

- 1958 H. Reynolds selected for World Professional R.R. but could not ride as only an Independent licence; 5th in Tour of Britain. Polo Team National Champions for fifth time. S. Bray 2nd in Mersey 24-hr., 455.7 miles
- 1959 National B.C.F. R.R. Champs. organised by R. Bowes; winner W. Batty. A. Winters second in National Cyclo Cross Championships. M.R.R.A. 100-mile record by Bas Keogh.

### THE FOURTH TEN YEARS

- 1960 H. Reynolds in Tour de France (but broke collar bone on 12th day descending a col) and World Professional R.R. Mersey R.C. 24-hr. team, A. Owen 4th. S. Bray (D. Cane Trike V.T.T.A. record 396 miles). Polo Team National League sixth year.
- 1961 Maccabiah Olympic Games, L. Durlacher won 1,000m. T.T., 4th. R.R. Polo team won National League seventh year and English Cup seventh year. R.T.T.C. Tricycle Competition record team: H. Bayley, S. Bray, R. J. Richards). M.R.R.A. B'ham—Oxford and back Tandem Trike record, R. Richards/L. Harris. A. Engers won Invitation Scratch 25 in course record.
- 1962 Tricycle National B.B.A.R. Champion, H. Bayley. Graham Webb tied with Les West in Invitation Scratch 25. Beryl Burton won the Ladies 25. Trevor Bull 6th in Empire Games. Mersey 24-hr., Solihull won the team for the third time (S. Bray 445.8, D. Cane, H. Bayley. Trike 417).
- 1963 G. Webb rode World Amateur 100 Km. Team T.T. Roy Cromack on short list. T. Bull on short list for 1964 Track Events and broke National 880 yds. S.S. record. H. Bayley National Tricycle B.A.R. for second time. Polo team won National League for ninth time in 10 years.
- 1964 T. Bull in Olympic Games and World's Team Pursuit, also 880 yds. record. Roy Cromack National 10 m. record, also in World's Individual Pursuit and 3rd in World's 100 Km. T.T.T. G. Webb selected (but no team sent finally). He also won Invitation Scratch 25 and came 3rd in R.T.T.C. Championships. Tricycle 100m. Champion H. Bayley. Club members won nearly all B'ham Division Championships. M. Hunt organised an Open Tourists Trial. (The Club's best year for number of Open wins—146).
1965. T. Bull rode in World Championships, also broke 1-mile S.S. Track record beating both amateur and professional records. L. Durlacher in Maccabiah Olympics, 2nd in 1,000m., 3rd in Sprint. R. Cromack 1st G.P. de Belgium, 3rd R.T.T.C. 25 National 10m. record. G. Webb 4th R.T.T.C. 25 after breaking frame. A. King National Junior Sprint Champion. National Team Pursuit Championship Team: T. Bull, G. Webb, R. Cromack, A. King. D. Shuttleworth organised second Open T.T. Trial.
- 1966 G. Webb rode World's Individual Pursuit, National Pursuit Champion, 4th R.T.T.C. 25 and set up National 25m and 1 hr. track records. National Team Pursuit Champions for second year in record time: G. Webb, R. Cromack, T. Bull, B. Moss. T. Bull bronze medallist Empire Games 10m. and in World's Pursuit Team also set up 1m. track record beating amateur and professional best, also F.S.  $\frac{1}{2}$ m. A. King National Junior Sprint Champion for second time. H. Bayley R.T.T.C. National Tricycle Competition 12-hr. record 249.6 m., M.M.R.A. 12-hr. and 24-hr. records on tricycle, also National Tricycle B.A.R. for fourth time. M. Bennett 4th National Junior 25. M. Hunt 6th British Cycle Touring Competition. Again Club won nearly all divisional championships.
- 1967 B. Moss 32nd in Tour of Britain. A. Taylor 3rd in R.T.T.C. 50-mile T.T. Championship. M. Shakespeare 1st reserve World's Cyclo Cross Championship. H. Bayley Tricycle 100m. T.T. Champion. G. Webb **WORLD AMATEUR ROAD RACE CHAMPION** (resigned Club a few months before going abroad).

