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EDITORIAL

We had an interesting day on the ESCA Reliability Trial, with the winner being the weather! See report in this issue. Also featured is an article about the Tom McAll Distance Trophy. Can anyone give me any information about Tom and what he did ride wise or with the Club? There is a "Guess the Mystery rider" quiz and a bit of nostalgia in the form of a press clipping from 1981.

Eastbourne Rovers AGM

The Annual General Meeting of Eastbourne Rovers Cycling Club will be held at Stone Cross Memorial Hall on Monday 1st December 2008 at 8 pm. All members are welcome and actively encouraged, so **please show your support for your club by your attendance**. The agenda for the meeting will include the minutes of the 2007 AGM, reports from officers and election of officials for the coming year. Contact Brian Holt on 01323 520646 for further information. If not already done so, trophy holders should clean and return their trophies to Graham Lade in preparation for the prize presentation dinner.

Eastbourne Rovers Prize Presentation Dinner

The Eastbourne Rovers prize presentation will be held at the Afton Hotel, Eastbourne on Saturday 17th January 2009. The ticket price is £19.00 per person for a five course meal, full details will be available and bookings can be made at **our AGM on Monday**. Contact Suecoxe@tiscali.co.uk for further information.

ESCA Luncheon and Prize Presentation

The ESCA prize presentation will be held at the Horseshoe Inn, Windmill Hill on Sunday 19th January 2009. Individual award winners from Eastbourne Rovers include Emma Richards, Harry Featherstone and Peter Moon, together with team awards for Iain Brogden, Steve Frame and Peter Moon for 50 miles, and Senior BAR Team of Tony Murphy, Emma Richards and Peter Moon. The ticket price is £17.50 per person, full details will be available, and bookings can be made, at **our AGM on Monday**. Everyone is welcome, please join us in recognition and celebration of our riders' achievements, and support for the Association too. Contact ann.human@btinternet.com for more information.

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Dave Cox: Evening Time Trial Series and Sunday Rides - 01323 507916

WHAT'S ON – ON AND OFF THE BIKE

Club Night: Every Monday evening from 8.00pm – 10.30pm (excluding bank holidays) at the Stone Cross Memorial Hall (opposite the Red Lion Public House). Chance to meet and socialise, catch up with recent news and gossip. Refreshments available.

Coached Turbo Sessions: Stone Cross Memorial Hall on “winter” Monday evenings (during the club night) from 8.30pm to 9.30pm (set up at 8pm). **A structured turbo session is held throughout the “winter” months (November to April).** Free to club members, only £2 for non –members. All welcome, its getting really popular, - come and give it a go! Bring your own turbo and bike.

Any queries please contact Graham Lade who will co-ordinate these sessions. Richard Thomas has the complete set of programmes from Theresa if you want to try it at home!

Winter Club Runs: Meet at the Horse and Groom Public House at Polegate crossroads at 9.15am each Sunday. Variations to the type and length of ride will be made to suit the ability of the riders. For any further information please contact Dave Cox : tel: 01323 507916 or any other members of the committee.

Club Clothing: Peter Moon has the order forms for your kit, including bib shorts. Money with order please.

PRESS SECRETARY'S REPORT: RICHARD THOMAS

The following Report appeared in the Eastbourne Herald on Friday 23rd November 2008.

Rovers' Vets prove they are tops

EASTBOURNE Rovers cyclists have enjoyed success in the season-long Sussex Cyclists' Association competitions.

Harry Featherstone won the Veterans Short Distance competition (3x10 miles, 3x25 miles) and Iain Brogden was third in the men's competition with an average speed of 26.49 mph.

Eastbourne Rovers won the Veterans' team competition with Harry, Dave Cox (fifth) and Peter Moon (sixth).

In the middle distance competition (2x10 miles, 2x 25 miles and 1x 50 miles) Harry Featherstone won the veterans' competition, Emma Richards the ladies' event and Iain Brogden was third in the men's competition.

Eastbourne Rovers won the veterans' team competition with Harry, Dave Cox (7th) and Alan Symonds (8th).

