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Editor's Corner



In the club's 90th year I am immensely pleased as the current custodian of AWheels to have worked with the Paul Mann to bring you a special anniversary edition.

We bring you articles covering the highs and some lows of Solihull Cycling Club over the last ninety years as the club evolved, that story most eloquently delivered by Guy Elliot. There are also pieces by Club stalwarts, Margaret Gordon, Robin Fox, Pete James and Dave Stephenson to name just a few.

Paul not only came up with the idea for this edition and cajoled our writers but has also provided a focused look back over the last 20 years, a period which has seen significant change with Go-Ride accreditation and construction and development of Tudor Grange Circuit.

As is tradition February's AWheels is also known as the dinner edition and this year the awards dinner is being held at Robin Hood Golf Club with prizes being presented by Club Life Member Mick Bennett. Mick's long racing career saw him winning Olympic medals in Munich and Montreal and Commonwealth Gold in Christchurch. A World Championship Silver Medallist he also won numerous national championships. After his professional career drew to a close he organised many international professional races, including the Tour de France's visit to UK, and is currently Race Director for The Tour of Britain, The Women's Tour and Ride London.

We hope you enjoy the read and stay safe during your winter training.

Safe Riding!

Rocky



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Chairman's Report 2018

The Club had another very successful year in 2018. Membership seems to have settled out at around the 480 level, which still makes us one of the biggest Clubs in the UK.

Racing achievements during the year were numerous. One of our newest members, David Fellows, won 4 Time Trial Cups plus the club Hill Climb Trophy. Penny Wilkin dominated the ladies scene with 5 wins including the 100 mile TT. The Committee was unable to find a Ladies 100 mile TT Cup amongst our store and so we have had to buy a new one. Many congratulations go to Penny for such an outstanding performance in 2018!

In July Jack Rootkin-Gray won both the under 16 National Madison Championship as well as the Indoor Pursuit Championship. Wayne Mc Keown won the LVRC Percy Stallard Series and our Youth Team came 2nd overall in the West Midlands Youth Circuit Series.

Lucy Shaw continues as a member of the DROPS Professional Cycling Team based on the Continent and brother Matt finished 5th in the Kuurne-Brussels-Kuurne race, 7th in the Guido Reybrouck Classic and 13th in the Ghent Wevelgem event in March. Many congratulations go to Jake Stewart who has just signed his first Professional Road Contract with the FDJ Team.

Young and old continue to participate in the West Midlands Cyclo Cross League. This part of our sport has been an unparalleled success within the Club over many years. Parental support and encouragement has been a key element to this success.

Many congratulations to all concerned.

Our Club Run scene continues to flourish. Friendship and comradeship gained whilst taking part, as well as support in time of adversity, is another benefit of membership of the Club.

On a more sombre note former member Keith Vickery passed away in July and tragically Tony Satterthwaite was killed in a collision with a motor car just prior to Christmas. Our sympathies go to their families.

Finally, a big thank you to all our many helpers, organisers, marshals, club coaches and Committee members without whom we could not operate.

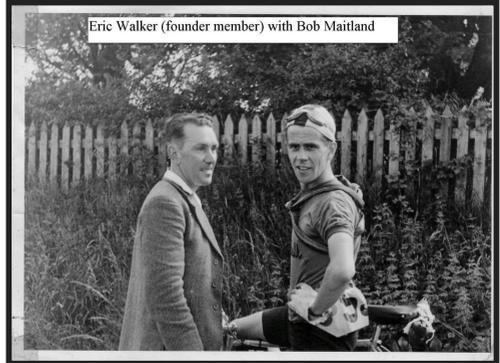
A Happy New Year to everyone and ride safely in 2019.

Dick Law

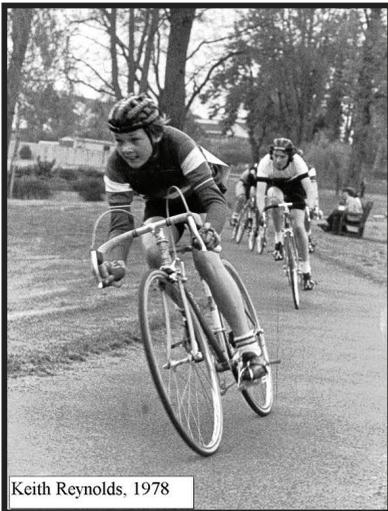
Ninety Years - Who Would Have Believed It!

From our first club minutes: “Wednesday the 13th February 1929 in the Public Hall Solihull – “The objects (sic) for which the meeting had been called was explained by the Convenor Mr Hawkes. It was proposed by Mr J Smith and seconded by Mr A Houlston that steps should be taken to form a cycling club in Solihull and this was unanimously carried”. I wonder whether they would have believed what the future held.....

As our club now moves into its 90th year of existence it seems impossible to believe what has been achieved over those years and how amazing that we have not only been one of the few traditional clubs in England to survive but are seen by British Cycling, and others, as one of the benchmark clubs to which others should aspire. We have had Olympic medallists, Paralympians, World Champions, Commonwealth Champions and many, many National Champions but what sets us apart from all others is the way every single club member, regardless of athletic ability, is valued equally, and that we all just enjoy riding our bikes enjoying the camaraderie formed over those 90 years.



Eric Walker (founder member) with Bob Maitland



Keith Reynolds, 1978

For those interested in the club’s long history, one of our legendary members, Stan Bray, wrote a wonderful book – A Wheel, A History of Cycling – which is still widely available within the club and we also hold copies of every single committee meeting’s minutes and AGM’s since that first day in 1929. Reading all the names and racing successes from the past, I asked myself who had perhaps been the best club member of all time. Could it have been Graham Webb becoming the World Amateur Road Race Champion in 1967? Or Olympic road medallist Harry Reynolds along with his Olympian and Commonwealth Gold

Medallist son, Keith? Double Olympic medallist and multiple race organiser Mick Bennett? Paralympian Dan Gordon? It's an impossible question to answer as our club gives as much credence to racing success as it does to contributing to club life in its widest context. So one would have to include Eric "Joe" Arthur for single-handedly manning our clubroom in Knowle Village Hall in the 1970's; Ray Richards for organising the 1973 World Cyclo Cross Championships, John Cordwell for numerous roles over many years including organising many monthly (!) club dances in the 1940's, Margaret Towers and Margaret Gordon for their years of service to the club as Club Secretaries and indeed nowadays Steve and Alison Mountford for organising year after year our weekly club time trials – they are all equally special, every one of them And the list is endless and keeps getting topped up year after year. How lucky we are.



Mick Bennet (R)
Steve Tonry (L)

The club prospered during the 1930's. The Club HQ was at the legendary Oak Farm, Catherine de Barnes, where bicycle polo was very popular and was owned by Eric Walker, who was a powerhouse behind the club in those times. Membership continued to grow and as we moved into the tough war years the committee had to deal with such issues as competitors in the Club's

Open 25 mile time trial being stopped for identity checks! Yet the winner still did a 1 hour 2 minute time, which is what many of us are only capable of today with all our carbon and titanium! Think about that for a moment.