1968. A. Taylor 2nd British Best All Rounder, season's fastest 30m. 1.7.15 and numerous course records. B. Moss 2nd in Stage 14 of Tour of Britain and rode Peace Race. J. Monk rode Tour of Britain and Manx International. Solihull R.R. became professional race.
- 1969 B. Moss National Cyclo Cross Champion, 2nd R. Page and with D. Boyle won the team. M. Shakespeare again 1st reserve for team in World Championship, 30th Invitation Scratch 25 run in spite of suspension. A. Taylor won B.B.A.R. (but had resigned Club this year). Club Team 2nd in Divisional Pursuit Championship.
- 1970 Invitation Scratch 25 run in spite of suspension, won by Willi Moore. Roger Page 3rd National Cyclo-Cross, selected for G.B. M. Shakespeare 4th and again selected 1st reserve G.B. Mick Bennett selected Tour of Bohemia and also selected for World's Track Championships but unable to ride due to illness; rode the Commonwealth Games at Edinburgh. Club won 'Evening Despatch' Mystery Run for most members taking part for the second year in succession. S. Bray Midland Group V.T.T.A. Best All-rounder.
- 1971 M. Bennett selected World Championships, also won Antwerp Amateur 6-day. Roger Page silver medal National Cyclo Cross.
- 1972 M. Bennett selected for Tour of Holland and won bronze medal in World Team Pursuit Championship.
- 1973 M. Bennett National 1 Km. Champion, also silver medal in World Team Pursuit Championship (awarded gold when W. German team crashed but team refused it). R. Travis B'ham Divisional R.R. Champion. World Cyclo-Cross Championships organised at Crystal Palace by Ray Richards. 'AWHEEL' ceased being printed but retained same size. New Editor B. Moss.
- 1974 M. Bennett rode in Milk Race and Commonwealth Games; won silver medal in National Kilometre, also rode in National Pursuit, Madison and 20 Km.; Mick also rode World Championship Team Pursuit but a crash put them out in quarter finals. Invitation Scratch 25 abandoned this year. Club Sponsored Rides started by H. Reynolds. 'AWHEEL' duplicated.
1975. Only four 'AWHEELS'. Club H.Q. moved to Woodbourne Sports Club.
- 1976 Tim Broadhead won National Schoolboys Cyclo-Cross, also came 8th behind C. Wreghitt in Senior Championship and selected for B.C.C.A. National squad. Trevor Charlton 'AWHEEL' Editor.
- 1977 Tim Broadhead selected for Frankfurt 3-day race, placed in nearly all Cyclo-Cross events, was 3rd in National Junior R.R. Championships, I.O.M. and 2nd in National Junior Cyclo-Cross Championships. Robert Gill took bronze medal in Birmingham Division Pursuit Championship, also set up new Club 25 record 53.30 in Richmond & Darlington 25.
- 1978 Club room, Club runs and Club events flourishing, membership increasing rapidly. The 1977 Veterans' Road Race Champion Alan Boden then a 2nd claim member now 1st claim member. H. Reynolds 2nd in National Vets. R.R. Championship, also fastest actual time 22.30 in Vets National "10" m. Harry also at age of 42 years Club 25 T.T. Champion, 57.41. John Holland 4th in V.T.T.A. National Cyclo Cross. Tim Broadhead selected for National Cyclo Cross Squad. December A.G.M. our first ever Lady Magazine Editor, Mrs. Pauline Smith.
- Schoolboy David Price 5th in National R.R. Championships, 1st E.S.C.A. Area Road and Time Trial Championships, 6th National Pursuit, 2nd Division Pursuit, Sprint, Road Race Championships, 2nd G.H.S. Midland Championships; 14 Road Race wins in all.
- 1979 Richard Elson won Bronze Medal in National Schoolboys Cyclo-Cross Championship following up with two first in Junior Cyclo-Cross events.

## SOLIHULL C.C. 1978 SEASON TROPHY WINNERS

- B.S.A. Scratch Open '25' Cup. D. E. Binks, Leicester R.C. 1.1.40.  
B.S.A. Bowl Ladies Open '25'. Mrs. W. Lewis, Coventry Olympic R.C. 1.10.23.  
Noel Brealey Memorial Trophy. Open 10 mile T.T. S. Hudson, Coventry R.C. 21.49.  
Brooks Challenge Trophy. Open Road Race. S. White, Gemini C.C.  
Shaw Blakelock Jr. Road Race. I. Fagan, Worcester St. John's C.C.  
C. F. Dawes Club Championship '25' Cup. H. T. Reynolds. 57.55.  
Dunlop Trophy Club Road Race Champion, H. T. Reynolds.  
Evelyn Hamilton Ladies '25' Championship. Mrs. P. Smith. 1.13.29.  
S. J. Clark (Cables) Ladies 10 m. T.T. Championship. Mrs. M. Paveley. 28.01.  
'Pop' Maitland Memorial 12 hr. H'cap Shield. Mrs. M. Paveley. 273.5 miles.  
A. V. May Ladies B.A.R. Mrs. M. Paveley. 21.292 m.p.h.  
Official of the Year Trophy. Mrs. M. Paveley.  
W. Jones 50 mile Champion Cup. R. Gordon. 2.5.55.  
C. A. Lovegrove Vets B.A.R. Trophy. P. Smith. 22.969 m.p.h. + 2.089 m.p.h. on Standard.  
'Pop' Bray Jr. B.A.R. Trophy. S. Mountford. 24.004 m.p.h.  
Gaumont Cinemas Junior Road Race Champion. S. Mountford.  
C. A. Lovegrove Memorial Schoolboys 5 mile T.T. Club Championship. D. Price. 11.49.  
Schoolboys Road Race Trophy. D. Price.  
Andy Freeth Schoolboy B.A.R. Trophy. D. Price. 24.54 m.p.h.  
Cyclo Cross Club Championship Trophy. R. Elson.  
P. Bennett Memorial Shield Club Runs. J. Godsall.  
'Yabbergabber' Cup Best Magazine Article. A. E. Taylor.  
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Mag. S. P. V. Bray.  
H. Musgrave Marshalling Trophy. Mrs. B. Paveley.  
J. Watterson Trophy. Most Promising Member. Mrs. B. Paveley.  
Chief Hobbo. I. McQuaig.  
W. Jones 50 mile H'cap Trophy. M. Eccleston. 1.56.01.  
J. W. Bryan 100 mile Club Championship. M. Eccleston. 4.31.25.  
W. R. Crabbe 12 hr. Club Championship. M. Eccleston. 239.4 miles.  
J. E. Walker Club Events Points Trophy. M. Eccleston. 210 points.  
A. Y. Jarrett Open B.A.R. (25.50.100 12 hr.) M. Eccleston. 23.886 m.p.h.