In the long distance competition (over distances of 25, 50 and 100 miles) Peter Moon was third in the men's competition and also third in the veterans' event with Emma Richards winning the Ladies section. Other Rovers who participated in

CYCLING SCENE

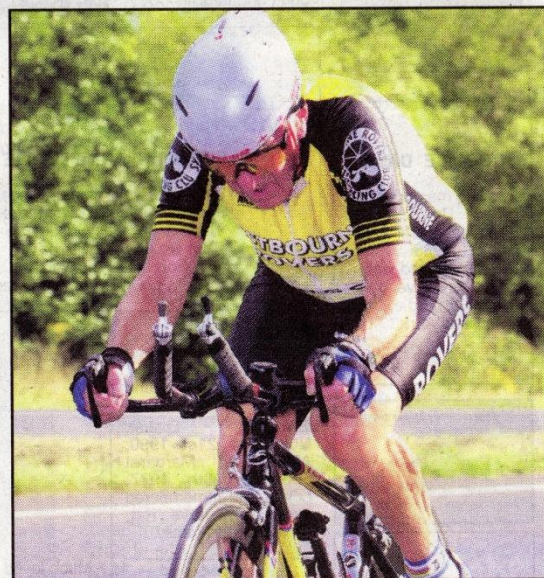
the competition were Stuart Medhurst, Andy Stobbart, Adam Ford and Tony Murphy.

In the recent Lewes Wanderers Cycling Club's Two-Up Grand Prix de Gentlemen, Harry Featherstone, paced by Steve Frame, were placed second out of 31 teams racing on a very wet and windy day which made racing conditions very difficult for all teams.

A further 15 teams failed to start. Alan Symonds, paced by Kevin Burton, was placed 10th, Dave Cox/Adam Ford 11th, Tony Murphy /Iain Brogden 19th, Stuart Medhurst/TomRossitter 25th and Rob Rickson/Emma Richards 29th.

Tomorrow (Sunday) 18 Eastbourne Rovers riders will be taking part in the East Sussex Cycling Association's Reliability Trial over a 50 mile 'figure of eight' course based on East Hoathly.

RIGHT: Harry Featherstone, winner of the Veterans Short Distance competition



Further to the above press report, Ann Human has provided this comprehensive detail of the VTTA Surrey/Sussex Results for Eastbourne Rovers

Whilst we may be *'over the moon'* at Peter being 2nd in the VTTA Surrey/Sussex Group BAR and 41st in the VTTA national BAR – once again our very own cycling legend, Harry, has proved to be a real *'feather in our cap'*!

For their AGM in November Tim Carpenter, group recorder, reported that the highlights of the year included Ray Dare's National age record for 100 miles and *"Harry Featherstone has won almost every trophy"*.

As *'birds of a feather flock together'*, accompanying Harry in team wins at the June 10 are Dave Cox and Stuart Medhurst, plus Vic Butler and Alan Symonds at the September 25.

Well done Harry, you are truly inspirational, as a comment from one of our up and coming superstars shows – *"I thought I took up the sport too late in life, but realise I could have more than 35 years of cycling ahead if Harry is anything to go by"*

If you're not already *'knocked down by a feather'*, adding to Harry's impressive list of VTTA achievements this year, are two group age records as follows:

Harry Featherstone Eastbourne Rovers	10 miles	5.37	(S/S Group)
	25 miles	1.02.58	(S/S Group)

TROPHYS

Stan Harvey Memorial Trophy (Best on Standard 10 Miles) (Surrey Sussex 10 – 7 Jun 2008)

Harry Featherstone - Eastbourne Rovers +7 mins 15 secs

Robin Buchan Memorial Cup (Best Gp Member on Standard 25 Miles) (Surrey Sussex 25 – 21 Sep 2008)

Harry Featherstone - Eastbourne Rovers +20 mins 40 secs

Aubrey Wenman Trophy (Best Gp Member on Standard 25 Miles) (Bec CC 25 – 20 Jul 2008)

Harry Featherstone - Eastbourne Rovers +21 mins 19 secs (1.04.19)

