letchworth, who I remembered as one of cycling's 'fast men' in the YCC. When I returned home it prompted me to get out the old scrapbooks and find the photograph, left, of George as it appeared in the 'Cycling' magazine with the report, "G S Perry now with the RAF won eight Yeovil club events, set up five new club records and became the first Yeovil rider to break the hour for 25 miles".....George's emails says - "I was talking to my cousin David Wicks (49-



53) recently and he suggested that I should join the OYA, so I would be pleased to receive some information and the password for the 'Contacts' web page.....Are you still cycling?.... I manage to get out 3 or 4 times a week at a modest pace.....Once a cyclist always a cyclist!

Minutes of the Annual General Meeting of Yeovil Cycling Club held at Yeovil Sports Club on the 11th February 2002.

The minutes of the AGM held on the 12th February 2001 were read and agreed a true and accurate record with one amendment. There were no matters arising.

Treasurer. Reported on the loss of £463.50p declared in the annual accounts. This was partly accounted for by the loss of Pittard's sponsorship for the cancelled Pittards road race (foot and mouth). There was a loss on the running of the Ham Hill and Pittards road races because of their cancellation. We purchased stopwatches for use in the club's time trials and club clothing. A major source of income is from the evening TT's which generated £204.55p in revenue. He reported on the increase in the Secretary's expenses.

RR Secretary. Ham Hill, Pittards and Oldsters RR's cancelled due to the foot and mouth crisis but the John Andrews Memorial RR had been held. He reported on the proposed new road race regulations and the risk assessment.

Records Secretary. Records set in 2001, C Absolom's time trial records at 25, 50, 100 and 12 hours. M Loader's records at 30 and 100 miles. Records this year were above average but there was no interest shown in place to place records.

Runs Secretary. Reported on the success of the club runs. Regular attendance of both members and non-members.

Press Secretary. Press reports were sometimes patchy but otherwise there was some good press coverage.

Membership Secretary. We currently had 51 fully paid up (including 2 honorary members. 1 life member. 1

juvenile, 1 junior and 6 second claim) with a high proportion of long term members.

Sponsorship/Newsletter Ed.

We are not actively seeking sponsorship. Pittards will continue with their sponsorship of the Pittards RR for 2002. The Newsletter is published each quarter. G Mitchener thanked D Notley for his work on the Newsletter.

Gen Secretary. Reported that the minutes of the committee meetings have been kept up to date and the correspondence dealt with.

TT Secretary. Reported that we had a very good season apart from two accidents: Steve Noyce, who was one of the riders involved in an accident, still has trouble with his arm; Andy Ablett has a ban imposed by the RTTC following an inquiry into his accident. The TT Sec stated that he would not be organising the events next year but he would assist a new TT Secretary.

Motions

The motions related to reclassifying the Club BAR trophies. M Loader proposed the motions and C Absolom seconded the motions. The proposals were carried Nem Con.

Election of Officials. The President, G Mitchener, proposed that the list of officials be adopted and the named persons on the order paper be appointed to those positions.

Mark Askill volunteered for the position of TT Secretary and the President declared M Askill nominated and elected.

The Position of Runs Sec is left in abeyance, an approach to be made to Martin Bailey to see if he might fill this position. D Walters volunteered to continue as Development Officer.

AOB There was no further business raised at the meeting.

Subs are due for 2002

The Annual subscription for this year is now £12, or £5 for juniors and students in full time education. If you want to ride either Merryfield or the Evening 10's you must get your money to Mike Loader **before** you ride, his details are on the back page.

We are always pleased to welcome new riders and have no intention of forcing them to join the club when they first appear but it is important to realise that non club members are not covered by the Club's insurance, which includes activities such as the Sunday Club runs. So please join, it doesn't cost an arm and a leg and might just help if you break an arm or...

Club Clothing

As was mentioned in the last issue a supply of clothing is carried in stock, but if you need something specific for the new season please let me know as soon as possible as delivery can be up to 12 weeks! So far there have been just two requests which are not enough for an order so if you do want something please get in touch now

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 back page for details	

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

January

Matters arising. Road Peace document still in the possession of C Fendt. Lack of vegetarian fare at the Christmas dinner noted, to be addressed for next year.

Treasurer Reported that he had paid £101.57p for the medals and trophy engraving. Reported that he had supplied accounts for the year ending for publication in the Pedaller to the Newsletter Editor.

TT Sec D Notley reported on the road works on the A303, he would make enquiries of the Highways Authority as to when these road works would be finished.

TV CRA Reported on the arrangements at Merrifield for next year and the need for Personnel to do the administration.

RR Sec Gave a report on the risk assessment for the coming year and the preparations for the Ham Hill and Pittards RR's.