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# *The Solihull Classic Cycle Road Race*

**26th May 1991**

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*Race Programme*

## Programme of Events

- 1020 - Main Race leaves HQ and proceeds to High Street.
- 1030 - Solihull Classic starts in High Street.  
(Neutralised to Knowle) *MAX 36 RIDERS.*
- 1115 - Solihull MBC Senior Circuit Race - Town Centre *20 LAPS*
- 1200 - Pheonix Construction Cavalcade of Vintage and Veteran Cycles. *30 MAX.*
- 1230 - McDonalds Schoolboys and Girls Circuit Race. *10 LAPS*
- 1-00 - Chippendale Press Junior Circuit Race. *20 LAPS*  
(For the Shaw - Blakelock Trophy) *35 MAX.*
- 2-00 - (Approx) Classic leaves main circuit and returns to Town Centre. Continues to complete **4 laps** of extended finishing circuit. *(3 miles)*
- 2-30 - (Approx) Classic Race finishes in High Street.
- 2-40 - Presentation of main prizes by the Mayor of Solihull in the High Street.

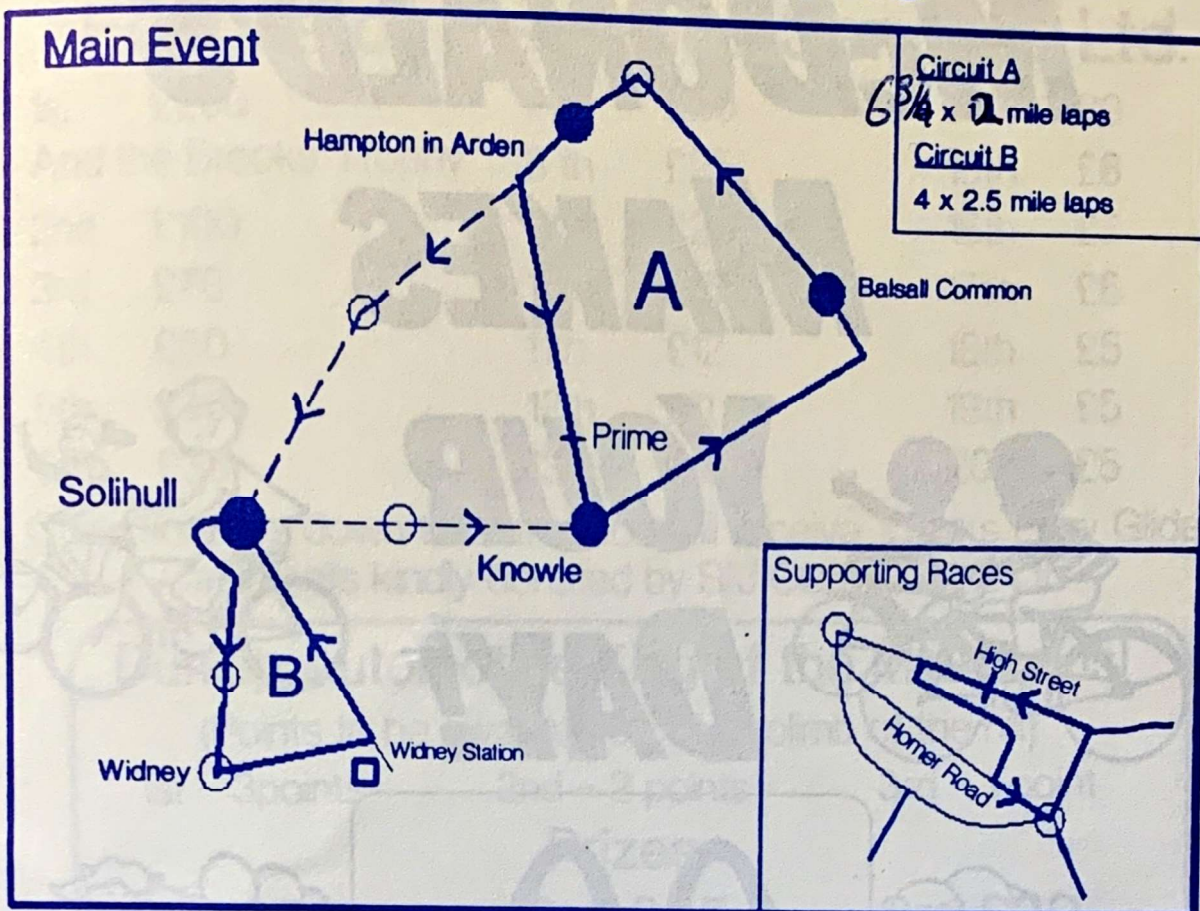
## Spectator Notes

Church services and a wedding will be taking place at St. Alphege Church on the Town Circuit. Please respect worshippers by keeping noise to a minimum in that area.

If you must park in the town centre please use the Civic Hall car park via Homer Road or the car parks off Prince's Way.

Park sensibly on the main circuit, particularly near the prime hill.

# Course Details



## To See The Races

**Main Event** - From 1030 the race will complete 6 3/4 laps of Knowle High Street, Kenilworth Road A4023, Station Road Balsall Common, A452, turn left at island for Hampton in Arden B4102, Eastcote Lane & Hampton Road over prime hill (every lap) back to Knowle. Good view at Hampton and at the hill into Knowle. At about 2.00pm the race returns to Solihull via Catherine de Barnes, Marsh Lane, Warwick Road, New Road. Then FOUR laps High Street, Prince's Way, turn right, into Monkspath Hall Road to Widney Lane, left to Widney Manor Station, left along Widney Manor Road, return to High Street via Church Hill. Finish approx 2.30pm.