Aldershot Cup (Best Gp Member on Standard 50 Miles) (Anerley CC 50 – 10 Aug 2008)

Harry Featherstone - Eastbourne Rovers +36 mins 47 secs (2.20.59)

Pound Hill Trophy (25 Mile Team Trophy) (Surrey Sussex 25 – 21 Sep 2008)

Eastbourne Rovers - Harry Featherstone, Vic Butler, Alan Symonds +62 mins 0 secs

Wilf How Cup (10 Mile Team Trophy) (Surrey Sussex 10 – 7 Jun 2008)

Eastbourne Rovers - Harry Featherstone, David Cox, Stuart Medhurst +13 mins 44 secs

STANDARD MEDALS

Dave Cox	Eastbourne Rovers	50 miles	+28min 33sec
Andrew Stobbart	Eastbourne Rovers	25 miles	+8min 33sec
Stuart Medhurst	Eastbourne Rovers	25 miles	+11min 39sec
		100 miles	+41min 20sec
Andrew Stobbart	Eastbourne Rovers	25 miles	+8min 33sec
Alan Symonds	Eastbourne Rovers	10 miles	+5min 54sec
		25 miles	+13min 28sec
		50 miles	+22min 10sec

VTTA 4 DISTANCE BAR RESULTS

S/S Pos	Nat Pos	Rider	25 m	50 m	100 m	12 hour	Av + mph
2	41	Peter Moon	0:58:47	1:57:49	4:16:53	243.497	3.783

VTTA 3 DISTANCE BAR RESULTS

S/S Pos	Nat Pos	Rider	25 m	50 m	100 m	+ on Std
4	85	Peter Moon	0:58:47 + 0:10:46	1:57:49 + 0:26:34	4:16:53 + 0:52:58	+ 1:30:18
9	115	Stuart Medhurst	0:57:23 + 0:11:39	2:09:29 + 0:13:50	4:26:13 + 0:41:20	+ 1:06:49
14	137	Tony Murphy	1:04:10 + 0:04:21	2:22:44 - 0:01:34	5:01:06 + 0:04:09	+ 0:06:56

VTTA 3 DISTANCE BAR TEAM RESULTS

S/S Pos	Nat Pos	Team	+ on Std
1	4	Eastbourne Rovers CC	+ 2:44:03

VTTA Surrey/Sussex diary dates for next year

VTTA Surrey/Sussex Annual Lunch & Prize Presentation
VTTA Surrey/Sussex 10 – promoted by Dave Cox

Sunday 01 February 2009
Saturday 06 June 2009



East Sussex Cycling Association

Annual Luncheon and Prize Presentation Sunday 18th January 2009

The annual luncheon and prize presentation will be held at the **Horseshoe Inn**, Windmill Hill, near Herstmonceux, East Sussex BN27 4RU – on the A271.

Bookings are being taken at a cost of £17.50 per person – everyone is welcome from 12:00 noon for lunch at 1:00 pm sharp.

Individual award winners from Eastbourne Rovers include Emma Richards, Harry Featherstone and Peter Moon, together with team awards for Iain Brogden, Steve Frame and Peter Moon for 50 miles, and Senior BAR Team of Tony Murphy, Emma Richards and Peter Moon.

Please join us in recognition and celebration of our riders' achievements, and support for the Association too.

Starter – Leek & Potato Soup

Main Course Option 1 – Roast Turkey with Roast Potatoes and Seasonal Vegetables

Or Vegetarian Option 2 – Feta and Courgette Patties with Moroccan Couscous

Or Vegetarian Option 3 – Goats Cheese, Spinach & Pine Nut Strudel

Desert – Apple & Blackberry Crumble with Ice Cream or Custard

Followed by – Tea or Coffee

If you have any queries please do not hesitate to contact Ann Human, Little Brook, 73 Wannock Lane, Eastbourne, East Sussex BN20 9SG. Telephone 01323 485180 or e-mail ann.human@btinternet.com

Please book by completing the form below and returning, together with the appropriate remittance (payable to East Sussex Cycling Association), to Ann Human or Peter Moon by Monday 29 December 2008.

