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Yeovil Cycling Club

October 2007

Climbing High



Hill Climb Results

Warm weather and a helpful breeze greeted the strong turnout that contested this years hill climb at High Ham.

Andy Moore, Somer Valley CC, returned to defend his title from last year against a good field, boosted by the 1st Chard Wheelers enthusiastic crowd.

Three riders finished with a sub 3 minute ride, Rex Facey, piloting a very light shiny new Felt machine, Ben Hutley and Andy Moore.

The fastest of the Yeovil riders was Tom Alliban, all that practice on the club runs has finally paid off. He covered the ascent in 3 mins 10 seconds to claim the Club Hill Climb Championship. The secret training in the week (yes you were spotted Hugo) obviously worked as Hugo beat Shaun, despite the fact that he went quicker than last year – who says old men can't climb!.

National Hill Climb

For those that do not know, and I hope there aren't many of you, the West DC is hosting the 64th National Championship Hill Climb this year. It is taking place on Sunday 28 October against the spectacular backdrop of Cheddar Gorge. The course is 2.1 miles long and starts just above the Cheddar Caves main entrance. Spectators have exclusive use of the car parks on the course, through the Gorge, but if you are going by car you need to be there by 9:30 as the road will be closed at that time. First rider is off at 10:00. Clubs from all over the district have contributed



Ivy Andrews 1917 - 2007

Our long time Vice President and stalwart supporter Ivy Andrews passed away peacefully on Saturday 29 September aged 90. Her funeral will take place at St Michaels Church, Yeovil, on Monday 15 October at midday. The family has requested only family flowers but donations can be made to the Friends of Yeovil Hospital. The club has made a donation on behalf of the membership and representatives from the club will attend the service.

Ivy was a great supporter of the Club and her enthusiasm for the sport never diminished. Pictured above she is presenting the Team Prize to John Clemit for the race which we run each year in memory of her son John.

A new trophy will be purchased in memory of Ivy, initial thoughts are that it will be awarded to the highest placed YCC rider in a YCC event (replacing an existing small cup), but the Committee would welcome any other suggestions for an appropriate award.

We will miss her passion and dedication. Rest in peace Ivy.



people and time to make this a really worthy contest, so please come along and support the event. The Club run will go out to Cheddar, it will leave early on Sunday morning (don't panic it is the week the clocks go back so you will have an hour in hand) and return in the afternoon. So warn the wife and book the day off!

Left Andy Moore. Below (l to r) Tom, Hugo and Shaun

	Name	Club	Time
1	Andy Moore	Somer Valley CC	2:52.7
2	Ben Hutley	Camel Vally C&TC	2:55.2
3	Rex Facey	1st Chard Wheelers	2:56.2
4	Jerry Rayner	Somer Valley CC	3:08.0
5	Tom Alliban	Yeovil CC	3:10.5
6	Rob Edgell	Somer Valley CC	3:18.1
7	Hugo Baldacchino	Yeovil CC	3:23.7
8	Andrew Mapson	1st Chard Wheelers	3:24.3
9	Dave Moffett	1st Chard Wheelers	3:25.1
10	Shaun Walsh	Yeovil CC	3:33.6
11	Dean Ward	1st Chard Wheelers	3:36.0
12	Dave Bidgoud	1st Chard Wheelers	3:43.3
13	Colin Gibbons	1st Chard Wheelers	3:49.5
14	Nathan Cox	Evesham Wheelers	3:57.2
15	Chris Woodman	1st Chard Wheelers	4:04.2
16	Dave Moran	1st Chard Wheelers	4:13.1
17	Sarah Dunn	Somerset RC	4:20.5
18	Doug Ward	1st Chard Wheelers	4:53.5





In the news

Rubbish Roads

The CTC is supporting an initiative to help clear the roads of debris.

The British Motorcyclists' Federation (BMF) has produced a 'Rubbish Roads Ahead'

booklet and is writing to every local highway authority urging them to clean-up the areas of carriageway used by two-wheeled vehicles.

CTC Campaigns & Policy Manager, Roger Geffen, said: "Rubbish Roads are as much a problem for cyclists as they are for powered two-wheelers – this booklet is a perfect complement to our own pothole reporting website at www.fillthathole.org.uk"

Road sweeping is a simple and effective method of road safety improvement that could save dozens of lives and prevent expensive and time-consuming litigation for highway authorities.