**Supporting Races** - See map insert above. First race 11.15am.

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## Prizes - Main Event - Donated by Edgbaston Insurance Services Ltd.

1st	£200	7th	£30	14th	£9
And the Brooks Trophy		8th	£25	15th	£8
2nd	£100	9th	£20	16th	£7
3rd	£70	10th	£15	17th	£6
4th	£50	11th	£12	18th	£5
5th	£40	12th	£11	19th	£5
6th	£35	13th	£10	20th	£5

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(Points to be awarded on each climb of the hill)

1st - 3points      2nd - 2 points      3rd - 1 point

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2nd £35

3rd £20

### First team of three - £75

#### Special Sprint Prizes

First time across the finish line on entering finishing circuit **£40**  
(Warwick Cycles)

2nd Time across the line **£20** (Lonmore Construction)

3rd Time across the line **£20** (Sapcotes Ltd)

### Cycle Helmet Safety Display

See the display kindly provided by Solihull Metropolitan  
Borough Council Road Safety Unit, In  
**McDonalds** High Street Restaurant, near the finish.

# THE FIELD.

NO.	NAME	CLUB	COLOURS	CAT
1	Andrew Roche (1990 Event Winner)	Ellan Vannin CC	B/Blk/W	1
2	Brian Tinsley	Solihull CC 'A'	B/R/W	1
3	Philip Leigh	Solihull CC 'A'	B/R/W	1
4	Graham McGarrity	Solihull CC 'A'	B/R/W	1
5	Matthew Norman	Solihull CC 'A'	B/R/W	1
6	Richard Evans	Solihull CC 'A'	B/R/W	1
7	Ian Fagan	Royal Sutton CC	G/O/W	1
8	Mike Jones	Royal Sutton CC	G/O/W	1
9	Roy Chamberlain	Royal Sutton CC	G/O/W	1
10	Andrew Collis	Royal Sutton CC	G/O/W	2
11	Wayne Randle	Dinnington RC	Y/Blk/W	1
12	John Tanner	Dinnington RC	Y/Blk/W	1
13	Neil Martin	Dinnington RC	Y/Blk/W	1
14	Martin Maltby	Dinnington RC	Y/Blk/W	1
15	Rowan Smart	Velo Club Nottingham	R/Y/B	1
16	Alan Taylor	Velo Club Nottingham	R/Y/B	1
17	Richard Smith	Velo Club Nottingham	R/Y/B	2
18	Jonathan Buckle	Velo Club Nottingham	R/Y/B	2
19	Gary Brooks	Anglia Sport	B/W/O	1
20	Paul Wickens	Anglia Sport	B/W/O	1
21	Ben Paton	Anglia Sport	B/W/O	1
22	Chris White	Birmingham Mercury	B/W/Y	1
23	Terry Cooper	Birmingham Mercury	B/W/Y	1
24	Steve Tonge	Birmingham Mercury	B/W/Y	2
25	Sean McVitty	Liverpool Mercury	P/Y/G	1
26	Gary Adamson	Liverpool Mercury	P/Y/G	1
27	Dave Williams	Liverpool Mercury	P/Y/G	1
28	Gary Foord	Wembley RC	B/R/Y	1
29	Andrew Harrison	Wembley RC	B/R/Y	1
30	Rick Dalton	Wembley RC	B/R/Y	1
31	Ben Wilson	Solihull CC 'B'	B/R/W	2
32	Matthew Downs	Solihull CC 'B'	B/R/W	2
33	Richard Shardlow	Stourbridge CC	O/W/Blk	1
34	Paul Noakes	Stourbridge CC	O/W/Blk	2
35	Mike Poole	Stourbridge CC	O/W/Blk	2
36	Stephen Calland	ABC Centreville		
37	Richard Clough	ABC Centreville		

# SOLIHULL CLASSIC.

NO.	NAME	CLUB	COLOURS	CAT.
38	Andrew Hitchens	Bournemouth Arrow	R/Go	1
39	John McKenzie	Bournemouth Arrow	R/Go	1
40	Mark Lovatt	Congleton CC	B/W/Blk	1
41	Mike Harrison	Congleton CC	B/W/Blk	1
42	Alan Gornall	Manchester Wheelers	B/W/R	1
43	Darren Jinks	Manchester Wheelers	B/W/R	2
44	Martin Jones	CC Abergavenny	R/W/Blk	1
45	Dudley Hayton	East Bradford CC	B/Y/R	2
46	Richard Prebble	Gloucester City CC	Cl/Go	1
47	John Charlesworth	Ace Racing Team	Blk/W	1
48	Simon Price	Leicester Road Club	Y/R/B	1
49	Karl Lyndon	Loughborough Students CC	B/Pi	1
50	Chris Creaghan	Paragon RT	R/Blk/W	1
51	Darryl Webster	Ratae RC	Pu/R/W	1
52	Bryan Long	Southend and County Wh.	Y	1
53	Ian Hellawell	Stockton Wheelers	B/Y/W	1
54	Ian Dumbill	Team Kronos	R	2
55	Lee Travis	Tunstall Wheelers	O/Y	1
56	Ian Snookes	VC Halton	G/W/Y	1
57	Matthew Charity	VC St. Raphael	R/W/B/Blk	2
58	Dan Smith	Festival RC	W/R	1
59	Gary Sadler	West Midlands Police CRC	R/W/Blk	2
60	Pete Wilkes	Wolverhampton RCC	R/W/B	1

