



**Bedfordshire  
Road Cycling  
Club**

# The Bedfordshire Cyclist

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## Editorial

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We start the year on a sombre note with three funerals to report. Less upsetting, but still inconvenient, was the visit of hurricane Ciara to our shores on February 9th, keeping most Club members off their bikes and reducing attendance at the N&DCA Annual Lunch and Awards Ceremony, only for the situation to be repeated a week later by storm Dennis. This of course went un-noticed by climate change sceptics. On the brighter side, our youngsters in the GoRide section have been meeting most weeks for skill training

and have been prominent on the Muddy Monsters cyclo cross scene.

Although the weather has not been kind of late, at least the day length is increasing more rapidly and, as the poet said:- if Winter comes can Spring be far behind? - We hope not!

Weather aside, the Club is ticking along nicely, with a number of social events in addition to the regular bike related activities. It remains only to remind our more forgetful members to renew membership before the end of march. (P3) TAB

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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](http://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

<b>Wednesday January 1st</b>	Club Lottery Ride	Clubroom 10:00
<b>Sunday 2nd February</b>	Club Reliability Ride	Clubroom 08:00
<b>Sunday 9th February</b>	N&DCA Annual Lunch and Prize Presentation	. 12:00 for 12:30
<b>Sunday 23rd February</b>	North Road CC Hardriders 25 mile TT F7/25	Queenswood School 8:00
<b>Sunday 1st March</b>	Club Reliability Ride Kettering CC 20 mile TT NC1A	Clubroom from 07:30 Lowick 10:00
<b>Saturday 14th March</b>	A5 Rangers 17 mile TT NC3 A5 Rangers 34 mile TT NC3 ( 2Circuits)	Greens Norton 13:00 Greens Norton 13:00
<b>Sunday 15th March</b>	SpoCo 10 mile TT 1Z10 Lee Valley CC 25 mile 2-Up TTT E1/25B	Clubroom 09:00 Patmore End 09:00
<b>Thursday 26th March</b>	Club Quiz. White Horse, Newnham Avenue.	Full details to follow
<b>Sunday 29th March</b>	SpoCo 11.3 mile TT 1Z11.3	Clubroom 09:00
<b>Sunday 12th April</b>	SpoCo 16 mile TT 1Y16	Clubroom 09:00
<b>Sunday 26th April</b>	Captain's Ride	Clubroom 09:00
<b>Sunday 31st May</b>	Interclub 15 mile TT 1Y/15	Clubroom 08:00
<b>Sunday 28th June</b>	Interclub 30 mile TT 1U/30 Hitchin Nomads CC	08:00
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<b>Tuesday Evenings</b>	Social ride from Clubroom ( Contact Ian McDonnell for details)	
<b>Wednesday Mornings</b>	Wecyle Wednesdays meet at Barkers Lane entrance to Priory Park. 09.30	
<b>Wednesday Evenings</b>	Family ride from Clubroom ( Contact Ian McDonnell for details)	
<b>Saturday Mornings</b>	Go-Ride sessions. Various locations, based on Priory Park. 0.900	
<b>Sunday Mornings</b>	Club-runs leave from Swan Hotel at 09.00 (check web site)	

## CLUB MEMBERSHIP

### SUBSCRIPTIONS ARE DUE ON JANUARY 1st

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

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

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Or by Bank Transfer to :-

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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)

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

## Magazine distribution

### Please read carefully.

Members for whom we have no e-mail address will continue to receive the magazine in the post.

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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### New Year's Day Lottery Ride

As usual the Club began the year with a fun event in which competitors "raced" round the 11.3 circuit in the hope of matching a pre-selected, but undisclosed, time. The prize winners were:-  
 Mim Taylor. Nearest Lady, +48 secs.  
 Alan Crane. Nearest Male over, +75 secs.  
 Terry Sykes. Furthest over, +5 min 20 secs  
 Des Roberts. Nearest under, -99 secs  
 Jon Goodall. Furthest under, -1 hr 15 secs  
 Callum Meade. Youngest finisher.  
 Sue-Ann Bullock. Cheeriest smile.