The war years were awful for everyone but it is fascinating to learn how the club looked after



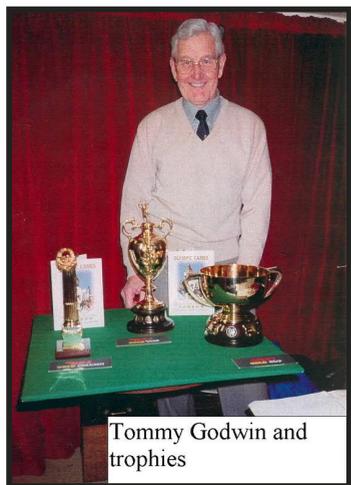
Catherine
de
Barnes

"bikes"

its members on active service across the world, sending them the club magazine, letters and parcels to keep their morale up. Imagine how it must have been, serving in the Far East under terrible conditions to have received a club magazine, parcel and letters from your clubmates back in Blighty. Things haven't changed so much though – even then the Membership Secretary was writing to members all over the world chastising them for late payment of their membership fees! It was in the late 1940's that Dick Bowes and Bas Francis are recorded as new members and of course it was in the 1948 London Olympics that Tommy Godwin won both his Olympic medals



on the track - and after his racing career went on to have many successes as Great Britain Team Manager. They were all absolute beasts on the bike and it was Dick who inspired and nurtured a young Harry Reynolds when he started cycling. Dick, Bas, Tommy and many others,



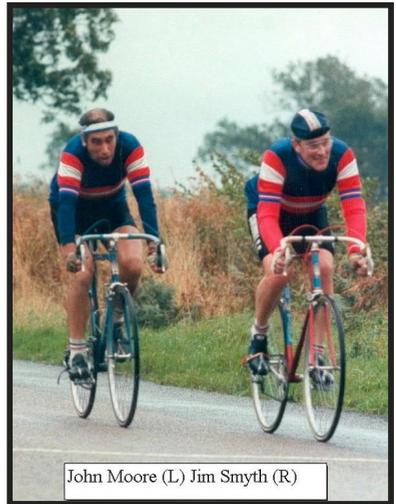
won numerous racing honours and inspired so many. The club magazine had to be cut to two pages due to paper rationing but it was determined that come what may the magazine would still go out. It is little quirks like this that make you appreciate why it is so important nowadays that we keep things like the Club Mag going when it would be quite easy to let it go – we are all now guardians of our club's history and traditions even though we are also one of the most forward thinking clubs in the country. And by the way, the club magazine became AWheel in May 1944 – have a look to see what edition

we are on now! And at about that time we see that much-loved Tommy Kempshall and Stan and Jean Bray joined the club – names and memories still well known to our older members. Bob Maitland also joined and went on to ride the Tour de France and achieve many international honours. The quality of our racing members was hard to believe – Bas Francis National 25 Mile Champion in 1946 doing a 1.0. Maitland and Bowes were winning just

about everything they rode in the late 1940's and 1950's and the Solihull was the club to beat. The club's Annual Dinner and Prize Presentation was thriving – where every prize winner would be honoured to attend and not find themselves “otherwise engaged” as sometimes happens nowadays (ouch!) and the Hobo Run had been formed; both these institutions continue to play key roles on our calendar.

As we moved into the 1950's more racing success continued as though it was a production line of talent. But we also saw new names contributing to club life – Gladys

Weeks and John Moore (who is still an active member today) being mentioned many times in club minutes for their contributions to club life. Touring was massively popular – both local and far afield – with well supported club runs and numerous trips abroad which was quite an adventure in those days. And who could forget Airney Pairkins – one of the highest calibre club riders ever to ride a bike – it seemed as though every edition of the club mag was recording yet another of his unique achievements. Towards the end of the 1950's we saw Harry Reynolds starting to reach his



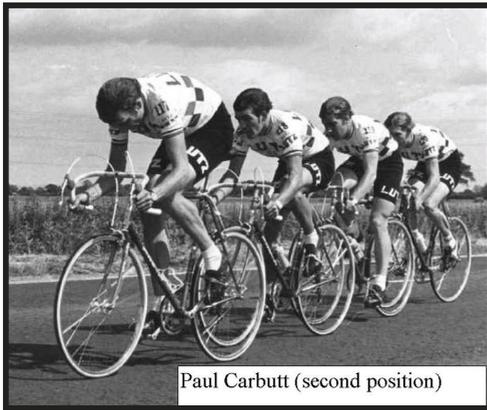
John Moore (L) Jim Smyth (R)

peak with numerous national and international successes, including Olympic Silver on the road in Melbourne. Riding professionally in the 1959 Tour de France, it has often been said that had he not crashed out whilst in a breakaway his continental career would have achieved even greater heights.



Denis Moreton, Bas Francis, Bob Maitland 1946 national 25 winners

As we moved into the 1960's we had the Taylor Brothers touring all over the world and giving many slide shows – it might sound a little tame now but their shows with the associated social events were often the highlights of social lives as well as frequent stops at many of the pubs and cafes we still ride past. The Cat in the Window



Paul Carbutt (second position)

still figures in many stories. We still had top racing men – Trevor Bull, Ant Taylor, just about every top cyclo cross rider in the country (outside Coventry!) and youngsters Mick Bennett, Steve Tonry, and Andy King to name a few. The highlight was of course Graham Webb winning the World Road Race Championship – who would bet against this honour being within reach of our own young Jake Stewart in a few years time

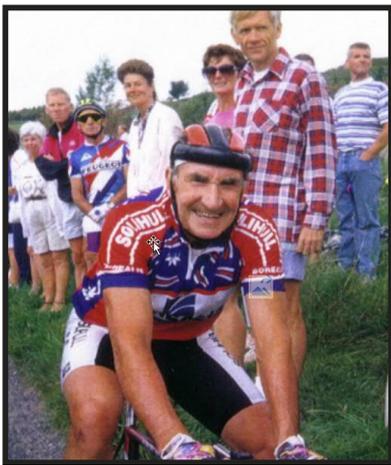
following the news that he has just signed his first pro road contract in Europe with FDJ? Roy Cromack was of course also becoming the Lands End to John O’Groats record holder (as did our very own Paul Carbutt some years later) and winning road races and time trials as well as being an Olympian; Roy was also the first man to beat 500 miles in the National 24 Hour Championships. We became National Team Pursuit Champions with Cromack, Bull, Webb and Andy King. Behind every successful winner there are unsung, loyal team mates and perhaps one of John Monk’s greatest achievements, along with winning one of the absolute top events in the country, the Beacon Mountain Time Trial, was guiding Les West to victory in the Milk Race against brutal East European opposition who were full time professionals whilst John and others had to “go back to work on Monday”.