## RESERVES.

61	Eddie O'Brien	Southport Road CC	Y/B	2
62	Stephen Green	Southport Road CC	Y/B	2
63	David Sinar	Beacon RCC	R/W/G	2
64	Ian Foster	Elizabethan CC	Purple/W	2
65	David Mulroy	Lyme Road Club	O/B	2
66	Ian Holbrook	Stone Wheelers	B	2
67	Chris Allcock	Alpha Racing Team	R/Y/W	2
68	John Clarke	Calleva CRC	Y/G	2
69	Tony Williams	Leamington C & AC	B/R/W	2
70	Matthew Oldfield	VC Pierre	Various	2

# Solihull Metropolitan Borough Council

## 3rd Category Seniors. Veterans and Ladies Race

NO.	NAME	CLUB	COLOURS	CAT
1	David Driver	Solihull CC	B/R/W	3
2	Neil Cowley	Solihull CC	B/R/W	3
3	Jonathan Keast	Solihull CC	B/R/W	3
4	John Bayliss	Royal Sutton CC	G/O/W	3
5	Andrew Morgan	Royal Sutton CC	G/O/W	3
6	Martin Smith	Royal Sutton CC	G/O/W	3
7	Frank Rice	Coventry Road Club	W/R/B/Go	v
8	Mark Garrett	Coventry Road Club	W/R/B/Go	3
9	Darren Atkins	Coventry Road Club	W/R/B/Go	3
10	Matthew Adcock	Hinckley CRC	G/R/W	3
11	Ian Lowes	Tamworth RCC	B/Y	3
12	Paul Martin	Birchfield CC	Blk/W/G	3
13	Chris Singleton	Halesowen ACC	Pink	3
14	John Archer	Abbotsford Park CC	B/Y/Pink	v
15	Martin Cole	Coventry Olympic	Black	3
16	Graham Ballard	Coventry Olympic	Black	3
17	Fred Browning	Blackheath CC	R/W	v
18	Geoff Jordan	Kenilworth Wheelers	B/W	v
19	Tony Green	Solihull CC	B/W/R	3
20	Michael Bradley	Birmingham Mercury	W/B/G	3
21	Duncan Jack	Solihull CC	B/W/R	3
22	Robert Hughes	Wolverhampton Wh.	Go/B	3
23	David Slater	Penn CC	R/W	3
24	Jon Mills - Keeling	Wrekinsport CC	G/W/Y	3
25	Richard Gordon	Beacon RCC	R/G/W	3
26	Gerald Murray	Hinckley CRC	G/R/W	3
27	Stephen Hornby	Penn CC	R/W	3
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### Prizes

1st	2nd	3rd	4th	5th
£15 + Tubular Tyre	£12 + Leppin Products	£10 + Leppin	£8	£5

# McDonalds

## Schoolboys and Girls Race (10 Laps)

No.	NAME.	CLUB.	COLOURS
1.	Ryan Ballard	Coventry Olympic	Black
2	Simon Buckingham	Coventry CC	Yellow/Blue
3	Alex Jackson	CC Eclipse	Yellow/Pink
4	Christopher White	CC Eclipse	Yellow/Pink
5	Robert Lloyd	Penn CC	White/Red
6	Andrew Roughan	Leamington C & AC	Wh/Red/B
7	Stephen Galligan	Bromsgrove Olympique	B/W
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10	(Further Riders enter on the day)		
11			
12			

### Prizes

1st	2nd	3rd	4th	5th
£12 + Clarks Cables	£8 + Leppin Products	£6	£5	£4

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Welland Valley Wheelers - ANC Parcels

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Stone Wheelers - Assos UK

Belper CC - Thorntons

Team Zoyland - Ralph Colman Cycles

Leicester Road Club - Medella

Bournemouth Arrow - Fircroft Hotel



# Chippendale Press Junior Circuit Race For the Shaw - Blakelock Trophy

NO	NAME	CLUB	COLOURS	CAT
1	Stephen Smith	Wrekingsport CC	G/Y/B	3
2	Andrew Davies	Wrekingsport CC	G/Y/B	J
3	Lee Smith	Wrekingsport CC	G/Y/B	J
4	Richard Braddock	Tunstall Wheelers	Y/R/Purple	3
5	Raymond Morris	Tunstall Wheelers	Y/R/Purple	3
6	Richard Goddard	Newport Salop CC	R/W/B	3
7	Kevin Mayne	Godric CC	G/Y/R	3
8	Dave Rudd	CC Abergavenny	R/W/Blk	3
9	John Sutton	Bilston Coureurs	Y/R/B	3
10	Mark Wenham	Leamington C & AC	R/W/B	3
11	Martyn Frank	Mid Shropshire Wheelers	Gold/B	J
12	Paul Grubb	Mid Shropshire Wheelers	Gold/B	J
13	Simon Hill	CC Eclipse	Y/Pink	J
14	Alexander Whale	Midland C & AC	B/W	J
15	Timothy Smith	Wrekingsport CC	G/Y/B	3
16	Mark Philbrook	Wolverhampton RCC	W/R/B	3

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(Further riders enter on the day)

## Prizes

1st	2nd	3rd	4th	5th
£15 + Clarks Cables	£12 + Leppin Products	£10 + Leppin	£8	£5

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## **ERIC WALKER**

Eric was one of the founding members of our club, being involved right from the very beginning back in 1929. He was not only popular but had the knack of making things happen, cajoling others into various tasks that helped the club grow.

Eric filled many of the club's appointments over the years but his service to the club was especially impressive during the war years when he coordinated the sending of parcels and letters to our club members on active service all over the world. By then the club had established the Hobo Run, the Annual Dinner, Club Magazine and regular club runs and despite all the adversity of the war years, Eric was one of the key members that made sure the club survived and prospered.