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### BRCC Reliability Ride No 1.

Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup> Feb 2020

The first of BRCC's Reliability Rides took



place in early Feb and, despite weather warnings prior to the event, conditions were kind to us, if a bit blustery at times. Turnout was very good, with around 90 riders out on either the 56 mile course that circles Bedford or the 21 mile course around the village lanes of Old Warden and Southill.

We had a strong showing from Hitchin Nomads, St Neots and Ashwell Cycling Clubs as well as CC Luton in co-ordinated kit, the Flamme Rouge race team and support car as well as our own crew from both BRCC and BRRT flying the flag. Hot Soup and rolls went down a storm

with finishers, as did the heaters....



Many Thanks to all the riders for turning out and the volunteers who made it happen:- Graham Laming, Charlotte Lawson, Sue 'The Brave', Mim Taylor, Alan Roome and Jo McDonnell.



Some of the "Hired Help"



Our next ride is Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> March.  
 –weather permitting. We'd love to see you there.  
 I. McD

**GoRide**

In addition to regular skill learning sessions members took part in Central League cyclo cross events, as reported in previous editions, and were active in the local

**Muddy Monsters**

Races are held in age-groups - Under 8's, 10's, 12's, 14's and 16's. There are 3 races per age group per event. The first race (A) is a sprint followed by a longer endurance race (B) and then a handicap, which is just a fun race with no points awarded, in which riders set off at intervals depending roughly on their performance in the previous races.

Round 1 26th October 2019

Welwyn Wheelers

*U10 Girls*

	A	B	Tot
1st Emily Godfrey	1	1	2

*U10 Boys*

9th Samuel Cooke	6	10	16
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Winner Josh Halden

Welwyn Wheelers	2	2	3
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*U12 Boys*

4th Alexander Smythe	5	2	7
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5th George Bloomfield	4	5	9
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Winner Samuel Stacey

Verulam CC	1	1	2
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*U14/U16 Girls*

3rd Delphi Pimental (U14)	3	2	5
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Winner Ella Ruggles (U16)

Hitchin Nomads	1	1	2
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*U14/U16 Boys*

1st Thomas Godfrey (U14)	1	2	3
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2nd Harry Layton (U16)	2	1	3
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Round 2, 9th November 2019

CC Ashwell

*U10 Girls*

	A	B	Tot
3rd Emily Godfrey	3	3	6

Winner Tilly Major

Club not given	2	1	3
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*U10 Boys*

10th Samuel Cooke	11	9	20
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Winner Toby Cornell

Hitchin Nomads CC	1	1	2
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*U12 Boys*

3rd Alexander Smythe	3	3	6
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4th George Bloomfield	5	4	9
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Winner Joe Grinnall

CC Ashwell	1	1	2
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*U14 Girls*

1st Katya Barwood	2	1	3
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2nd Amelia Bona	1	2	3
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3rd Delphi Pimental	3	3	6
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*U14 Boys*

2nd Thomas Godfrey	2	2	4
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3rd Ryan Crooks	3	dnf	13
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Winner Thomas Lewis

Ely	1	1	2
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*U16 Boys*

1st Harry Layton	1	1	2
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Round 3, 23rd November

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Beds Road CC

	A	B	Tot
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4th Emily Godfrey	4	4	8
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Winner Esmee Bone

St Johns Lemsford	1	1	2
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*U10 Boys*

6th Samuel Cooke	6	6	12
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Winner Josh Halden

Welwyn Wheelers	1	1	2
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*U12 Boys*

1st Alexander Smythe	3	2	5
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6th George Bloomfield	6	5	11
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*U14 Girls*

1st Katya Barwood	1	1	2
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2nd Delphi Pimental	2	2	4
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3rd Amelia Bona	3	3	6
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*U14 Boys*