Here are some other names from the 1960’s and 1970’s to reflect on or find out more about:

Eric Arthur who did so much unsung work behind the scenes; Reg Pee, John Hanlin; Roy Gordon whose entire family have been the backbone of our club ranging from Paralympians to filling numerous committee posts to marshalling at all club events; Chris Moseley, Roger Storey, Pete King (all of whom were tough racing men but did their bit for the club with Pete



Steve Tonry



Alan Boden 1994

winning the prestigious Shaw Blakelock Trophy); Howard Bayley; Mal Lawton; Bill Massie; Mick Shakespeare; Barry Moss; Roger Page; Alan Winters; John Tall; Olympian Trevor Bull; Gladys Newton – the list just goes on and on.

The 1970's beckoned and with it came Ray Richards organising the World Cyclo Cross Championships, plenty of racing successes from Richard Travis, Ian McQuaig, Phil Bramwich, Steve Tonry, Janet Crowther, Tim Crumpton, Steve Burns, John Burrige, Roy Gordon, Chris Moseley, John Tall to name just a few with the icing on the cake being Mick Bennett's two Olympic medals in Munich and

Montreal, a Commonwealth Games Gold and so many national and international honours it is hard to keep track. It was at this time that as well as road and track racing the club continued to excel at cyclo cross with Roger Page and Barry Moss winning the Veterans National Championships, Richard Travis riding the World Amateur Championships at Crystal Palace, and along with Mick Shakespeare and Alan Winters all of these being in the news and in the "comic" literally every week. It was also a time of change in our sport with sponsored clubs appearing but the Solihull kept to its traditions by organising many open events yet still having many successful club events as well. Against the clock Rob Gill, Chris Moseley, Ian Dean, John Tall, Tony Herraty, Steve Tonry, Roy Gordon and many others were picking up team wins



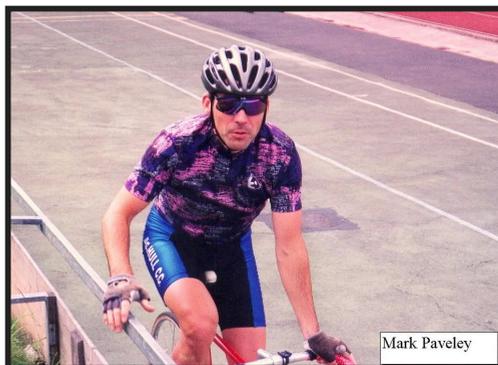
on a regular basis against very tough opposition including much-loved Alan Boden who rode for the Oldbury at the time. Alan went on to win many national championships as a veteran in the Solihull CC colours. John Monk went on to manage several Great Britain road teams with considerable

Barry Moss, Kenilworth CycloCross



success in continental events especially in the Netherlands and Italy. But what a strong time this was – we had riders winning on road, track and “field” every week, Barry Moss organised the Skol Classic Professional Road Race (a highlight on the professional calendar) and we actually led the organisation of a World Championships! And behind the scenes Barbara Richards was not only supporting Ray but also playing a key part in club life. We didn’t have mail order in those days and part of our social life was standing outside Tommy Godwin’s, Tom Crowther’s or Priory Cycles and looking at a Campag rear mech in the window! And yes the Barley

Mow was still packed every Sunday morning. The fabric of the club was held together by many loyal officials such as Cyril Lovegrove, Stan and Jean Bray, Eric Arthur, Gladys Newton, Sid Wood, the Taylor Brothers, Frank Wells, Alex Wellum and John Moore to name just a few. Touring abroad continued with many holidays by “the gang” of the families Reynolds, Bayliss, Gordon, Mountford and Chambers. The records also show Jonny Holland and Ray Batchelor being very active and it was at about this time that Ray started to make the Aston Cantlow sign his own.



As we moved into the 1980’s and 1990’s we had one or two club sponsors, which perhaps on reflection never seemed to really fit in with our culture. One involved a financial scandal involving the sponsor himself and we also saw riders “imported in” to the club to bolster our racing success. But we had our own talents such as Mark Paveley, Tim Broadhead, Rob and Carol Langley all of whom had some great results. It is perhaps because of our difficult experiences with sponsorship that after a while a firm decision was taken to move back to being an unsponsored and “traditional” club. Who could forget the

contribution at this time made by Fred and Margaret Towers and of course the legendary Tommy Godwin who was our Club President for so many years?

It's been an incredible ninety years. Of course it is easy to look at everything with rose tinted spectacles but we should all be proud to be part of such a fantastic and thriving club with so many exciting things happening, but still be able to look back on our past with pride. There is something special about being "in the Solihull" and with our current membership the future for the next 90 years looks assured.

Next time you pull on your Solihull jersey, just take a few seconds to reflect on those who went before you and whisper to yourself "I'm proud to be in the Solihull!"



Club 20th Birthday photo 1949



Guy Elliot

Solihull Cycling Club 1999 to 2019

The magazine produced to commemorate the 70th anniversary of the club in 1999 highlighted some of the significant events that took place on a year by year basis over the previous 20 years (i.e. from 1979 to 1999). The following pages continue with the year by year events, some of which are significant and some of which are not so, but the idea is to give you a taste of what went on in the last 20 years and hopefully bring back some happy and some sad memories during that time.

1999

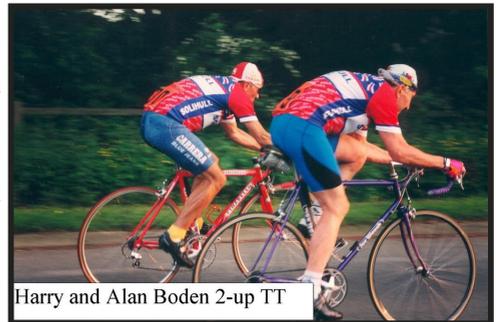
Was the 70th anniversary of the club and the annual dinner and awards night was held on 6 February at the Solihull Moat House hotel where the guests of Honour were Mr and Mrs Hugh Porter. The club president was Mr T Godwin and the Chairman was Mr F Towers. An anniversary club magazine was produced and reported on the 70-year history of the club and in particular the previous 20 years from 1979 to 1999.

The clubroom at that time was the Earlswood Yacht club in Lady Lane and a new member that year was a Dr Roger Cliffe who was said to be already making his mark on the Saturday and Sunday club runs.

Friday night pub rides were popular in the club and an advert in the AWheel magazines promised *an easy 25-mile ride then on to the pub* – organiser was Phil Rosenbloom!

The Time Trial coordinator at the time was one Harry Reynolds who also won the club's inaugural Lottery two-up, riding with Alan Boden on the K36/10 course. (wouldn't it be great to get that up and running again in 2019!)

Fred Towers organised the Semane Federal to Rennes in Brittany and a £50 prize was offered for the best suggestion on how to spend the £35,000 in the club 'building fund'. The following months magazine reported that there had been no entries to the competition! (although there were later three entries, I believe we have still not spent it 20 years on!)



Harry and Alan Boden 2-up TT

Ray Batchelor was the club cyclo-cross secretary and the SCC promotion that year took place at Hatton Country park in November.

The arrival of new member Tim Wallis, a 14-year-old school boy from Alderbrook Road was approved by the committee and saw the club membership rise to 159.

2000

Saw the beginning of the club web-site courtesy of Dave Stanton.

