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Editorial

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A rather sobering issue, with three deaths to report. There is some comfort to be gained from the fact that all three members had long and happy lives, but sad nevertheless.

The Club continues to flourish, with regular well attended Sunday runs and mid-week evening rides for families and friends.

Meanwhile some success on the Time Trial scene keeps us in the public eye and the Evening league is proving as popular as ever.

With the exceptional weather over the last two months there has been no excuse not to

ride and even your Editor, in his decrepit state, has managed the occasional twenty to thirty miles.

Of more concern is the report of cyclists passing too close to horses and without giving any warning. This happened in Ickwell on a Thursday evening during the E.L event and suspicion was cast on competitors. An investigation showed that on this occasion no rider could have reached Ickwell by the time stated by the horsewomen involved.

Even so, we would all do well to remember:- always call out and give plenty of room. TAB

Special points of interest:

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Jean Nicol P 10

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Membership of the Club is open to all interested in cycling. Further information is available on the Club's website www.bedsroad.org
Information on subscriptions is on page 3.

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PARKING AT THE CLUBROOM

We have agreed with our neighbours not to park opposite their entrances. In fact it is not always our members who are responsible but nevertheless we have obtained some "NO PARKING" signs which we hope you will observe.

Diary of Events

Thursday 7th June	Evening League 11.3 miles.	Clubroom 19.00
Sunday 10th June	Club Open 10 miles F1b/10	(See CTT website for details)
Thursday 14th June	Evening League 10 miles.	Clubroom 19.00
Thursday 21st June	Evening League 11.3 miles.	Clubroom 19.00
Sunday 24th June	Inter Club 30 miles (Hitchin Nomads)	
Thursday 28th June	Evening League 10 miles	Clubroom 19.00
Saturday 30th June	Night 100 mile Ride	
Thursday 5th July	Evening League 11.3 miles.	Clubroom 19.00
Thursday 12th July	Evening Fast 10	Clubroom 19.00
Thursday 19th July	Evening League 11.3 miles.	Clubroom 19.00
Sunday 22nd July	Inter Club 25. CC Ashwell. Steeple Morden Circuit	08.30
Thursday 26th July	Evening League 10 miles	Clubroom 19.00
Saturday 28th July	Dunwich Dynamo. Night ride, London - Dunwich.	
Sunday 29th July	Ride London 100 mile randonee	
Thursday 2nd August	Evening League 11.3 miles.	Clubroom 19.00
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Tuesday Evenings	Social ride from Clubroom (Contact Ian McDonnell for details)	
Wednesday Mornings	Wecyle Wednesdays meet at Barkers Lane entrance to Priory Park. 09.30	
Wednes day Evenings	Family ride from Clubroom (Contact Ian McDonnell for details)	
Saturday Mornings	Go-Ride sessions. Various locations, based on Priory Park. 0.900	
Sunday Mornings	Club-runs leave from Swan Hotel at 09.00 (check web site)	

CLUB MEMBERSHIP

SUBSCRIPTIONS ARE DUE ON JANUARY 1st

Joining Fee**	£ 5
Senior 18+	£20
Couples	£25
Family (Couple +under 18's in full-time education)	£33
Junior (16-17 yrs)	£ 8
Juvenile (12-15 yrs)	£ 6
Under 12 years old	Free
60+ on 1st January	£10

** Applies to new members and existing members who renew after 31st March .

Members who have not renewed by 31st March are presumed to have resigned. They will need to re-apply for membership after this date.

Membership Secretary:- Graham Laming.
Subscriptions may be renewed in person by contacting Graham at the Clubroom,
By bacs on line via the Club website,
by post to :-
Membership Secretary, Bedfordshire Road C.C.
Southill Road, Cardington, Bedfordshire,
MK44 3SX

Please make cheques payable to 'Beds Road C.C.',
Or by Bank Transfer to :-

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Account Name Bedfordshire Road Cycling Club

Account No. 01293926 - Sort Code 30-90-66

Please use the reference **Joe Bloggs subs**** so that we can identify from whom and why remittance was made.