Promoting physical activity

The Active Travel Consortium, of which CTC is a partner, has received a £19.9 million award from the BIG Lottery's Wellbeing Fund. Wellbeing aims to increase physical activity, improve mental health and get people eating more healthily. CTC will receive nearly £5 million over 4 years to employ project officers in 13 locations under the title *Cycling Champions*. Each of these officers will support and run local cycling projects promoting cycling in co-operation with other voluntary sector organisations, local authorities and the health sector.

The Consortium is lead by Sustrans and includes British Cycling, CTC, Cycling England, Living Streets, London Cycling Campaign, the National Heart Forum, the National Obesity Forum, the Ramblers' Association, Transport 2000 and Walk 21. It is delivering a portfolio of projects that will enable 2 million people to become more physically active by walking or cycling as part of their daily lives.

Every cyclist saves £400

Every time a car driver converts to cycling, it saves almost £400 a year, a study showed. The savings, calculated for the first time, result from reduced costs to the NHS and employers through lower sickness rates and less congestion. A 20 per cent increase in cycling would save more than £500 million by 2012, said the report by Cycling England. An increase of 50 per cent would deliver savings of more than £1.3billion.

The government-funded organisation called for more investment to encourage cycling. It said that if the Department for Transport put £70million a year into specific cycling programmes, this would:

- Cut up to 54 million car journeys a year.
- Prevent 35,000 tonnes of CO2 a year.
- Cut the number of cars on the school run, by at least five per cent.
- Reverse the decline in the number of children cycling to school.

Cycling England chairman Phillip Darnton said: "The humble bicycle can play a significant role in tackling some of society's biggest problems - easing congestion, tackling traffic emissions and improving health. For the first time there is compelling evidence that sustained investment in cycling can make a substantial impact. Our investment case would reverse a generational decline in cycling. The question is one of will, ambition and vision."

The report called on the Government to give cycling a higher priority in official guidance to local authorities and to work more closely with organisations that promote it.

Is the tide finally turning against the car, what next Jeremy Clarkson does Top Sprocket?



Club Buffet and Prize giving

In a change to our traditional time slot the Club Buffet and Annual prize giving will take place in January. The run up to Christmas seems to leave people short of time and it is hoped that the change will enable more members to attend. It will be on Sunday 27 January, still the same format, a buffet at the Yeovil Sports Club, you should all have recovered from the over indulgence of Christmas by then and be ready for some good grub! Full details will be in the January newsletter but put the date in your diary now, or pin a note on the board if you haven't got a 2008 diary yet.

Return of trophies

If you were awarded one of the club trophies last year please can you arrange to return it to Garry Mitchener by the end of November – 01935 428258. Likewise if you think that you have won a trophy this year can you let Mike Northcott have the details, preferably with a copy of the results sheet(s) if you have them.

Current Holders

Hill Climb Champion	Dan Whaites
Best Result in a Yeovil RR	Not awarded
Senior RR Champion	Not awarded
Best National Championship	Arthur Vince
Veteran RR Champion	Not awarded
Veteran BAR	Shaun Walsh
Best 25 Time Trial	Andy Millward
Best 50 Time Trial	Andy Millward
Best 12 hour	Not awarded
Short distance BAR	Andy Millward
Long Distance BAR	Not awarded
Points Cup	Shaun Walsh
Junior BAR	Luke Denmanh
Juvenile BAR	Mark Capon
Handicap 10 TT	Chris Martin
Web Shield	Shaun Walsh

Bon Voyage

If you are looking for a challenge next year how about the London to Paris cycle ride in aid of St Margarets Hospice. David Hutchins, a new member, is involved with the fundraising. There is a contact number at the Hospice 01935 709485 for more information or if you want to speak to David contact me (01963 440291) and I will let you have his details.



Club Runs

The Sunday morning club runs will keep going throughout the autumn and winter provided the weather is favourable. The distance and speed will be determined by the riders and the conditions. There are a number of new coffee stops opened this year giving us plenty of stops where we could have different runs meeting at the same stop. So don't be shy come along on Sunday morning and get in some winter miles, the more we have the better we can accommodate the different needs.