The Club Saturday run had a regular advert in the AWheel magazine with the promise of *'Always home on time for the man of the house to undertake the Saturday afternoon chores'*

The National RR Champs were held in Solihull in June with 50 or so members giving up their time to marshal. A £3k bike being displayed in a shop in Knowle High Street to promote the event was stolen when thieves ram raided the store. Tommy Godwin raised £1,300 for the rotary club by selling programmes for the event. Dave Stanton marshalling on Kenilworth Road was responsible for holding up Lennox Lewis and lived to tell the tale.



The summer saw two veteran cyclists from Solihull win gold awards on the slopes of Mont Venteux in L'Etape – Harry Reynolds aged 64 and 50-year old Paul Carbitt. Tommy Godwin celebrated his 80th birthday by inviting everyone to a Thursday club night in November.

October saw the club downhill champs taking place with the winner being Steve Mountford followed by Pete King and Brian Bishop in 2nd and 3rd. (Steve still goes downhill like a bomb – he just can't get up the things!) The uphill champs were hotly contested between Dave Rutherford and John Wright but in the absence of an adjudicator a winner was never officially identified.

2001

Guests of honour at the club dinner and awards night in January was Mr and Mrs Mick Bennett. The event was organised by Guy Elliott, again at the Solihull Moat House with 75 plus attendees.

May 2001 saw the sudden death of a well-respected member Roger Storey who had been a very active racer and club cyclist in the 1960s and 1970s. Roger died of a heart attack whilst taking part in a cycling event in Wales.

Richard Eason won the club 10-mile TT champs with a PB (23.03) on the K36/10 course having also won the 25-mile TT club champs. Other prominent time trialists at the time were Harry Reynolds, Steve Mountford Alistair McChesney.

Under the guidance of Robin Fox and Guy Elliott a club racing squad was formed with some 30 or so racers which were evenly split between Seniors (2nd, 3rd and 4th Cats) and Veterans (40 years and over). As well as the Saturday run, the squad could train on the Tuesday night chain gang/bash which ran from Honiley.

The end of 2001 saw 180 members in the club including new member Bob Richards from Northamptonshire.

2002

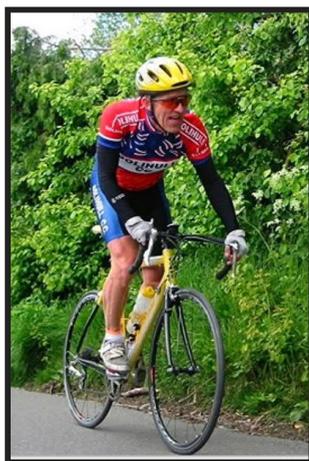
Brian Cookson, together with Mr and Mrs Tommy Godwin were guests of honour at this year's club dinner. Mr Cookson presented Tommy with British Cycling's highest award of a Gold medal in recognition of 60 years of service to cycling.

The new joint editors for the AWheel magazine were Tim Wallis and Roger Cliffe and they paid tribute to John Hall who passed away on 29/12/2001 aged 91. John joined SCC in 1929 just a few months after its foundation.

Some hot news early in the year was that Steve Mountford confirmed that he will race this year but will confine himself to TTs hoping to go under one hour for a 25 for the first time.

Sadly, also this year, Frank Wells passed away. He had been a very active club member since joining in 1931.

Tim Wallis (17) and Mark Jackson (16) were selected by BC to be developed for the Olympic disciplines of TT, road racing, mountain and track racing.



Ivor Thomas

Ivor Thomas won his age group in the National Championships of Wales and Roger Smith came 5th in the world masters track champs in the Individual Pursuit. Ivor also came 4th in the Lanzarote Ironman Triathlon.

Andy Peat was awarded his 2nd Cat licence after gaining 3rd place in the High Wycombe RR. Mark Pavely and Richard Lewis were also awarded 2nd cat licenses this year. Plenty of other successes for the club racing squad in particular for Stephen Proud, Mark Jackson and Euan Adams to name a few.

Bill Groom came 7th and won his age category in an LVRC RR.

The Sunday non-stop training run was becoming popular with Dave Elliot as the run leader.

The hobo run this year also included a sleep over! (They were tough in those days - Can't imagine them doing that now!)

2003

The club room moved to the Glades football club in Lugtrout Lane

The racing squad continued with some great successes including Fabciso Bessa winning at Curdborough.

The new Editors for the club magazine were Liz, Anne-Marie and Anne.

The new face in Time Trialling was Eddie Priddy who won the 5 and the 10-miler club champs this year.

Dan Gordon with pilot Barney Storey gained 2 gold medals in the IPC open European cycling track champs in Prague.



2004

Dave Rutherford took over as chair of the club in a year in which we sadly lost Paul Carbutt. Paul was one of the Midlands and GBs best cyclists in the 70s and 80s. He was a great professional, winning many races against tough opposition and was a much-loved character in the club who always had time for other club riders no matter what their cycling ability was.

This year also saw the club host an international Junior Road Race in which Ian Stannard won and Geraint Thomas came second. (I wonder whatever happened to them?!)

2005

Majorcan training trips became more popular with Dave Rutherford encouraging club members to go to the Porte Pollenca camps.

Solihull CC held their first Track Champs at Halesowen in September 2005 and Paul Carbutt was honoured in the best way we knew how by purchasing track bikes that bore his name.

The club was saddened by the death of Barrie Goodyear who had been the Editor of AWheel from 1995 to 2001 including the 70-year anniversary magazine in 1999.

2006

Steve Barlow rode the Paris Roubaix sportive in May of this year and the club again hosted the Junior International RR champs again. The club did itself proud with the support from club members being unbelievable. Two Norwegians got the better of Luke Rowe in the final stages of the race.

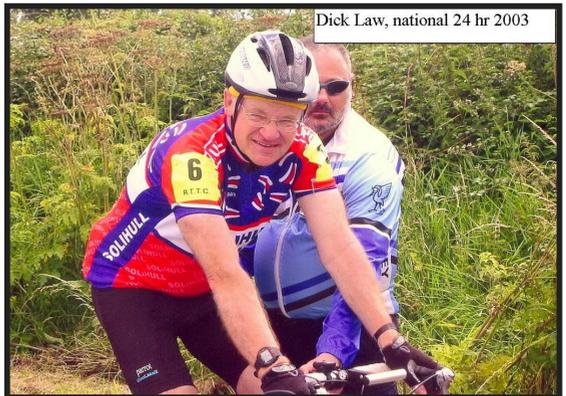
Gorcutt Hill was the new venue for the Hill Climb champs which was won this year by Alan Cox in a time of 1:20 with James Cowan coming second in 1:22.

Ben Hopkins had regular magazine articles this year with his cycling travels through Asia.

2007

Dick Law rode the LE to JO between 8-19 May this year. He'd underestimated how hard Devon and Cornwall would be. The pace of his epic journey rarely went above 12mph each day due to the weight carried on his bike. He was pleased that he only had one puncture in 1050 miles.

Mark Wevill rode the Cape Epic mountain race in South Africa.