1st Thomas Godfrey	1	1	2
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2nd Ryan Crooks	2	2	4
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*Continued from P5.**U16 Boys*

	A	B	Tot
1st Ben Coblenz	1	1	2
2nd Sean O'Brien	2	2	4

Round 4. 7th December

CC Ashwell

*U10 Boys*

	A	B	Tot
12th Samuel Cooke	11	13	24
Winner Toby Cornell			2
Hitchin Nomads CC	1	1	4

*U12 Boys*

2nd Alexander Smythe	2	2	4
Winner Joe Grinall			2
CC Ashwell	1	1	2

*U14 Girls*

1st Amelia Bona	1	1	2
2nd Delphi Pimental	2	2	4

*U16 Boys*

1st Sean O'Brien	1	1	2
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Round 5. 18th January 2020

Welwyn Wheelers CC

*U10 Boys*

	A	B	Tot
7th Samuel Cooke	7	8	15
12th Duncan Godfrey	11	12	23
Winner Toby Cornell			2
Hitchin Nomads CC	2	2	4

*U12 Boys*

7th Alexander Smythe	7	6	13
11th George Nuttall	11	10	21
Winner George Hanson			1
CC Ashwell	1	2	3

*U14 Girls*

1st Katya Barwood	1	1	2
2nd Delphi Pimental	2	2	4
3rd Amelia Bona	3	3	6

*U14/16 Boys*

1st Thomas Godfrey (U14)	1	1	2
3rd Sean O'Brien (U16)	3	3	6

Round 6. 8th February

Verulam CC

	A	B	Tot
<i>U10 Boys</i>			
10th Samuel Cooke	9	10	19

Winner Ollie Lynch

Welwyn Wheelers CC	1	1	2
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*U12 Boys*

7th Alexander Smythe	7	7	14
Winner Alarik Knox			2

Verulam CC	1	1	2
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*U14 Girls*

1st Amelia Bona	1	1	2
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*U14 Boys*

1st Thomas Godfrey	1	1	2
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*U16 Boys*

3rd Sean O'Brien	2	3	5
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Winner Nabeel Akhtar

Verulam CC	1	1	2
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Eric William Webb

07:09:1950 - 01:02:2020

Eric joined the Icknield Road Club in 1971 where he met Lorna. They married in 1973 and moved to Bedford in 1975.

In 1978 they both joined the Beds Road Club, regularly riding club runs

Eric was Lorna's support driver on her 12 hr and 24 hr time trails in the 1980s.

He worked for British Rail as a train driver for forty years until he had to retire early through an eye condition.

He regularly attended the clubroom until his ill health dictated that he was not seen at the club in the last few years.

A celebration of Eric's life will be held at 12:15 on Tuesday 3rd March in the Norse Road Crematorium, followed by internment at the Orchard Site.

Friends are invited to join Lorna in the King William, Kempston Highstreet, for refreshments and a chat from 1:45.

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Kenneth Charles Lovelock  
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Ken joined the Club in the late 1930s and was elected a life member in February 1953. His club life was interrupted in 1943 by National Service, where he drove heavy vehicles taking supplies to the front line, but he still visited the Club when home on leave. It was through the Club that Ken met Hilda Gibbs and they married in March 1953.

Once no longer racing Ken still helped out marshalling. Upon retiring Ken and Hilda joined the 40+ and Ken continued riding into his 70s.

Our thoughts are with Hilda and Daughters Cheryl and Nicola.



*N&DCA 25 11th April 1948*

Raymond Thomas Stanford  
01/11/1931 - 11/12/2019

Many of our longer standing members will remember Ray for his quiet nature and friendly smile. He began cycling at an early age, continuing to ride into his 70s and when cancer forced him to put away the bike he still met the 40+ by car. Ray's other great loves were music and his family, to whom we send our deepest sympathy.





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