Eric farmed in Catherine de Barnes and Walker's Farm became a key part of club life for many years, especially where Bicycle Polo was concerned as this was an incredibly popular aspect of club life back then.

Eric, and his colleagues in the club at the time, went through so many hardships to develop and maintain the ethos of the club and all its varied activities during the most desperate war years; it is well worth our while nowadays ensuring we don't let these club traditions slip into disuse. We all owe a lot to Eric.

## **TOMMY GODWIN**

Tommy was one of the most-loved characters in the history of our club. A phenomenal athlete on the track he led a disciplined life and inspired friendship and loyalty by all who came into contact with him.

Despite his friendly demeanour Tom was a ferocious athlete on the track and, at the time he raced, grass-track racing was also tremendously popular. He regularly mopped up national titles on both hard track and grass and even though he won over many longer distances he had great speed so a sprint finish (with a bit of physical intimidation) was always his favourite hunting ground. Handicap races were tremendously popular in the 1940's so Tom regularly had to work his way through other riders to get to the finish line as he invariably started off in scratch position at the back.

His greatest racing achievements were undoubtedly his two medals in the 1948 London Olympic Games in the kilo and team pursuit.

After his racing career ended Tom not only set up his own successful bike shop in King's Heath but also became Team Manager of the Great Britain team. He worked closely with Hugh Porter who won 4 World Championships at the time and of course a young Mick Bennett was coached, nurtured and developed on to Olympic success by Tom.

Tom went on to become President of our club and perhaps his greatest pleasure in life, other than his close-knit family, was being a Guest of Honour at the 2012 London Olympics and carrying the Olympic torch when it passed through Solihull that year. Tom lived and breathed the Olympic ideals and everyone in the club sorely misses him.

## **GRAHAM WEBB**

Our own Graham Webb was viewed as one of the most naturally gifted riders the country has ever produced. When he joined the club in the 1960's his reputation quickly grew and there are numerous amusing anecdotes.

Graham started off with club time trials but soon added the track to his interests and of course the road. He was a superb time triallist and pursuiter and in 1965 broke the British One Hour Record held by the world-class rider Les West.

Selected for the World Championships in The Netherlands in 1967, Graham first rode the track in Amsterdam but was disappointed by his performance. He still wanted the chance of a rainbow jersey and so rode over 200 kilometres to where the World Road Race Championships were being held in South Limburg. The rest is history. Riding against such international stars as Roger de Vlaeminck he rode away to win on his own and became the Amateur World Road Race Champion.

Graham turned professional shortly afterwards but unfortunately was not well treated by his team and he quickly became disillusioned and finished racing. He went on to live in Belgium, adopting Belgian nationality. He was something of an enigma but just ask our older members about his racing exploits and you will appreciate what a talent this man had. Sadly Graham passed away in Belgium just a few years ago after a long illness but not before he had added several Masters World titles to his victories.

## **BOB MAITLAND**

Bob was one of the club's trailblazers, having joined in the 1940's. He was an incredibly successful road cyclist winning numerous national and international honours at a time when going abroad to race was a major undertaking when there was no support or funding from our national federation.

Successes included winning the National Hill Climb Championship in 1945, winning the National Team Time Trial with clubmates Bowes and Moreton, winning the National Road Race Championships in 1948 and leading the Solihull CC to a team victory in the same race with Dick Bowes and Tom Buckley. Bob won the highly prestigious Beacon Mountain Time Trial – the time trial that everyone wanted to win – in 1948, 1949 and 1950. He raced extensively abroad including the Peace Race in Eastern Europe.

Bob came 7<sup>th</sup> in the London Olympic Road Race in 1948 and led Great Britain to a Silver medal in the team competition.

In 1955 he rode superbly in the Tour de France and it was his presence at this race that inspired our own Harry Reynolds to replicate that achievement just a few years later.

Bob was not just a fast rider. He was immensely popular and one of those people that made things happen and, at a time of change in cycling, he left the Solihull CC on friendly terms and established the Concorde Road Club whose club colours closely mirror those of the Solihull. There was a friendly rivalry between both clubs but no bad feeling and it is a measure of Bob just how popular he was right across the country.

Sadly Bob passed away a few years ago but his achievements won't be forgotten for many years.

## **DICK BOWES**

Dick's name might not be known to our younger members but after joining the club in the 1940's he developed into being a top international racing man in the 1950's and inspiring many other club members, such as Harry Reynolds, to set their sights high. Indeed Dick became a great mentor to young Harry who quickly stepped up to the mark. Dick contributed to club life in many ways, always playing his part by helping at events and indeed filling numerous club appointments. He won the first Manx International Road Race in 1952, represented Great Britain at numerous World Championships and was an Olympian in both the London and Helsinki Olympics in 1948 and 1952. The night before the Olympic Road Race in London, several members of the club rode down to London through the night to support the two riders (Bob Maitland and Dick himself) we had in the race (not forgetting Tommy Godwin riding the track elsewhere) and because of a shortage of equipment for the British team, they laid out their spare tubs and spanners in the pits to help the British riders. Our members were disappointed that on the day Dick was listed as a reserve but he went on to make up for this disappointment with further international honours and of course the next Olympics.

Dick's racing achievements are too numerous to count but in addition to his success in the Isle of Man he was 7<sup>th</sup> in the World Amateur Road Race Championships and won the first ever open road race organised by the National Cycling Union when he won in spectacular style, catching the race winning break on the final run in and outsprinting them for victory.