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I was trawling through some old boxes and found the Eastbourne Herald press report shown below from 6 June 1981, when a very young Tim Fuller broke the juvenile (under 16) 25 mile record which still stands today!

I am sure you will all delight in reading the rest of the report and may the names of those mentioned bring it all flooding back!!!!

Super Tim cuts Rovers record by five minutes

EASTBOURNE Rovers' star junior rider Tim Fuller smashed the club's 25-mile schoolboy record by over five minutes at the weekend to record an incredible 'under-the-hour' time of 59 minutes 24 seconds on the superfast time trial course near Dartford.

The previous record was set last year by Simon Prior in 1 hour 5 mins.

Tim's ride was a personal best at the distance and he now seems all set to smash the schoolboy 50-mile record next week in the East Sussex Cycling Association's 50-mile TT.

Senior Rover John Lehane rode the same event and also

Cycling and cycle speedway

recorded a personal best time of 1 hour 5 min 42 sec, as did flying veteran Charles Robson who finished in 1 hour 1 minute 15 seconds, his fastest ride ever at this distance.

It was Charlie's second major success in successive weeks for in the Royal Navy 30-mile TT, his time of 1 hour 19 min 25 sec gained him fifth position overall.

Unfavourable wet conditions met the 96 riders in the Hastings and St Leonards CC Open 10 mile TT along the Pevensey Marsh course.

Fastest Rover in the morning was Mark Williams, who finished with a time of 24 min 7 sec, 1 minute

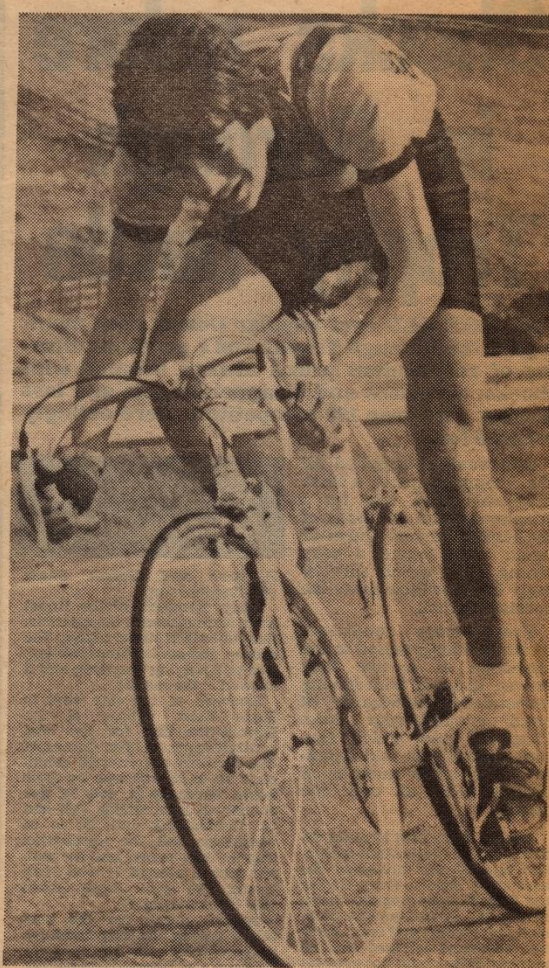
8 seconds down on event winner T. Goodsell (Archer RC).

Veteran Charlie Robson achieved another personal best time of 25.04, beating senior riders John Lehane (26.46), Clive Willis (26.50) and Graham Lade (26.58).

Veteran Harold Manser rode through a thunderstorm to finish with 27.00 as did John Pratt (28.08). Veterans Doug Roberts, Bob Christie, Brian Holt and George Dicks all achieved 28 minute rides.

In the schoolboy event, Jason Carey finished with 25.17, 2 min 13 sec down on winner M. Miles (Sydenham Wheelers) 23.04.

Gavin Holt, riding only his second race of the year, achieved 30.02 and helped the Rovers to win the schoolboy team award.



EASTBOURNE ROVERS cyclist Tim Fuller on his way to smashing the club's 25-mile schoolboy record.