**Change to your real name (some people didn't)

Magazine distribution

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Members for whom we have a current e-mail address will receive an e-mail containing a link to the Club web site, where the magazine can be read or downloaded. If this does not happen it means that we do not have your correct address and you should contact the Editor as soon as possible.

Members with an e-mail address, but who prefer to receive a paper copy, can still do so by contacting the Editor (details on back page.)

British Library

A copy of this magazine is kept in the British Library and forms an important part of the Club History. It is vital therefore, that accounts are as complete as possible. Would you all please send results, reports and stories to the Editor so that a true picture of Club activities is recorded. (See back page for addresses)

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Evening League

This year there is a points system for Club Members within the main competition.

For example:- In this first event there were 21 Male Club Members in a total field of 41 riders. So the fastest BRCC Male rider has 21 points, 2nd BRCC rider 20 points etc. The fastest BRCC Female rider also gets 21 points.

No. 1. Thursday 3rd May. 10 miles

Results

Pos	Name	Club	Time	Pts
1	Thomas Robb	BRCC	23:04	21
2	Simon Canning	Eq Ve	23:26	--
3	Matt Donovan	BRCC	23:36	20
4	Justin Burrell	Be Ha	24:29	--
5	Grant Orsborn	BRCC	24:34	19
6	Abid Hussain	IRC	24:43	--
7	Oswin Grady	BRCC	24:54	18
8	Stuart Short	QNC	25:00	--
9	David Elliot	Be Ha	25:27	--
10	Jason Lee	T MK	26:05	--
11	Dan Pearce	BRCC	26:12	17
12	Ant Smith	TMK	26:14	--
13	Andrew M Smith	BRCC	26:37	16
14	Sarah Short	QNC	26:45	--
15	Iain Macfarlane	BSC	26:57	--
16	Simon Scott	BSC	27:02	--
17	Christian Cormack	BRCC	27:12	15
18	Elaine Maitland	BSC	28:07	--
19	Daemon Lee	BRCC	28:08	14
20	Jon Clark	BRCC	28:12	13
21	Chris Priestley	BRCC	28:23	12
22	Nigel Fairclough	BRCC	29:04	11
23	Rebecca Slaymaker	BRCC	29:24	21
24	David Towey	BRCC	30:00	10
25	Matt Prince	IRC	30:41	--
26	Su-Anne Bullock	IRC	30:43	--
27	Barry Weller	BRCC	31:28	9
28	David Heath	BRCC	31:32	8
29	Beth Price Williams	BRCC	31:39	20
30	Andrew Goodeve	BRCC	31:48	7

31	Joy Wilkinson	BRCC	31:59	19
32	David Crane	BRCC	32:02	6
33	Julia Pritchett	BRCC	32:08	18
34	Charlie Walker	BRCC	33:25	5
35	Jeni Sanderson	BRCC	33:49	17
36	Mirian Taylor-Carter	BRCC	34:02	16
37	Mark Brown	BRCC	34:19	4
38	Jo McDonnell	BRCC	35:38	15
39	Phil Bierton	BRCC	36:12	3
40	Des Roberts	BRCC	38:10	2
41	Terry Sykes	BRCC	38:37	1

No. 2. Thursday 10th May. 11.3 miles

Results

Pos	Name	Club	Time	Pts
1	Ashley Cox	Fl Ro	23:42	--
2	Thomas Robb	BRCC	26:10	26
3	Ian Woodcock	BRCC	27:13	25
4	Jon Friend	BRCC	27:48	24
5	Patrick Smith	BRCC	28:16	23
6	David Cook	BRCC	28:28	22
7	David Elliot	Be Ha	28:46	--
8	Grant Orsborn	BRCC	29:00	21
9	Peter Gell	BRCC	29:18	20
10	Matthew Cook	BRCC	29:19	19
11	Christian Cormack	BRCC	29:56	18
12	Nicholas Beardow	BRCC	29:58	17
13	Iain MacFarlane	BSC	30:19	--
14	Graham Laming	BRCC	30:57	16
15	Elaine Maitland	BSC	31:02	--
16	Jon Clark	BRCC	31:32	15
17	Daemon Lee	BRCC	31:36	14
18	Richard Pratt	IRC	31:46	--
19	Nigel Fairclough	BRCC	31:48	13
20	Chris Priestley	BRCC	31:51	12
21	Mark Sanderson	BRCC	32:05	11
22	Ruth Kerr	BRCC	32:30	26
23	Alex Lubbock	API M	32:58	--
24	Peter Neal	C & T	33:06	--
25	David Towey	BRCC	33:24	10
26	Matt Prince	IRC	33:35	--
27	Judy Ried	IRC	33:44	--