Sport England granted our request for funding to build a cycle circuit in Tudor Grange Park and Robin Fox won a coaching ‘Achievement’ award at this year’s Solihull Sports Personality of the year having been nominated by Ben Mountford who wished to see Robin rewarded for his commitment to coaching in the club. One of the coaching locations I believe was Lighthall school.

The Semane Federal took place in Perigueux in the Dordoyne.

2008

The Tudor Grange circuit was constructed and opened this year and training officially started on June 17th. The official opening took place on the August Bank Holiday where the club promoted a full day of cycling.



Cycle-Cross at Elmdon Park

Solihull CC organised a double hill climb open competition taking on Dovers and Saintsbury Hills in one day. Organiser Alex Zeberdee was pleased that the National Champion James Dobben attended as well a local pro Matt Clinton.

The club hosted a round of the cyclo-cross league at Elmdon Park in November of this year and attracted 250 riders. One particular rider caused some excitement in the crowd – Roger Hammond the then National champion turned up and raced.

Membership in the club rose 330.

2009

Solihull cycling club celebrated being 80 years old with a party that summer at the Earlswood Yacht club which was now our club room again. At the party the club Chair, Dave Rutherford was presented with two important certificates by British Cycling, namely our Go Ride accreditation for the first time and our Sport England Clubmark award. The awards were important for the club as they identified us as a premier sports club within the UK.

October saw Ben Wilson win Gold at the World Master’s games in Sydney.

2010

Brian Smith was our guest of honour at our awards night in January of this year.

The year also saw the emergence of some strong youth riders who were starting to do well and win events including Matt Shaw, Jack Rootkin-Gray, Jack Ravenscroft, Joe and Danny Fox, Lucy Shaw and Danielle Khan. That



Jake Stewart on conquering Mont Ventoux

summer also saw a certain Jake Stewart conquer Mont Ventoux at 10 years of age.

The front cover of the summer magazine had a picture of Cath Ward on her time trial bike and she was tragically killed whilst racing in a time trial a few weeks later. We also lost Bob Maitland this year who passed away aged 86 years after suffering a heart attack on the semane federal in France with other club members.

The summer also saw Ian Baulch-Jones taking on Alpe d'huez and other climbs in the alps. Other club members including Roger and Anne, Mike O'Reilly David Stephenson and Harry Reynolds on a cycling tour to the Romagna part of Italy.

Matt Faulkner won the club Hill Climb competition.

All male hearts and some female hearts were broken when the wedding of the year took place between Liz Tennant and Will in Wixford.

2011

Robin Fox received an award from British Cycling President, Brian Cookson for outstanding contribution recognising the youth development programme at SCC in which Robin is the lead coach.

The world Championships took place in Copenhagen and Fred Towers organised a group trip to the Danish capital to witness Mark Cavendish become world champ.

Danielle Khan won two National titles at the Manchester velodrome.

Roger Cliffe was 'forced' into organising the club summer charity bike ride. 166 riders raised £1400 for the British Heart Foundation. It was advertised as the 100-mile Bob Maitland memorial sportive, the 65-mile Harry Reynolds sportive, a 50-mile CTC ride and a 12-mile leisure ride.

2012

The club magazine did an interview with Tommy Godwin who was enjoying a whirlwind of engagements and public appearances in the build up to the London Olympics. Tommy went on to carry the Olympic torch through one mile of its travels along Streetsbrook Road in Solihull. Sadly, he passed away in November this year after a short illness.

Lucy Shaw, Natalie Clements and Sophie Faulkner took part in the school games with Lucy coming away with two gold medals.

In June of this year, Dave Elliott became the LVRC National Champion in the H category (Over 75). The race took place in Henley on Thames and this was only his second race of the season.

This years Hobo run attracted 21 members and the club membership reached 500.

2013

Guy Elliott took over as club president.

The Solihull Vets early season race only got underway because of the club spirit in the teamwork required to remove the snow and ice from the circuit beforehand.

Pete Ward completed the 3 peaks challenge for the second time in gruelling conditions. He came 8th in his age category with 504 finishers out of the 600 starters.

The sizes of some of the club group rides leaving Solihull was causing concern and it was considered that if groups exceeded 16 riders the group should split.



Tommy Godwin & the Olympic Torch

Tim Gordon and Gary Rowing- Parker were leading the cyclo-cross charge in particular the training which was advertised as Mud, Sweat and Gears. The Club held our own league race at Elmdon Park in October of this year.

BC No Frills racing also took off in May, organised by our club President. These included two female only races and all the races proved very successful with the May series of BC races continuing each year since.

The Solihull LVRC road race at Bearley was organised by Russ Perry and was named for the first time as the 'Tommy Godwin Memorial Race' in honour of our former club president.

Paul Stewart won the club Hill climb in a time of 1.31, beating Wayne McKeown by 2 seconds.

The Gentlemen's Autumn Tour to the cycling museum in Llandridnod Wells was arranged by Harry Reynolds and took in a tour of the museum and some hilly damp rides. Harry even found a photo of himself in the exhibition.

Danielle Khan became the Junior world 500TT sprint champ and the Individual Sprint champ and narrowly missed out on a third title when she got a silver in the Kieran. Two days later Danielle was competing in the National Junior Champs and despite being a target for all other riders in her world champion stripes she still went on to win the 500TT and Ind sprint titles.



Danielle Khan

Simon Martin was tragically killed in a road traffic collision on Christmas Eve. Simon was a former editor of the club magazine along with his wife Val and was a regular organiser of club events.

2014

Our club chair took on the Clee and Hereford hills Audax 200 in July of this year. With 3000 metres of climbing he managed it in 11 ½ hours and was the 5th person back at the HQ out of the 11 that started.

Oliver and Neville Gunn received a VIP trip to witness the Tour of Britain where they rubbed shoulders with the business end of the race in the VIP areas and in the following car.

Over 120 riders enjoyed the two routes making up the 'back to basics' reliability trial in March where over £700 was raised for the Midlands Air Ambulance.

May 2014 saw Richard Burt take over as temporary editor of AWheel for one edition.

2015

Robin Fox, Margaret and Roy Gordon were made life members of the club.

The club hosted a late summer garden party at the Purity Ales Brewery near Great Alne where all club runs visited on their return to Solihull. We raised 137 for the Marie Curie charity.

The cream Tea run in July to Dormston village Hall was a success and has now become an annual event in the club calendar. The event raised exactly £1000 with 90 riders attending from a number of Midland clubs and was organised by Sue Hearn and Steve Tonry, raising money on behalf of their charity, Manisha UK.

This year also saw the tragic death of Reg Elliott who was killed whilst out on his bike near Honily.

The club had over 500 members.

Our June Audax from the Silihillians sports club was also a success with over 170 riders.

The cyclo-cross section seemed to be getting bigger and better with weekly training at Tudor Grange in the late summer and autumn and a large number of riders (40), juniors, seniors and vets taking place in races across the midlands.