THE BEST LAID PLANS OF MICE AND MEN

The weather forecast on Saturday did not look that promising with rain forecast and maybe some sleet/snow. This lovely weather was forecast to persist all day on Sunday!

Your erstwhile scribe got up at 5:15am Sunday morning, as I decided to ride out to the start. Hmm! I was ready to leave by just after 7am, yes I do not move that quickly in the mornings and it was dark outside so I was not really motivated.

I had only been on the road for one minute before the sleet started! Oh good, another dry ride foiled yet again then.

Well, the ride out was not too bad and the sleet was spasmodic and sparse, so I arrived at East Hoathly in an optimistic frame of mind. I signed on and availed myself of Dave's tea and biscuits and stuffed a banana in my back pocket for later.

Gradually other Rovers arrived. Dave Cox said Dave Dunbar had phoned him last night to say he would not be riding, a wise move as it subsequently turned out.

The weather was getting worse, as we prepared to leave the start. Just like a time trial, we had 5,4,3,2,1,go, from organizer Tony Palmer, and we were off with rain stinging our faces. Our ten had been reduced to seven, with Graham Lade and Peter Ingram also making a wise decision to stay indoors. The objective is to ride at about 21km/hr to make sure we get back in the 4 hours. If anyone punctures then the rest will probably keep going so as not to jeopardize all of us finishing by being out of time. I had my computer set on average speed, rather than distance, so that I could keep an eye on the average in case we needed to put the boot down a bit whenever we could to regain time lost on the climbs.

The slight climbs up towards Waldron already had us spread out with Julian Sykes storming ahead with some mutterings about needing to keep warm. The rest of us were covered by about 100 metres at most, regrouping from time to time. We were all together, apart from Julian, after the climb up to Horam and we swept right towards Vines Cross and thence to Heathfield. The climb up towards Heathfield spread us out again but we found our way through the mists up to the A265. We regrouped at this junction, not much being said as we were all a bit cold and wet. After a mile along the main road we turned left turn into Swife Lane and thence to the first control about three quarters of a mile down the Lane. Mike Hayler was doing a grand job collecting the control cards in the cold and wet. Mick Kilby and some other Lewes Wanderers were just leaving as we arrived. We had caught them for 5 minutes! Mick Kilby told us to go on as he was only doing the first loop and did not want to hold us up. We also caught up with Julian here. We had only averaged 21 km/hr to here. Hmm, can't slow down much then. Alan warned us about the state of the Lane, being covered in hedge clippings, as was Picadilly Lane, as he, Julian, Tony Gale and Ian Landless (of the Wanderers) had done a "recce" last Wednesday (which was a nice dry day!)

Swife Lane was covered in slush and ice and we, along with the Lewes peleton, took things very easy on the descent with one foot out in readiness for a bit of slipping and sliding. Fortunately no one fell off but we were getting strung out now and were mixed up with the Lewes. At the left turn, signed Mayfield 2 miles, Peter Moon and I were wondering where the rest of our group were. I recall Kevin joining us and maybe some of the others. Alan Symonds mentioned to me that he had already decided to call it a day once back at East Hoathly as he was cold and wet, having not put on a waterproof, expecting it to stop raining, no such luck.

Soon we were taking a right and then a left into Picadilly Lane, to climb towards Newick Lane. Peter and I arrived at Newick Lane and began the long gradual climb up Newick Lane back up to Heathfield. Still Peter and I were alone, where were the others? We were on the climb of Newick Lane when we were passed by

Stuart Medhurst and Andy Stobbard, who started in the group 5 minutes behind us. Still no sign of anyone else. (I saw Julian Sykes at the finish, he had punctured in Newick Lane and did not do the second loop).

The four of us Rovers met up at the right turn onto A265. Due to the severity of the climb Peter and I were down to an average riding speed of 19.7km/hr which was behind schedule of 20km/hr riding speed which is designed to get us back in time.

The run down through the centre of Heathfield enabled some speed to be realized and we pressed on hard in the company of the Lewes group to Cross in Hand, where we swung left and rode the half mile up the slight rise until we came to the left turn to Waldron and East Hoathly. The average speed had now just crept back to over 20km/hr and the descent to East Hoathly added another one km/hr, despite the few rises which we also had to endure.