Pos	Name	Club	Time	Pts	Pos	Name	Club	Time	Pts
28	Miriam Taylor-Carter	BRCC	34:13	25	=22	Mark Hammond	BRCC	30:13	10
29	Steve Smith	BRCC	34:15	9	24	Miriam Taylor-Carter	BRCC	31:22	18
30	Su-Anne Bullock	IRC	34:33	--	25	Alexander Norman	BRCC	31:27	9
31	Jeremy Godwin	BRCC	34:52	8	26	Howard Pile	BRCC	31:45	8
32	Beth Price-Williams	BRCC	34:55	24	27	Joy Wilkinson	BRCC	31:56	17
33	Howard Pile	BRCC	35:06	7	28	David Crane	BRCC	33:45	7
34	David Crane	BRCC	35:14	6	29	Shane Roberts	BRCC	34:37	6
35	Barry Weller	BRCC	35:44	5	30	Jo McDonnell	BRCC	34:47	16
36	Martyn Pollard	Be Ha	37:13	--	31	Mark Brown	BRCC	35:02	5
37	Mark Brown	BRCC	37:24	4	32	Phil Berton	BRCC	36:01	4
38	Jo McDonnell	BRCC	39:04	23	33	Terry Sykes	BRCC	36:27	3
39	Terry Sykes	BRCC	39:19	3	34	Lee Hayward	BRCC	36:32	2
30	Des Roberts	BRCC	41:27	2	35	Des Roberts	BRCC	37:02	1
41	Phil Berton	BRCC	41:32	1	-----				
42	Sue Pack	Be Ha	43:09	--	<u>No. 4. Thursday 24th May. 11.1 miles</u>				

Results

<u>No. 3. Thursday 17th May. 10 miles</u>					<u>Results</u>				
Pos	Name	Club	Time	Pts	Pos	Name	Club	Time	Pts
Results					1	Ethan Vernon	T KFG	25:57	--
1	Ashley Cox	Fl Ro	21:22	--	2	Thomas Robb	BRCC	26:01	18
2	Simon Cannings	Eq Ve	23:14	--	3	Jim Moffatt	CCL	26:19	--
3	Thomas Robb	BRCC	23:21	19	4	Patrick Smith	BRCC	27:50	17
4	Jim Moffatt	CC Lu	23:39	--	5	Stuart Short	QNC	27:51	--
5	Matt Donovan	BRCC	23:50	18	6	Timothy Bailey	???	27:52	--
6	Ian Woodcock	BRCC	24:14	17	7	Billy Fadden	Fl Ro	28:31	--
7	Patrick Smith	BRCC	24:32	16	8	David Elliot	Be Ha	28:34	--
8	Steve Torley	TeMK	24:34	--	9	Jason Lee	TeMK	28:49	--
9	David Elliot	Be Ha	25:25	--	10	Martin Thorley	C & T	29:14	--
10	Adrian Gower	BRCC	25:53	15	11	Trevor Hook	TeMK	29:15	--
11	Peter Gell	BRCC	26:00	14	12	Matthew Cook	BRCC	29:21	16
12	Ant Smith	TeMK	26:05	--	13	Peter Gell	BRCC	29:30	15
13	Iaian Macfarlane	B S C	27:17	--	14	Sarah Short	QNC	29:45	--
14	Ian Markham	Ch RT	27:18	--	15	Christian Cormack	BRCC	30:18	14
15	Gary Patmore	BRCC	27:30	13	16	Graham Laming	BRCC	30:22	13
16	Chris Priestley	BRCC	28:15	12	17	Iain Macfarlane	B S C	30:29	--
17	Alex Lubbock	APIM	28:47	--	18	Nigel Faircloth	BRCC	30:52	12
18	Jon Clark	BRCC	28:50	11	19	Chris Martell	BRCC	30:53	11
19	Richard Pratt	IRC	29:10	--	20	Dave Watson	CCL	30:56	--
20	Su-Anne Bullock	IRC	29:54	--	21	Chris Priestley	BRCC	31:32	10
21	Ruth Kerr	BRCC	30:08	19	22	Mark Sanderson	BRCC	32:23	9
=22	Rupert Howton	BE Ha	30:13	--	23	Miriam Taylor-Carter	BRCC	34:00	18
					24	Alexander Norman	BRCC	34:23	8