Club Clothing

If you need some new clothing let me know (see page 7). We have most sizes of road vest, bibshort, skinsuit - short and long sleeve and training top in stock, from small (child size) to XXL. Plus a selection of odds and ends in the bargain bin, no offer refused!.

A testing time

Well another year seems to have flown by, but despite the rather cold and wet summer we only lost one evening event. The overall numbers were down on last year but the events were still well supported and 91 riders participated. The regular riders were joined by a number of new recruits this year, both young and old. It was particularly pleasing to see the number of Junior and Juvenile riders increasing, largely thanks to the Martin family, and even more so to see how much they were enjoying it.

The Points Competition

Every rider and helper from YCC gets points each week, 10 to the winner down to 4 for each participant. The contest was a very close fought affair this year, Shaun and Hugo traded wins and points throughout the year with Hugo eventually coming out on top with 177, Shaun had 164 and Mike Loader creeping up the table finished on 133.

Club Handicap

Chris Martin, the defending champion was on holiday, or I am sure he would have given our new champion a run for his money. The conditions were rather typical of the rest of the season with a cool and windy evening. The rider that came closest to his PB was guaranteed the win, and the man that produced the ride on the evening was Arthur Vince. It must have been all that training for the 24 hour and the Paris-Brest-Paris, the thought of sprinting the last ten miles!

Safe and sound

Isn't it typical that the dual carriageway is regarded as the 'dangerous course' but the only accident of the year was on the 'safe' 5 course, before the event had even started! Christine Vince was knocked off her bike when a driver, going straight across at the Stockwith crossroads, didn't see her and clipped her back wheel, sending her crashing to the tarmac. She was treated at the scene,

initially by fellow riders, then paramedics. Close inspection at Yeovil hospital showed no broken bones or serious damage other than a cut to the head. Badly crazed and bruised she was determined to make the wedding of their daughter that weekend, so she was even more disappointed when she awoke the following morning to discover she had a horrible black eye (probably from her glasses). She did make the wedding, to lots of sympathetic comments and with some careful positioning managed to hide the shiner in the photographs!



Christine and Arthur extend their thanks to all those that helped on the evening, especially to those that administered the first aid before the paramedics arrived

Helping Hands

Thanks for everyone that helped throughout the year, to those on the rota that turned up on their allotted evening and those that filled in as impromptu pushers-off. To Derek, Garry, Mike and Colin for all their help with the timekeeping and signage.

We were still unable to fill the post of Time Trial Secretary at the AGM, as you will have seen, or surmised from the above we have a really well organised team of helpers which makes the job so much easier. If you are interested in heading up the team then please feel free to talk to one of the committee, don't worry a general enquiry won't get you the job unless you really want it!

AGM and Date Fixing Meeting

Membership subs have increased slightly, £15.00 for 1st and 2nd Claim seniors, no change for Juniors Juveniles and Full time students (£5.00). We have introduced a family membership which covers two adults and any number of children at the same address, this includes full time students still living at home out of term time. Subs are due on 1 January. You can pay Mike Loader (3, Poppy Close, Brympton, Yeovil, BA22 8US) as soon as you like, cheques made payable to Yeovil CC please! There will be a reminder in the January issue.

We will be promoting the same events in 2008 as we did this year. The Pittards and Ham Hill road races in April, The John Andrews Memorial road race in July. Time trials in April, June and September. There is no change to the majority of

officers. We are pleased to welcome Mark Plummer onto the committee as our TVCRA representative.