Ah, the second control back at the start came into view as we swung right at The Kings Head pub. Before the start Dave Hudson had suggested that we pop in for a cuppa and a piece of Stollen cake before starting off on the next loop. As our average speed was still below 22km/hr Peter and I decided to go on without taking advantage of Dave's hospitality. We saw Stuart and Andy here at the control but no one else.

The rain started to get really heavy as we ploughed down the A22 to the left turn for Bentley Wildfowl. We had just passed Don Lock of the Worthing who then rode along with us for the rest of the way. I think he was grateful for the back wheel. It got him back in time!

Anyway, we progressed to Isfield, and across the railway crossing, on our way to the third control at Piltdown Pond. On the way up from Isfield we were caught by the Lewes group, who may have accepted Dave's offer at East Hoathly. We were all getting wetter and my glasses had steamed up so I had to look over the top of them!

We arrived en mass at Piltdown and I had to take off my right hand wet double glove to find the control card which was lurking in my back pocket and refusing to come to hand. Of course I then could not get my glove back on so rode right hand gloveless to the finish. My fingers got very cold and gear changing on the ergo levers became challenging as I did not have the strength to push the lever a cross to go up the block. It was OK going down though.

The speed was now averaging over 22km/hr when I had to stop to extricate a banana from my back pocket. Peter and I were soon off again, and as Don Lock had ridden past us again when we stopped we did not pick him up again until the climb up to Barcombe village.

The rain really hissed down now and through Barcombe Mills the water was right across the road and we were doused by passing cars. Delightful!

Soon we were passing through Ringmer and picking up the pace to 30km/hr down! with Don Lock still hanging on. To Laughton and the left turn, "East Hoathly 3 miles", and half an hour up on our finishing time. Curses, went too fast but we may have had a mechanical or P**ct*re so we had to press on. In any case the weather was so awful that hanging about was not an option. We let Don go on from here as he had no time in hand.

We arrived at East Hoathly at 12:20, having taken 3hrs 30 mins. for the ride at an average 22.7km/hr riding speed.

The sun had come out now so we hung around in East Hoathly, trolling up and down the road, meeting Ian Landless doing the same, saw lots of riders finishing, including my Audax riding companion Paul Outhwaite (3hrs 30 mins group) and the Steve Dennis, Mike Anton and Felix English "3 hrs 15 mins" group. Well done to them.

No other Rovers showed by the time our earliest finish time of 12:40 arrived, so Peter and I went into the warm of the finish control to hand in our cards to Tony Palmer. Apparently Tony was turning a blind eye to “early” finishers as long as they handed their cards in at the appropriate time. So we could have gone inside twenty minutes previously, having finished at 12:20. We waited (in vain) for the rest of the Rovers to arrive. What happened? Carnage on the roads?

After an appropriate time lapse, as I needed to refuel with Dave’s tea, Stollen cake and mince pies, and to witness the winning Lewes team photo, I prepared to leave.

As I left the hall Tony Palmer was mopping up the flooded floor. The sun was still out as I rode back down the main road to the Willow Café, where a right turn took me back to Hailsham, the Cuckoo Trail, Polegate and the climb up to Church Street on the main road (old A22, don’t know what it is now!) into Eastbourne. Cramp in my thighs caused a drop in gearing up to Church Street, then the descent and home. About 75 miles for the day. Acceptable.

Dave Hudson spoke to organizer Tony Palmer on Monday evening, Tony said that winners Lewes had 21 finishers, Worthing had 4 finishers and overall only 37 finished. Out of 113 entrants, 86 started.

I prophesy that the next wet Sunday will be 14th December when we are down to do Dave Hudson’s Mince Pie and Stollen Audax. Only joking, really!

Footnote: So what happened to everyone else?