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Pos	Name	Club	Time	Pts	Open Events		
25	R Cook	Be Ha	34:36	--	<u>Club Open '10' Sunday 10th June</u>		
26	Howard Pile	BRCC	35:18	7	F1/b		
27	Eva Kovacs	Be Ha	35:45	--	Pos	Name	Time
28	David Crane	BRCC	35:51	6	2	Mick Hodson	19:56
29	Gwen Warren	BRCC	37:46	17	9	Matt Donovan	21:23
30	Mark Brown	BRCC	37:58	5	21	Oswin Grady *	22:36
31	Shane Roberts	BRCC	38:27	4	=23	Ian Woodcock	22:37
32	Phil Bieron	BRCC	38:50	3	35	Grant Orsborn	23:09
33	Terry Sykes	BRCC	39:52	2	40	Jon Dunckley *	23:29
34	Des Roberts	BRCC	41:04	1	46	David Cook	23:54
					48	Mick Case	23:59
					60	Chris Priestley	25:34
					70	Terry Sykes *	32:15

No. 5. Thursday 31st May. 10 miles

Results

Pos	Name	Club	Time	Pts			
1	Simon Norman	BRCC	21:15	19	1	Daniel Watts	
2	Oliver Knight	C C C	21:39	--		Royal Air Force CA	19:52
3	Jim Moffat	CC L	23:38	--	*	Rode as BRCC, not BRRT.	
4	Oswin Grady	BRCC	25:09	18		Race Report.	
5	Adrian Gower	BRCC	25:14	17		Daniel Watts chose this event to break the 20-minute barrier for the first time.	
6	Peter Gell	BRCC	25:57	16		This was Watts's first open victory of the season, but comes after a string of good top ten placings .	
7	Nicholas Beardow	BRCC	26:43	15		The cold morning meant many slower times than expected, but it didn't seem to affect Watts. The 28-year-old RAF CA rider from Shropshire clocked 19:52 to beat our own Mick Hodson by just four seconds.	
8	Graham Laming	BRCC	27:10	14		The fastest team was Beds Road RT with Mick Hodson, Matt Donovan and Ian Woodcock recording 63:56. However, under CTT rules the host club cannot take the team award, so Simon Elkington, Mark Greenhow and Patrick Ellerbeck ,St Neots CC, took the prize with 68:01 .	
9	Steve Le Page	BRCC	27:28	13		Fastest Female was Anna Muir, Chelmer CC, who was also Fastest Female Vet with a time of 23:55.	
10	Chris Martell	BRCC	27:30	12		The F1b/10 course begins just south of Tempsford and heads down the A1 to Biggleswade, before returning to finish just short of the start.	
11	Jon Clark	BRCC	28:40	11			
12	Chris Priestley	BRCC	28:55	10			
13	Alexander Norman	BRCC	30:15	9			
14	Duncan Worthy	BRCC	30:27	8			
15	Steve Smith	BRCC	30:32	7			
16	Howard Pile	BRCC	30:40	6			
17	David Crane	BRCC	31:49	5			
18	Gwen Warren	BRCC	32:15	19			
19	Lisa Chapple	BRCC	32:46	18			
20	Kerry Donovan	????	32:58	4			
21	Mark Brown	BRCC	33:01	3			
22	Des Roberts	BRCC	36:29	2			
23	Terry Sykes	BRCC	36:51	1			

Guest Clubs:- **APM**Metrow, **Bedford Harriers**, **Bonito Squadra** Corse, **Club Corley Cycles**, **CC Luton**, **Equip Velo**, **Flamme Rouge**, **Icknield Road Club**, **QN Coaching**, **Team MK**.