Jake Stewart was also going from strength to strength winning no less than eight National level awards. Jake was also the club Hill Climb champion this year in a time of 1.21 on Old Gorcott hill. He was ten seconds quicker than his dad who had won it two years before.



Robin and Cathy Fox, National tandem 25 1990

2016

Richard Burt, together with Mike Pridmore-Wood and Sandra Turner completed 'Simon Warren's' 100 greatest UK climbs raising over £20,000 for Dementia UK.

November AWheel magazine gave some fitting tributes to Roy Gordon who had sadly passed away. Although a great cyclist in his time Roy was a prolific worker on behalf of the club in his later years, always volunteering and taking responsibilities for marshalling at events, looking after the equipment in the container and giving out advice to everyone from the youngsters in the club to us Vets. He was very popular and is still missed by many.

2017

Stan Brittan and Harry Reynolds were the guests of honour at the club dinner and awards night at the St John's hotel in Solihull. Stan and Harry did a double act taking questions about their racing days in the late 50s and 60s in particular the Tour de France races they took part in.

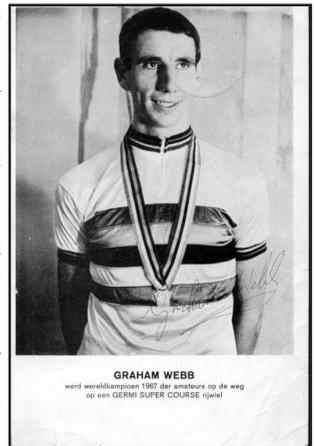
Maureen Paveley and Brian Jones tied the knot on Wednesday 15 February at Solihull Registry Office.

Lucy Shaw was selected to be part of the Dave Rayner funding programme whilst also racing for Trek Drops cycling team.

The concept of 'Crash buddies' was introduced to the club. No matter the age or ability or protests from a rider who'd had a crash, at no time should he or she be left to fend for themselves, no immediately after or later in the ride.

Matt Shaw was presented with the Tommy Godwin Award by Solihull Schools Sports Federation 10 years after receiving his first ever cycling award from Tommy himself. It was presented to Matt for winning the BC Youth National Series in 2016 and 3rd place in the National track Omnium championships.

This year we lost Graham Webb who had been a Birmingham born racer and Solihull CC member before turning professional with Mercier BP Hutchinson in 1968 after becoming the Amateur World Champion in 1968, going on to have a



glittering cycling career. John Paling, Dave Kirby and Alan Boden also passed away this year.

Fred Towers, a club stalwart also sadly lost his battle with cancer at Christmas.

2018

Club dinner and awards night was held at Robin Hood Golf club for the first time with over 140 people in attendance. The guest of honour was the author and journalist Will Fotheringham.

The Junior Tour of Wales saw five former Solihull CC youth members taking part. Ben Healy, Harrison and Jacob Knight, Harry Gillet and Matt Shaw were selected to race the 5-stage race over 4 days. Jacob finished 11th, Harrison 28th, Ben 35th with Matt and Harry not finishing.

Jack Rootkin-Gray had a sensational year on both the road and the track in what is his final year of youth racing before moving up to the junior ranks.

Solihull CC hosted the final round of the West Midlands Youth Circuit series at Tudor Grange in July. It was a great turnout by our fantastic team of young racers and club volunteers lead by Mick Edensor. The team finished 2nd in the series behind Halesowen from 24 teams.

David Fellows and Richard Burt became regulars on the national hill climb circuit travelling far and wide to take part in events across the country. This included them both taking part in this year's National Hill Climb at Pea Royd Lane near Sheffield. David came 61st, a result he was disappointed with having had a very good season in the run up which included 3 podium finishes. Richard also rode well in his age category and they are hoping that other club members will join them in years to come. David did win the club hill climb in 1.21 and won all the club championship Time Trial trophies from 5 to 25 miles and has also set new standards on club runs as well as riding over 10,000 miles this year.

Wayne McKeown took Gold in the Percy Stallard National LVRC series in the B category (45-50). Wayne said 'I'm dedicating my success to the quality of the training group we are lucky to have in and around the club especially the talented up and coming teenagers....'

Paul Mann

Into The 21st Century

A Bright New World Begins

The new millennium heralded the start of many changes for Solihull CC. Our Chairman at the turn of the century was Fred Towers, to be replaced by Dave Rutherford, and then Dick Law in 2008. Some things at that time remained unchanged – application for membership needed approval from the Committee, membership numbers were fairly static at around 120 and the insurance status of members was still often questioned.

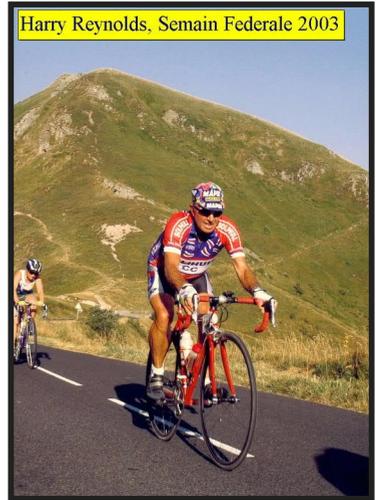


With Dave Rutherford's tenancy in the Chair the application for Go-Ride status was initiated – a major landmark in the club's history, and Dave spent many hours attending meetings, dealing with reams of paperwork until SCC finally received accreditation in January 2008 and discussions at committee meetings moved on to a new level. Coaches needed to be identified and trained, a new Club

Constitution was proposed, planned and drawn up, and we began to see youngsters applying for membership which necessitated discussions on parental consents, insurances, child protection and other matters. A Friday night track league was enthusiastically established at the Halesowen track with many of the youngsters learning their first skills at bike handling and senior riders finding a new (for many) way of riding. Tommy Godwin found a new lease of life in watching and encouraging the children, and presenting their prizes at the annual Track Championship. Meanwhile Harry Reynolds and John Monk were having talks with BC to establish our own Circuit, requiring many discussions regarding funding, finding a suitable site and after many meetings with BC and Solihull Council, Tudor Grange Park was identified as the most suitable place locally. It was officially opened in August 2008. With the enthusiastic input from the new club coaches led by Robin Fox the circuit training sessions commenced, with the resulting dramatic increase in club membership, particularly from youngsters, and by 2009 20% of the club membership was aged under 16. The club purchased a number of junior bikes for loan and equipment was also generously donated

by members, necessitating acquiring a container for storage and put in place at the side of the circuit. Sadly in 2009 the container was breached and the bikes stolen, but again generous members rallied round helping with replacement equipment.

A new event appeared – the annual expedition to France for the Semaine Federale touring week and training weeks in Mallorca became popular. Olympian Tommy Godwin's Torch Run in Solihull heralding the London Olympics was supported by dozens of club members – a memorable morning.



At the start of the millennium there were 3 club runs from the Barley Mow on Sundays, but with membership shooting upwards (to over 500) these were increased to the current 6 and the Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday runs also increased.