Speaking to those at turbo training on 24th November, there were several tales of woe etc. and some of this may be wrong, let me know if it is;

Stuart Medhurst and Andy Stobbard got back to East Hoathly after the first loop and maybe went in for a cup of tea and some cake and then the heavens opened and that was it so they called it a day. Dave Cox had punctured about a mile or so from East Hoathly and had to extract the thorn from the tyre with his teeth! And when he got back to the 2nd Control at East Hoathly went in and then decided to not go on. Kevin Burton punctured south of Heathfield and Emma had problems at the start with her new overshoes not engaging the pedals, and Tony and Iain had stayed with her and then went off course, suffered disintegrating route sheet and that was it for them! Similarly, Rob Rickson did not go on for the 2nd half, neither did Adam Ford or Clive Richardson, and Andy Parsons was a DNS. Let’s hope for better luck when we do the Mince Pie and Stollen Audax in December.

AUDAX NEWS

From Richard Thomas

This month neither I nor anyone else rode any Audax events.

FORTHCOMING AUDAX EVENTS:

Mince Pie & Stollen 14th December 2008

We have several members already entered. When I received my details from Dave Hudson we had Julian Sykes, Kevin Burton, Alan Symonds, Adam Ford, Rob Rickson and me. I am sure Dave Cox has entered as have others.

Don’t forget the Hills and Mills in January and Mad Jacks, the Worthing Winter Warmer and Dave’s 1066 all in February. Entry forms will be available down at the Clubroom each Monday.

Mystery rider of the month.

Just for a bit of fun can you identify this club rider. As a clue the photos are from the 1950's.

The answer is on the last page of this Newsletter.



[History of the Club Trophies](#) .

[Tom McAll Distance Trophy by Richard Thomas](#)

I thought it might be a good idea, before we all forget, to collect information about the former stalwarts of the Club. We could start with the Club Trophies. Most were donated by a Club Member but who were they, what did they achieve, both in terms of racing and also in their contribution to local cycling.

I have won the Tom McAll Distance Trophy several times, so I thought we could start with Tom. But who was he? Has anyone any recollections?

The Trophy came into being in 1959, so should be within the recollection of some of our more senior Members. Originally the Trophy was awarded for a 24 hr TT but even in its second year no such event was ridden by a club member so it was awarded for a performance in a 12 hr TT.

The early winners were Brian Cornwell and C. Snelling. Can anyone provide details of their other achievements?

As can be seen from the winners, a few club riders have “specialized” in the longer distances, even though they were also very good at the shorter distances. For example, Cliff Sharp was Club Champion over 25 continuous years yet also won this cup each year from 1964 to 1971. Graham Lade would take Cliff to the events each year and would have to offer very strong words of encouragement in the final stages of the race in order for Cliff to break his own record.

By the early 1970's cycling in general was on the decline with interest in long distance events waning so the Trophy was not awarded again until 1979, when Charles Robson rode a 12 hour event. Dave Dunbar was the 12 hr champion in 1980.

Charles then went on to a string of good rides in 24hr events in the years 1981 to 1985 inclusive, setting the Club record in 1982 with 447.891 miles.

Geoff Baker was 12 hr Champion in 1986, and he led the Rovers Veterans team of Geoff, Charles and Richard Thomas when they broke the Vets record riding the National 12hr Champs. on the Poole Wheelers course based on Ringwood, Hampshire. Charles and Geoff both did rides of nearly 240 miles, and Richard brought up the rear with 224 miles to set a record of 700.823miles, a plus of 73.975 miles. They also nearly broke the Club record of 702.195 miles set in 1982. Now both records have stood for over 20 years.

Charles was champion in the years 1987 to 1989.

Andrea Winchester won the Trophy in 1990. Andrea was an exceptionally talented rider and she was National 100 mile TT champion in the early 1990's as well as coming well up in the top six in the National Women's BBAR. She also held the Club 100 mile TT record of 4:05:32 in 1990, beating the long standing record that was Cliff Sharp's.

In 1991 George Taylor, who always gave his all, did an unsupported ride of 253.952 miles in the Sussex CA event to break the Club Record. George rode it again in 1992 and promoted the event in 1994 when Richard rode covering 207 miles. The low mileage was due to the fact that pressure of work had kept him off his bike for the 4 weeks preceding the event!