Sunday 11th March Lee Valley CC '25'

E1/25B

Pos	Name	Time
29	Jon Friend	1:00:56
1	Stuart Travis	
	Team Bottrill/Vanguard	51:41

Friday 30th March Welwyn Wheelers CC

Hilly 50 kil. F3/50K

Pos	Name	Time
18	Jon Friend	1:25:50
1	Oliver Stockwell	
	Welwyn Wheelers CC	1:14:16

Saturday 7th April Lea Valley CC '25'

E2/25

Pos	Name	Time
63	Paul French	53:30
96	Grant Orsborn	56:11
1	David Langlands	
	Team Bottrill/Vanguard	47:01

Saturday 14th April VTТА (E Anglia)

25 Miles E33/25

Pos	Name	Time
23	Ian Woodcock	1:00:24
29	Jon Friend	1:01:22
41	David Cook	1:03:01
56	Andrew M Smith	1:05:54
58	Matthew Cook	1:06:06
66	Chris Priestley	1:08:47
69	Steve Le Page	1:10:17
76	John Barton	1:40:53
1	David Langlands	
	Team Bottrill/Vanguard	51:42

Sunday 15th April Leighton Buzzard

Triathlon Club '10' F12/10

Pos	Name	Time
19	Grant Orsborn	23:04
41	Mick Case	25:11
1	David Woodhouse ,AS Test Team	21:11

Saturday 21st April Bossard Wheelers '10'

F15/10

Pos	Name	Time
27	Jon Friend	23:04
1	Richard Price	
	London Phoenix CC	19:50

Saturday 28th April Cambridge CC '10'

F2D/10

Pos	Name	Time
3	Simon Norman	19:29
20	Matt Donovan	21:33
24	Thomas Robb	21:41

1 Jason Bouttell

Team Vision Racing-Silverhook 18:59

Saturday 28th April VTТА (East Anglia)

25 miles E2/25

Pos	Name	Time
53	Grant Orsborn	55:33
87	Chris Priestley	1:02:24
1	James Rix	
	Team Bottrill/Vanguard	46:51

Sunday 5th May Lea Valley CC '10'

E2/10

Pos	Name	Time
40	Mick Hodson	20:22
1	James Rix	
	Team Bottrill/Vanguard	18:08

Monday 7th May VTТА National 10 mile

Championship F11/10

Pos	Name	Time
16	Mick Hodson	20:02
64	David Cook	21:51
1	James Rix	
	Team Bottrill/Vanguard	18:37

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Saturday 12 may ECCA 50 miles

E2/50C

Pos	Name	Time
29	Jon Friend	1:51:58
49	Chris Priestley	2:11:35
1	Paul Hart	
	Southend Wheelers	1:34:37

Saturday 12 may North Road CC '25'

F14/25

Pos	Name	Time
1	Simon Norman	52:45

Sunday 13th May Norlond Combine '50'

F1B/50

Pos	Name	Time
18	Grant Orsborn	1:59:45
1	Matthew Smith	
	DRAG2ZERO	1:40:14

Saturday 19th May ECCA championship

10 miles E2/10

Pos	Name	Time
9	Mick Hodson	19:44
50	Ian Woodcock	21:35
1	Neil Lauder	
	PMR @ Toachim House	18:33

Sunday 27th May ECCA Championship

25 miles E2/25

Pos	Name	Time
48	Jon Friend	57:25
53	David Cook	58:33
68	Mick Case	1:01:19
1	Paul Hart	
	Southend Wheelers	48:29

N&DCA Series

A series of ten events at various non-standard distances on sporting courses.

Now run as Open events but including a competition for Member Clubs.

Saturday 24 March N&DCA TT series.