With the massively increased membership and Robin's enthusiastic guidance the youngsters became involved in riding cyclocross, which in turn encouraged some of their parents and other senior members to participate. The West Midlands League now has hundreds of participants each year, with the inevitable issue of finding sites large enough to hold events. Our own club's promotion moved from Hatton Craft Centre, to Elmdon Park, and subsequently to the Heart of England Events and Business Centre at

Fillongley in order to accommodate the large numbers.

Some of the club's youngsters were starting to benefit from the Go-Ride accreditation and the coaching programme and were making their name on a wider plane – the Olympic Development Programme, BC's Talent Programme, and others to sponsored clubs.



Youth training at Tudor Grange Circuit

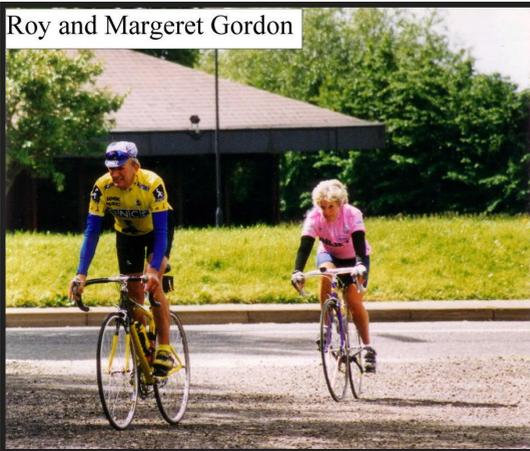
The acquisition of transponder timing chips (more committee discussions for this as they are phenomenally expensive) transformed the previous, often very difficult, problem of accurate race recording.

However, some things have remained relatively unchanged over the years. The Annual Club Dinner and Prize Presentation still remains a highlight (the success of our club youngsters has necessitated an increase in the silverware!!). Club runs remain the backbone of club life and annual events such as the Mince Pie run and the Hill Climb Championship continue. However, it is sad that modern technology has negated the interest for a club room which traditionally had been the social hub of the club, members now preferring to chat on-line.



So, 90 years from its inception the club thrives and cycling Nationally is now more popular than ever. One wonders what changes the next 90 years will bring.

Roy and Margeret Gordon



*Margaret
Gordon*

Obituary - Anthony Satterthwaite

Chris and I started cycling after retiring from playing rugby, we met Tony (Big Tone, Saff) through his father (Lou) who also used the same gym as us. Lou knew we had started cycling and mentioned that his son had just bought a bike and was looking for someone to go out with. Lou passed on Tony's number and we arranged to meet which sparked a great friendship and camaraderie. We'd cycle every weekend around 70 miles on a Saturday and a 30-40 mile ride on Sunday. We used to ride the Solihull CC Saturday ride some weekends and Tony joined the club and over the last few years was a regular on the Sunday club runs and Thursday TT's.

Other friends joined the group Raise / Big Phil and Tony also asked Al to join after meeting him on Strava, Diko joined through a mutual friend of his & Tony's, there were other that came out but these were the main stay of the Jolly Boys.



One thing about Tony was his love of a bargain or as the lads referred to it a monthly purchase of a new bike, I have literally no idea how many bikes he purchased but it seemed like he was buying a new bike every month. He'd strip them down sell all the components on e-bay and then rebuild the frame with new components and then be selling it after a few weeks saying he couldn't get on with the bike and that he was buying no more, sure enough he was never true to that intent.

Invariably Tony would decide on which routes we would take as we couldn't trust Duff or Diko with the navigation responsibility. Tony booked our first Jolly Boys outing to Exmoor where the cycling was excellent but the shower in the cottage ran with a trickle and so it took an age to have a shower. The following year along with Big AL he decided that Ireland would be the destination of the Jolly Boys outing and that we would take on the Wicklow 200 challenge. Well we arrived in glorious weather pitched our tent and had two fantastic days cycling the local area, the night before the event we

popped to the local hostelry to re-hydrate. As we left the pub it started to rain, at about 4 o'clock in the morning we were all floating along with our kit in a couple of inches of water, getting up later and putting on wet kit to cycle 200k was not what any of us planned, Tony ended up booking in to a local hotel that night so that he didn't have to risk another night on a floating air bed or put up with Raise snoring. We all came to an



agreement following that trip that Majorca was the place where we needed to go for our annual cycling break and that's where we've been going for the last five years, we have had some fantastic times during our visits both on and off the bike (some nights more like a stag party than a cycling break).

Tony was someone who would always offer some advice and be there to lend a helping hand with any mechanical issues. He wasn't just another fellow cyclist he was a key member of the group and a good friend to all, he possessed a great sense of humour and was always smiling the banter was always fierce but friendly. We shared some fantastic times and all the Jolly boys will treasure the fantastic memories we shared whether they be from cycling, holidays, nights out with the boys or with our wives & families.

The loss of Tony was / is an horrendous shock that leaves a hole that cannot be filled in the Jolly boys, cycling will never be the same without him. Our Thoughts and prayers are with Tony's wife Wendy, children George & Emma and all family & friends at this sad & difficult time.

Until we meet again Big Man Rest in Peace.

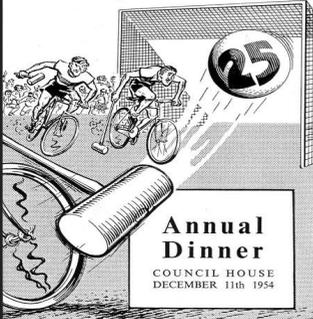


Simon, Chris, Andy, Malcolm, Alan & Phil.

Photos from the Archive

SOLIHULL C.C.
1929-1954
President: H. N. Brealey

25th BIRTHDAY YEAR



Annual Dinner
COUNCIL HOUSE
DECEMBER 11th 1954



Club 20th Birthday photo 1949

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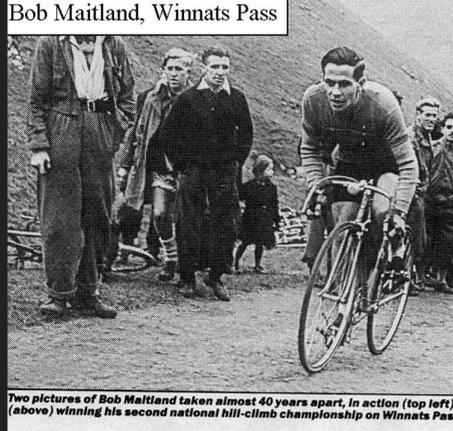
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1954 Family Run

Two pictures of Bob Maitland taken almost 40 years apart, in action (top left) (above) winning his second national hill-climb championship on Winnats Pass



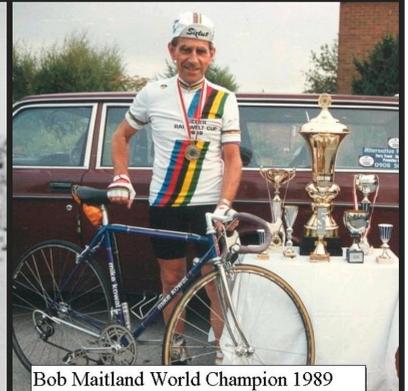
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Denis Moreton, Bas Francis, Bob Maitland 1946 national 25 winners