What makes Dick special was not only his superb international racing career but also how he stayed loyal to the club during a period of tremendous change in competitive cycling. He was the racing man that everyone looked up to and because of him we had many members coming through in the 1950s and 1960s who wanted to, and did, emulate him in international events.



## **HARRY AND KEITH REYNOLDS**

Harry and Keith are both well known to all of our current members, as they are still active cyclists. Harry was at the peak of his career in the late 1950's achieving numerous successes on the road at a time when Great Britain had a particularly strong set of riders. He led the Solihull CC squad of Pete Janes and Dick Bowes to team victory in the Manx International in 1956 and represented Great Britain at the Olympic Games on the road where he won a Silver medal. Turning professional Harry spent much time racing abroad and he rode the Tour de France in 1960 where he unfortunately crashed out with a broken collarbone. Harry won the National Junior Road Race Championships in 1953, was 3<sup>rd</sup> in the senior event in 1956 and won the veterans event in 1979!

Keith emulated Harry in many ways enjoying a superb career on the road. Having won the Peter Buckley National Junior Series in 1981 he went on to ride with distinction as an amateur where he won a Commonwealth Games Gold Medal in the team time trial in Edinburgh in 1986 along with several national championships along the way. Keith enjoyed a successful professional career lasting ten years, at a time when the sport's distinction between amateur and professional classes was changing and went into the 1989 Milk Race on the last day holding the yellow jersey, having won two stages, but was cruelly robbed of overall victory by riders from Raleigh working at any cost to prevent a win by Keith's rival Falcon team. Keith also won the highly prestigious Lincoln GP in 1993.

Keith now works as part of the Great Britain Cycling Team being responsible for their logistics operations.

In their spare time, Harry rides an electric bike, beating our top riders going uphill and Keith wins club time trials whenever he feels like it to keep himself active!

## **DAN GORDON**

Dan is a member of the legendary Gordon family – all of whom have made their indelible mark on the history of the Solihull Cycling Club!

Despite suffering from visual impairment, Dan has achieved success in both sporting and academic terms. As a track and field athlete he represented Great Britain on many occasions between 1995 and 2003 in the 400 metres, High Jump and Long Jump and medalled in the European Championships. He was approached by British Cycling in 2003 who wanted to test his athletic ability and suitability for cycling and in his test ride, without any preparation whatsoever, he beat the British record for a flying 200 metres on the track. Riding tandem events he went on to win three National Championships, become double European Champion and win the World Cup. He was, highly controversially, robbed of an almost certain Paralympic Gold in Athens when he was disqualified for a mechanical issue in the kilometre time trial, having broken the world record just two weeks before the Games.

Dan then focussed on his academic career and has since become Principal Lecturer in Exercise Physiology at the Anglia Ruskin University.

The entire Gordon family have been much-loved and indeed inspirational members of our club. Roy Gordon achieved considerable sporting success as one of the Midland's top time triallists having already represented Warwickshire at cricket. And of course he led the A Run for many years. Margaret has been one of the longest ever serving club secretaries (perhaps even the longest?) and both Roy and Margaret were awarded life membership in recognition of their numerous contributions to club life. Tim Gordon is following in the footsteps of Roy, contributing to many club promotions and organising the club cyclo cross. Tim's children, Alex, James and Steph also take part in many club events.

The Gordon Family are a hard act to beat and epitomise everything we stand for as a club.

## **TREVOR BULL**

Trevor Bull was a highly successful rider, having joined the club in the late 1960's. Whilst he was best known for being a top track sprinter, he was also a highly accomplished road rider and enjoyed a long professional career both on road and track.

In the late 1960's the club had a rich seam of talent with many of our riders taking part in all disciplines. Mick Bennett and Steve Tonry were both rivals of Trevor and of a similar age but Trevor also came up against club rivals Roy Cromack, Graham Webb, Barry Moss, Richard Travis and many more. A young Trevor became National Team Pursuit Champion with Webb, Cromack and Moss in 1966 and also won the 1 mile national track record in the same year. He won numerous national track medals and was selected to represent Great Britain in the Tokyo Olympics where he memorably climbed a very high flagpole to successfully "borrow" the Olympic flag that was flying over the stadium. He also won a Bronze medal in the Commonwealth Games and claimed victory in the highly regarded Muratti Cup.

Trevor went on to enjoy a superb professional career on the road from 1968 to 1981, which is an achievement in itself in terms of career span, and won many races with his ferocious sprint.

In his later years off the bike, Trevor remained in close contact with the sport and spent many hours working with riders with visual impairment.

## **ROY CROMACK**

Roy Cromack was, along with our own Paul Carbutt, one of the most incredible all rounders the sport has ever seen. Roy won medals in every distance and discipline from 4000 metres on the track to the National 24 Hours Championships on the road.

Roy joined the club in the mid 1960's and was part of our "golden crop" of riders at that time who were all riding and winning at national and international level. Roy's victories and achievements are too numerous to mention in this short summary but include winning the National 10 mile scratch race on the track in 1966, winning the team pursuit championship with fellow clubmates from the Solihull, always achieving highly in the British Best All Rounder Competition and even riding the Peace Race - one of the hardest amateur stages in the World behind what was then the Iron Curtain.

It seems incredible that Roy could ride club runs, even the Hobo Run, then turn up to race and win over 4000 metres at a national level on the track, ride road races and then go on to ride the National 24 Hour Time Trial Championships in 1969 where he smashed the record to become the first ever rider to beat 500 miles - 507 miles to be exact - beating his nearest rival by over 15 miles. His record stood for many years.