Officers

President	Garry Mitchener
Hon Vice President	Derek Todd

Executive Committee

Chairman	Garry Mitchener
General Secretary	Andy Newbury
Treasurer	Derek Todd
Time Trial Secretary	still vacant
Road Race Secretary	S Walsh
Records Secretary	M Northcott
Membership Secretary	M Loader
Runs Secretary	N Armstrong
Press Secretary	G Mitchener
TVCRA Representative	M Plummer
Newsletter Editor	D Notley

INCOME

Opening Balance	4127.92
Membership Subs	755.00
Race Promotions:	
Evening TTs (2006)	337.33
10 mi TT (Sep 06)	100.78
10 mi TT (Apr 07)	88.88
25 mi TT (Jul 07)	-8.32
Ham Hill/Pittards	391.64
John Andrews	205.76
Race Catering	<u>21.62</u>
	1137.69
Clothing Sales	476.00
Deposit a/c Interest	24.03
Buffet (Profit)	13.00
Cheques not presented (from 06 accounts)	<u>5.00</u>
	6538.64
Income for Year	2410.72
Excess of Income over Expenditure	1385.61

NB 2007 evening TT income & expenditure will be included in 2007-08 accounts, but income received by the treasurer to date is shown in the summary on the right.

EXPENDITURE

Affiliations:	
CTT(07)	35.00
WTTA(07)	15.00
British Cycling (07)	57.50
TVCRA(07)	40.00
C.T.C.(06-07)	50.00
Road Peace(07)	20.00
Nuffield Centre RNAS (07)	64.63
Sports & Social Club(06-07)	<u>333.00</u>
	615.13
Engraving/Trophies	77.71
Newsletter Postage/Printing	104.79
Key Cutting (Garage)	8.00
Race Numbers/Flags/Jackets	161.92
Web Hosting/Domain Reg	<u>57.56</u>
Total Expenditure for Year	1025.11
Alliance & Leicester	2377.47
Alliance & Leicester	3478.43
Cash in Hand	—
<u>13.15</u>	
Total	5869.05
Less current year's evening TT income to date	<u>355.52</u>
	<u>5513.53</u>

Sep 2006 Balance + 1385.61 = 5513.53

The committee meets on the second Monday of every month at the Sports Club.
Minutes from the Committee meetings:

August

Matter Arising. Club Records – will be printed off and discussed at the October meeting.
CTC Magazine. DT had confirmed that CTC had AN as contact. Magazine dept different section, not known if AN has received magazine.
BC Division: not known if AN had contacted BC to seek clarification on which District we are in for 2008.

Impsport numbers received last month were not wearing well, the print was coming off. DN to complain to Impsport.

General Secretary Not Present

Treasurer reported on the following transactions:

Income: Clothing £ 178.00, Subs £ 68.00, profit on John Andrews RR £200.76 (confirmed).
Expenditure: Impsport Order £ 161.92, Web Hosting/Domain Name £57.56, July Newsletter (printing/postage) £20.80, cancelled 25mTT £8.32.

Time Trial Secretary Some entrants for the 25 had donated their entry fee to the YCC 10. Additional prizes for vets age categories to be included. V40 to 49, V50-59 etc.

Road Race Secretary Not Present

Membership Secretary Membership up to 58. Seven new this month including the Martin family (six). Discussion followed as to how we could best cater for their requirements.

Runs Secretary Small group each week. New café at Wedmore very good and a new one at Godney also noted. Possible Family Runs were discussed, covering twenty miles approx, possibly starting outside Yeovil. DN to discuss with Rob Martin at Ilton (*post meeting note: Ilton cancelled due to poor weather*).

Records Secretary MN promised to ratify the outstanding records by the next committee meeting (October). M Loader claiming new 50 record.

TVCRA Representative Not known if Mark Plummer has been contacted with a view to joining the committee. Formal approach at AGM. DN reported on initial proposals from Bike Somerset to make Ilton a ‘Cycle Centre’ for 2008. It was thought there is funding available to cover the hire and insurance for 2008, negating the need for affiliation or individual membership, including BC membership. It would be a turn up and ride approach. Training and racing

provision for youngsters would be provided by an appropriate body. Schools will be able to use it, including transport to and from the venue, for out of school activities. It would be a great facility and provide a much-needed resource for introducing new riders to all aspects of cycling. DN urged the committee to become more involved with the Bike Somerset organisation to ensure it benefits the sport and to use the expertise we already have in event organisation.
Press Secretary Little coverage at present.
Newsletter Editor Published in July. Website being kept up-to-date and now includes the Press Officers reports.

Any Other Business All members of the committee present agreed to stand for re-election. It was felt the subs need to increase for 2008 as we are now only just covering the cost of the affiliations through subs. Suggestion was Seniors to £18 (£3 discount for rejoining the following year before 1 April). Juniors and full time students unchanged at £5.00. Family membership (2 adults and unlimited children, inc full time students) £35.00.