No 1 18.7 miles. NC14

Pos	Name	Time
37	David Cook	48:40
1	David Langlands	
	Team Bottrill/Vanguard	40:18

Saturday 21st April N&DCA TT Series

No. 2 10 miles N1/10

Pos	Name	Time
5	Mick Hodson	22:11
19	Ian Woodcock	23:28
1	Paul Pardoe	
	Peterborough CC	21:23

Saturday 5th May N&DCA TT series.

No 3 10 miles. N3/10

Pos	Name	Time
27	David Cook	24:58
1	Stuart Travis	
	Team Bottrill/Vanguard	20:41

Saturday 19th May N&DCA TT Series

No 4 16 miles NC19

Pos	Name	Time
21	David Cook	49:36
1	Brett Harwood	
	Team Bottrill/Vanguard	40:42

SPOCOSunday 18th March Event 1 10 miles 1Z/10

Event cancelled due to icy roads.

Sunday 1st April Event 2 11.3 miles

1Z/11.3

Pos	Name	Time	Pts
1	Matt Donovan	27:41	10
2	Ian Woodcock	28:55	9
3	Grant Orsborn	29:30	8
4	Jan Laming	30:23	7
5	Chris Martell	34:03	6
6	Leigh Pilgrim	35:18	5
7	Alexander Norman	36:44	4

8	David Crane	39:22	3
9	David Heath	39:36	2
10	Phil Bierton	44:29	1
Ptt	Simon Cannings Eq. Ve	27:34	--
Ptt	Cody Nelson Verulam CC	29:30	--
Ptt	Jason Lee Team MK	30:23	--
Ptt	Paul Wright HNCC	32:41	--
Ptt	Nigel Wilson HNCC	33:03	--

King of Hillfoot Report
 Glorious weather made for potentially ideal conditions. Unfortunately a big event at Shuttleworth caused delays for a few riders through Old Warden. The SPOCO points for this event are based on the full 12 mile course, the "King of Hillfoot" title is based on the combined ascent times of Hillfoot. Congratulations to Thomas Robb for a resounding King of Hillfoot title and to Ian Woodcock for completing the course in the shortest time.

Sunday 15th April Event 3 16 miles
 1Y/16

Pos	Name	Time	Pts
1	Matt Donovan	39:09	7
2	Chris Martell	47:21	6
3	Liegh Pilgrim	49:30	5
4	Alexander Norman	52:21	4
5	Howard Pile	54:18	3
6	David Crane	55:41	2
7	Phil Bierton	59:37	1
Ptt	Simon Cannings Eq. Ve.	38:50	--
Ptt	Cody Nelson Verulam CC	41:06	--
Ptt	Nigel Wilson HNCC	46:21	--
Ptt	Paul Wright HNCC	48:00	--
Ptt	Nick Hickman HNCC	49:58	--

KoH Results

Pos	Name	Asc1	Asc2	Tot
1	Thomas Robb	2:00	1:51	3:51
2	Ian Woodstock	2:19	2:17	4:36
3	Leigh Pilgrim	2:24	2:29	4:53
4	Alan Crane	2:36	2:42	5:18
5	Steve Smith	2:57	3:18	6:15
6	Christopher Wilson	3:09	3:19	6:28
7	Dave Crane	3:42	3:32	7:14
8	Phil Bierton	4:04	4:15	8:19
9	Terry Sykes	4:18	4:21	8:39
Ptt	Ian Markham	2:26	2:25	4:51
Ptt	Nick Senechal	2:44	2:47	5:31
Ptt	Nick Hickman	2:41	2:58	5:39
Ptt	Alex Lubbock	2:35	3:04	5:39
Ptt	Paul Wright	2:57	3:05	6:02

Sunday 6th May Event 3. King of Hillfoot
 12 miles 1Z/11.3

Pos	Name	Time	Pts
1	Ian Woodcock	29:48	9
2	Thomas Robb	32:21	8
3	Alan Crane	34:33	7
4	Leigh Pilgrim	36:53	6
5	Christopher Wilson	38:52	5
6	Steve Smith	39:08	4
7	David Crane	40:46	3
8	Phil Bierton	44:43	2
9	Terry Sykes	47:53	1
Ptt	Ian Markham Chronos RT	33:23	--
Ptt	Paul Wright HNCC	34:32	--
Ptt	Nick Senechal HNCC	35:08	--
Ptt	Alex Lubbock API Metrow	36:34	--
Ptt	Nick Hickman HNCC	36:54	--

Sunday 27th May Event 4. 22.6 miles
 2 x 11.3 Report

Heavy thunderstorms the night before left plenty of debris on the road. The morning was bright and clear, at 22C and high humidity.