Ilchester Junior School booked as a headquarters. The Committee instructed the RR Sec to book School for the John Andrews Memorial RR too because of the present difficulties with West Camel village hall.

D Notley reported that Pittards have said they will continue with the sponsorship of the RR in 2002.

Membership Sec, Records Sec No report.

Runs Sec D Notley reported that there has been a good turnout on the club runs.

Newsletter Ed. Reported that he had issued a Newsletter this month.

Press Sec Reported that the picture of the prize presentation at the Christmas dinner was published last week in the Western Gazette.

AOB D Notley reported that the club would be 75 years old in 2003 and invited suggestions as to how we might commemorate the occasion. D Todd proposed that we maintain the subscriptions at £10 per person for the forthcoming year.

The Committee then discussed the Committee positions to be filled at the forthcoming AGM. The following positions have become vacant; D Todd said he could not stand as Runs Sec; the TT Sec position is vacant as C Fendt does not wish to continue in that post; the position of Sponsorship Sec be deleted as the club is no longer actively seeking sponsorship from any organisation.

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March

Treasurer He reported that he had received £195 in membership fees.

Gen Sec Correspondence dealt with. The Committee registered it's objection and disapproval of the fact that the Gen Sec had made an application for funding without the prior approval of the Club Committee. The General Secretary noted the Committee's disapproval of his actions.

TT Sec

He reported that he would check on the cycle race marshal's jackets and other equipment.

State of the roads e.g. road works on the A303 discussed. His duties would include the setting up of the TT course on Thursday evenings and preparing and

supervising the signing on sheets. The fees for the evening TT's were set at 25p per club member, £1 for senior non-members and 20p for Juniors and Juveniles.

RR Sec The RR Sec reported that N Armstrong has cancelled the LVRC Oldsters RR this year because of personal problems.

He reported that the club had yet to be allocated a full complement of Commissaires for the forthcoming road races. The Division Chairman E McLean will sort out the allocation.

He had 3 lead car drivers, D Notley, S Wroot and M Askill, the following persons allocated as marshals M Bailey, D Todd, G Mitchener, A Pugsley and G Coombes. It was suggested by the Committee that he contact M Johnson, R Galvin and M Wills.

The Committee suggested that D Edmonds might be a lead car driver and that Paul Sparksmight be a marshal.

Membership Sec He reported that there are 26 paid up members.

Runs Sec D Notley reported that M Bailey has agreed to stand as Runs Secretary.

Records Sec No report.

Newsletter Ed. He reported that the Newsletter would be published in April. He stated that he would defer publication until after the spring 10.

AOB D Notley asked the question "How long does the video camera run for?" He was thinking of using it to video the time trials. D Notley suggested that the informal discussions with the Sports Club needed to be put into a formal request to the Committee.

Next meetings: 13th May, 10th June and 8th July all at Yeovil Sports Club at 8pm.

Merryfield

An excellent turnout of riders for the first event of the year bodes well for the rest of the season. There were various ability groups riding round, some just naturally split from the main bunch whilst others started at their own pace.

If you belong to Yeovil CC and want to ride Merryfield then you need to pay an additional fee to Chris Absolom, our TVCRA representative. The cost is £10 for the year plus 50p per session or you can pay £20 for the year to include all session fees.

Racing at Merryfield.

Ray Pollard of Somerset RC is promoting a series of races at Merryfield on bank holiday Monday, 6th May. There will be a 3rd and 4th cat event under BC regs, 51 miles starting at 2.15. A LVRC event, 45 miles, at 11.45 preceded by a number of Junior events. More details from Ray, or send your entry form to him at, Sarne, St Georges Avenue, Taunton TA2 7BB. He already has 30 entries for the BC event but the more riders the more shelter in the bunch.

The Oldsters Road Race

For those that have not heard, or read it in *the comic*, Nick Armstrong is unable to run the LVRC event scheduled for May. An unexpected bout of ill health has meant he was unable to devote the time and effort required to ensure a safe event, so reluctantly he has cancelled it. I am sure we all wish Nick a speedy recovery and hope to see him back on a bike soon.



Chesil 2002 is an annual challenge of personal endurance held during the first neap tides in September. It involves running, swimming and cycling along the beautiful Dorset coast and countryside.

A little like the proverbial choice: you can run either 40 or 80 km, cycle either 110 or 240 km and top that off with either a 13 or 27km swim. Does it sound like fun in the Portland sun, well not to me but if you are interested I have some information and entry forms, and if there are three or more from the club one can go free! Further details are available from Edgar Ette, Race Organiser, on 01305 860438 or visit the website at www.enduroman.com.

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