Organiser for the 25 required. Mike Loader agreed to do this.

GM had questionnaire from Yeovil re new sports centre. Debate followed with regard to the disappointing response to providing a track. GM to complete and return.

September AGM

See opposite

Next Meetings 12 November, 10 December, 14 January

SECRETARY Andy Newbury	01935 421352
12 Wraxhill Road, Yeovil, BA20 2JZ	
MEMBERSHIP Mike Loader	01935 410790
3 Poppy Close, Brympton, Yeovil, BA22 8US	
RECORDS Mike Northcott	01458 273576
TVCRA Mark Plummer	01935 824556
TIME TRIALS	Vacant
ROAD RACE Shaun Walsh	01749 812298
NEWSLETTER & CLOTHING	
David Notley	01963 440291

The Tour of Britain 1954

By Tony Taylor

With three highly successful Tours of Britain behind them, the Daily Express newspaper sponsored a fourth edition in 1954, which was contested by mainly six man teams. A strong Continental challenge, particularly from France, plus a Belgium and an Italian team, took on the U.K. trade teams. Stage 1 from Great Yarmouth to Lincoln was an indication of what was to come, with a group of five riders, three of whom were French, finishing 2 minutes clear of the field. France's Germain Mercier took the yellow jersey, although he lost it the following day to John Ponier (Wearwell Cycles). On stage 3 from Manchester to Harrogate, Mercier took his second stage win, from Brian Robinson (Ellis Briggs Cycles), with Frenchman Eugene Tamburlini third. Tamburlini now became the leader on general classification. Brian Robinson, who had also been in that five man break on stage 1, moved up to third overall. Stage 4 was won by Dave Bedwell (Hercules Cycles) with Brian Robinson third. Bedwell now moved up to 10th overall. The next two stages were the longest - 158 miles from Whitley Bay to Glasgow, and 164 miles from Glasgow to Morecarpbe, won by Denis Talbot (Hercules Cycles) and Ian Greenfield (Wearwell Cycles) respectively. However, these somewhat marathon stages did not affect the leading general classification placings. Greenfield won again on stage 7, with Bedwell third. Stage 8 was a 42 mile time trial from Prestatyn to Llandudno, taking a very hilly inland route. The fastest time was by Tamburlini, who increased his overall lead. Second fastest was Dave Bedwell. Four times B.B.A.R. winner Ken Joy (1949 to 1952), who had been signed by Hercules to break place to place records, was included in the team for the Tour. He was 7th fastest, three and a half minutes down on Tamburlini - a highly commendable performance considering his mainly flat course time trialing background. Brian Robinson was now in second place overall, and Bedwell moved up to sixth: Bedwell won both the next two stages, which took him up to fourth overall. The final stage from

Bournemouth to London, provided the most dramatic finish of the whole race, with a demonstration of power and determination from Bedwell, that has been well recorded in the annals of road racing history in Britain. When Bedwell jumped clear with a few miles remaining, no one could hold him, and he then caught and passed the leading pair of Henri Guldemont (Belgium) and Bob Maitland (BSA Cycles) on the long drag to the finish outside the B.B.C. headquarters at Alexandra Palace, to cross the line for his fourth stage victory. Eugene Tamburlini, the 22 year old from Troyes, thus became the first overseas winner of the Tour of Britain, with Brian Robinson second, and Dave Bedwell, through his epic last stage victory, third. France took the team award from Hercules Cycles. Interestingly, three Scottish riders finished in the top nine placings overall- Joe Christison (Viking Cycles) 4th, Ian Greenfield (Wearwell .Cycles) 7th, and Ian Steel (Viking Cycles) 9th.

This turned out to be the last Daily Express sponsored Tour, as the politics surrounding the B.L.R.C. and the National Cyclists Union (N.C.U.) became ever more disputed and protracted and forced the Daily Express newspaper's owners to reconsider its backing of the sport.



Top team of the day, Hercules, who eventually rode the Tour de France.

(L to R) Bob Maitland, sprinter Dave Bedwell, Clive Parker