Pos	Name	Time	Pts
1	Patrick Smith	59:55	5
2	Leigh Pilgrim	1:09:08	4
3	Andy Purdy	1:17:54	3
4	David Crane	1:18:07	2
Dnf	Phil Bierton	Puncture	0
Ptt	Chris Wren L. Buzz CC	1:07:21	--

We have received the following email from Mrs. Suzanne Powell (Nee Nicol). It is with sadness that I write to let you know that my dear Mum, Jean Nicol, passed away on 18/04/18. She had been quite poorly with Multiple Myeloma and Alzheimers during the past year but previous to that was still very fit for her age (nearly 90) and out and about each day. Whilst looking through your website I was delighted to see a photo of both Jean and my dad, Ralph, outside the Memorial Clubhouse in 1953, standing at the back underneath the sign (they must be standing on a bench!). It reminded me of the many happy times spent at the clubhouse in the 60s and 70s with Ken & Hilda Lovelock, Tom & Connie Bishop, Pete & Maureen Stimpson and Pete & Mary Hutton and their families, to name a few. So glad to see that the club is thriving and hope you are keeping well. Kind regards, Sue.



Alan Leonard Jarman

26 / 12 / 1930 - 07 / 06 / 2018

Alan was born in Letchworth and, apart from time doing National Service in the RAF, lived his whole life in the family home in Rushby Place.

Upon leaving school he was apprenticed as a bookbinder but when he fell foul of the closed shop system he used skills learned in the RAF to transfer to a local electronics company (Motorola?), fault finding and repairing car radios.

As a teenager he joined Hitchin Nomads CC where he enjoyed success as a time triallist, joining the elite band who beat the hour for 25 miles on a single gear machine.

Later joining Beds Road CC, he was a regular on Club runs and Youth Hostel trips. Both while in HNCC and in BRCC he toured extensively in GB and abroad, visiting such countries as Norway, Spain, France and Nepal.

A keen aero-modeller from schooldays, Alan became more involved with this as various medical problems made cycling increasingly difficult. On his way home from a flying day at Old Warden, in stationary traffic, a motorist ran into him, knocking him off his scooter. After a month in Lister Hospital he finally died from sepsis and a chest infection.

He is sadly missed by Family and Friends.



Tom Bishop

18th October 1923 - 20th October 2017

Having received no reply to the appeal for information regarding Tom, here is a brief reminiscence from the Editor.

Probably the last member to be born before the Club was formed, Tom cycled from an early age.

On leaving school he worked firstly as a clerk at Peacock's sale room, but later joined his brother at J.H. Boggas, repairing boots.

In W.W.II Boggas had a contract repairing army boots so Tom was excused military service.

He 'did his bit' after work as a cycling despatch rider between Home Guard and ARP stations around the town. After dark no light was allowed to show on the ground, so riding was quite hazardous.

When I joined the Club in 1954 Tom was Club Captain, in charge of Club Runs and Hostel Weekends and as I remember, no run led by Tom was complete without a few miles off road (mountain bikes had not been invented so we just used our road bikes).

Tom had ridden in time trials but his real love was touring, especially on the continent.

He was also an accomplished photographer and many winter evenings were spent in the clubroom watching Tom's slides, taken on club runs or on one of his touring holidays.

When he married Connie, a non cyclist, Tom became less active in the Club but remained a member and brought Connie along to social functions. Upon retirement he cycled to 40+ lunch meetings and when Connie retired they attended together on a small motorbike. Tom continued to ride his bike into his nineties, often taking his elevenses at Milton Ernest Garden Centre. Respected by his cycling friends and loved by his family, Tom was 'one of the old school.'

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