Roy was an Olympian, representing Great Britain at the 1968 Olympics where he performed with distinction. His career as a schoolteacher took him all over the UK and into the RAF where he travelled widely but he always kept a special bond with the club and his team mates of that time.

## T C (Tommy) GODWIN

He started racing on the track as a member of the Rover R C C.

In 1939 he started racing in open events and won a gold medal in a 1000 metre sprint and a bronze in 5 miles grass.

Won the BSA Gold Column outright with wins in 1945, 46 and 47.

At Fallowfield in 1949 he took the Muratti Gold Cup outright watched by 15000 spectators after previously winning in 1946 and 47 and taking 2nd place in 1948. This was for the 5 miles event run by Manchester Wheelers Club. When he refused to sell the trophy back he was told he could not race at Manchester again and Tommy told them what he thought in plain words.

In 1948 he won two bronze medals medals at the Olympic Games.

In 1951 he won the BSA Vase outright at the Bournville meeting.

He was British Team Manager at the Tokyo Olympics in 1964.

English Team Manager at Commonwealth Games in Perth in 1962.

National Track Coach in 1962.

National Team Manager 1959 to 1971.

In 1981 he rode Lands End to John O'Groats with the help of Frank Wells and the late Sammy Simpson and raised £3000 for the blind.

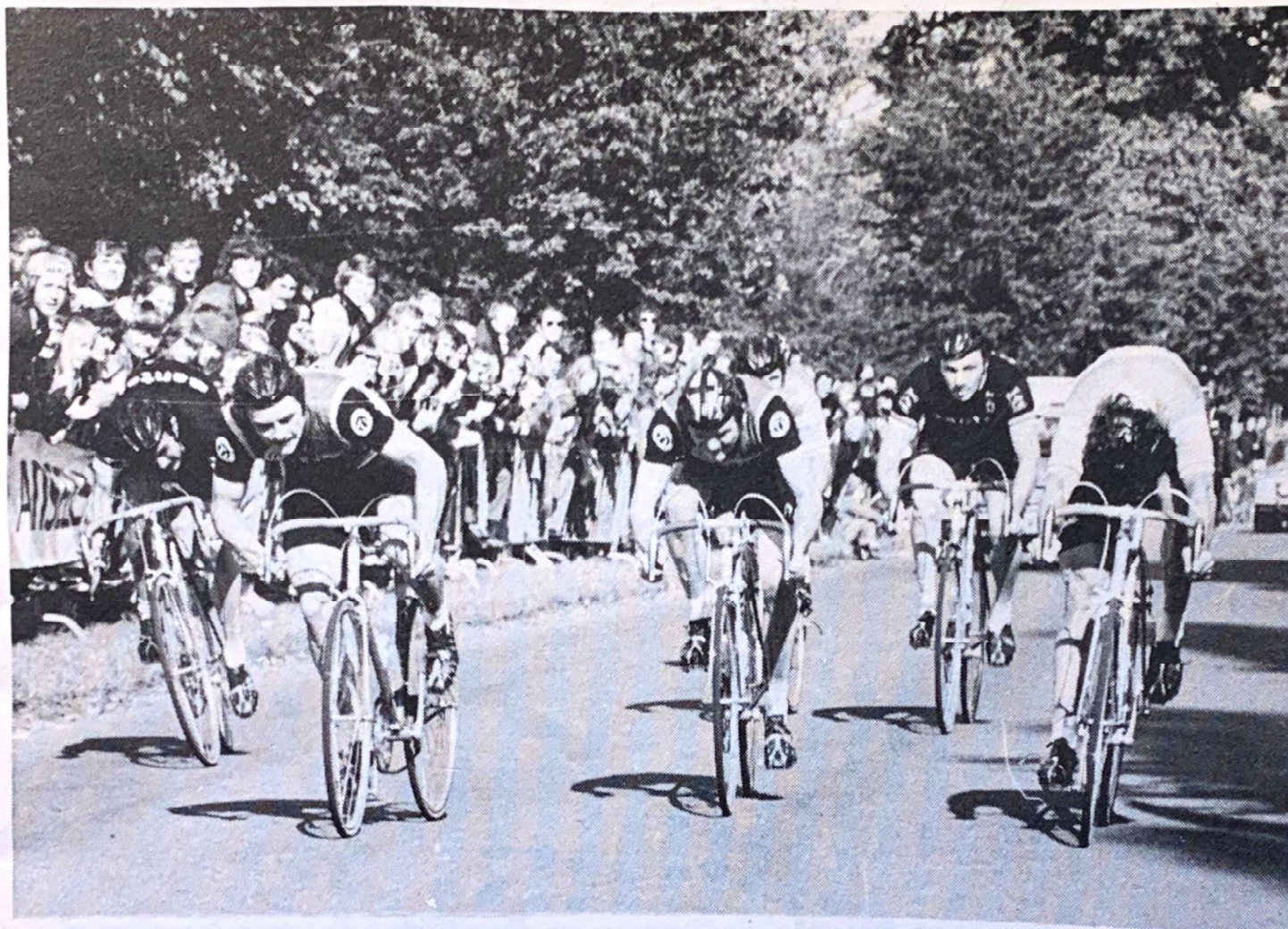


*Tommy Godwin after winning the Muratti Gold Cup for the third time, July 1949.*

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Nigel Dean on the right, winning the 1974 Ansell's Skol Classic, from Syd Barras and Dave Lloyd. ( Photograph by Brian Morgan )

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