Again in the mid to late 1990's, when the Club was going through a lean patch the Trophy was not awarded so in 1999 the Club decided that the Trophy could also be awarded for any long distance ride, hence the award for PBP in 1999, 2003 and 2007, BMB in 2005 and for an Audax SR "2000" series in 2000. Although these events are not races, they do need a certain level of physical fitness and preparation to complete.

The 12 hour record is held by Simon Prior, with 258.146 set in 1998. Peter Moon has picked up the baton now and has recorded very creditable rides and almost broke the club record in 2002 with 256.087 miles. As you know Peter has ridden the Kent 12hr in 2008 and did a good ride in very difficult conditions.

The fastest Club rider in Paris-Brest Paris is Richard Thomas, who set it at 76hrs 24mins in 1999, when the course was 25km over distance at 1250km. Andrea Winchester, in 1995, was the first Club rider to successfully complete the event. Richard Thomas is the only Club rider to have ridden and completed the American 1200km from Boston to Montreal and back, 1200km in 85hr 22mins. Richard rode the New Forest 1000km Audax in 2006 in 69hrs 15mins.

Listed below, for your interest, are the details of the winners of this Trophy.

Club Record

Year	Winner	Event	Distance (miles)	Year	Winner	Event	Distance
1959	Brian Cornwell	24 hours	432 miles 69 yds	1986	G. Baker	12 hours	239.346
1960	Brian Cornwell	12 hours	233 ³ / ₄	1987	C. Robson	12 hours	226.071
1961	Brian Cornwell	12 hours	237.27	1988	C. Robson	24 hours	389.84
1962	Brian Cornwell	12 hours	234 ¹ / ₄	1989	C. Robson	12 hours	218.50
1963	C Snelling	12 hours	226.878	1990	A. Winchester	12 hours	222.004
1964	C. Sharp	12 hours	226.495	1991	G. Taylor	12 hours	253.952
1965	C. Sharp	12 hours	233.5	1992	G. Taylor	12 hours	251.013
1966	C. Sharp	12 hours	225.1	1993	C. Robson	12 hours	218.397
1967	C. Sharp	12 hours	240.68	1994	R. Thomas	12 hours	207.022
1968	C. Sharp	12 hours	243.545				
1969	C. Sharp	12 hours	232.542	1995-97	Not awarded		
1970	C. Sharp	12 hours	242.78	1998	S. Prior	12 hours	258.146
1971	C. Sharp	12 hours	245.428	1999	R. Thomas	PBP in 76h 24m	1250km
1972-78	Not awarded			2000	R. Thomas	SR Series	2000km
1979	C. Robson	12 hours	228.218	2001	P. Moon	12 hours	234.975
1980	D. Dunbar	12 hours	240.0	2002	P. Moon	12 hours	256.087
1981	C. Robson	24 hours	447.491	2003	R. Thomas	PBP in 79h 36m	1225km
1982	C. Robson	24 hours	447.891	2004	R. Thomas	SR Series	1500km
1983	C. Robson	24 hours	439.36	2005	R. Thomas	BMB in 85h 22m	1200km
1984	C. Robson	24 hours	427.26	2006	R. Thomas	69h 15m	1000km
1985	C. Robson	24 hours	412.04	2007	R. Thomas	PBP in 87h 06m	1225km

The Newsletter will be out **in early January 2009. Please send in lots of articles.**

Articles wanted, please don't be shy. The success of the newsletter depends on you. Closing date for articles for next issue is **2nd January 2009.**

Please contribute something for members to read and enjoy!

My contact details are given at the top of the Newsletter.

Richard T.



Mystery rider exposed!

The photos are of Harry Featherstone in 1950's time trial mode and on the track.

Harry has recorded the details of each photo, top left is Harry in the Fountain CC 25 mile TT in 1952, when he recorded 1:03:37.

The bottom left is Harry in the Kentish Wheelers Club 25 mile TT in 1952 when he recorded 1:02:03.

The track photo is Harry in the 1953 National Pursuit Championships.

Please continue to support Adam at your local bike shop. He's ready and waiting to tune up your bike so you can go even faster as the season progresses!

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