Bob Maitland World Champion 1989



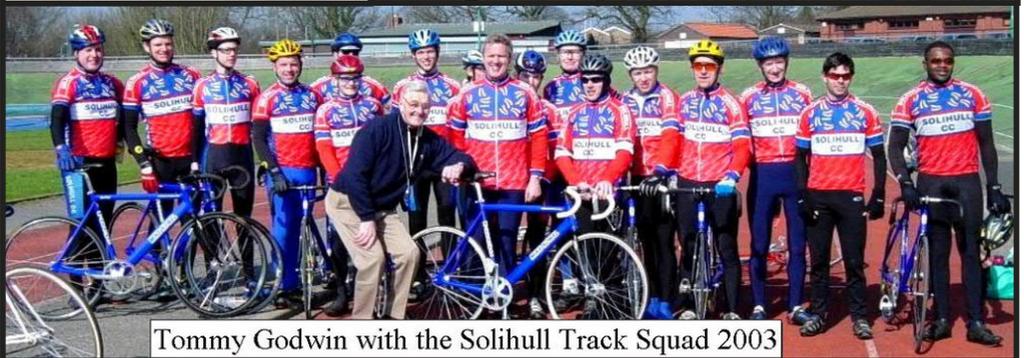
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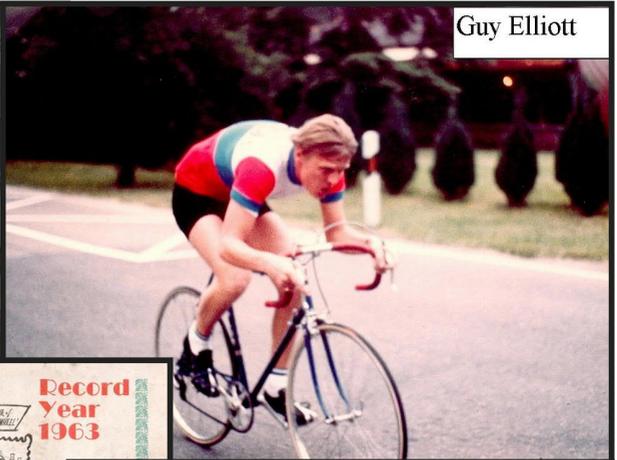
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Tommy Godwin with the Solihull Track Squad 2003



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 Clubmember John Monk

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 Councillor H. B. Shaw

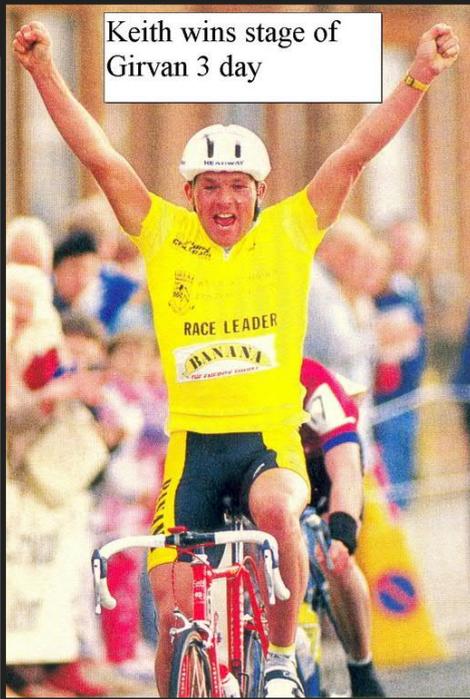
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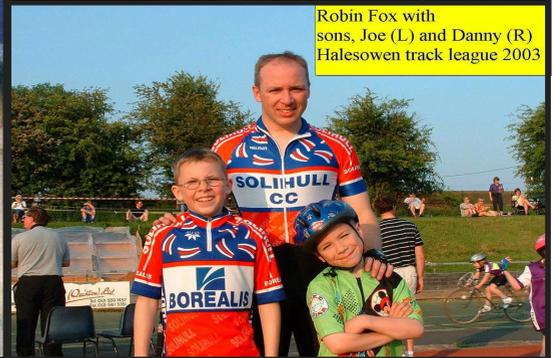
Richard Burden and Paul Pugh listen attentively to Tommy Godwin and John Monk coaching them !



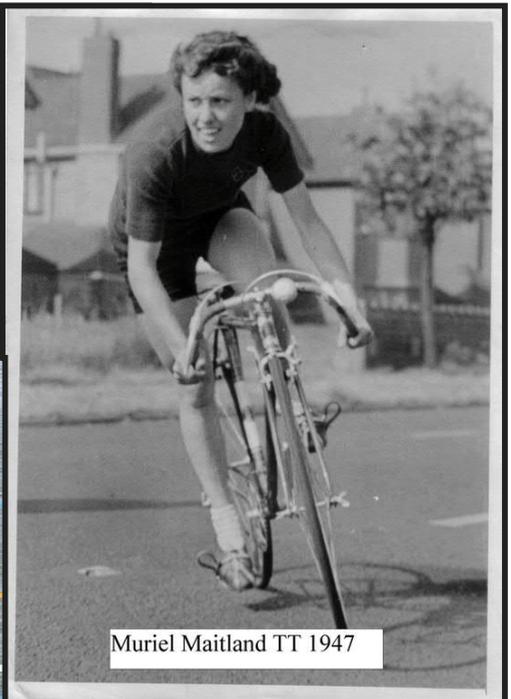
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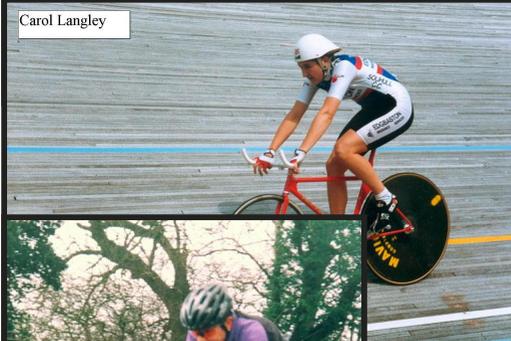


Robin Fox with sons, Joe (L) and Danny (R) Halesowen track league 2003



Carol Langley

Muriel Maitland TT 1947



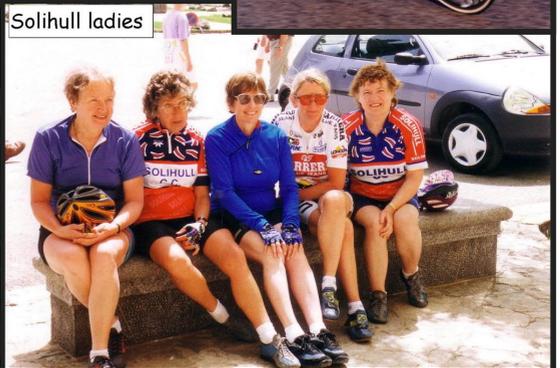
Ann Marie, Reliability Trial 2001



Liz Tennant 1993



Solihull Ladies 2003



Solihull ladies

Dick Bowes 2nd, Bob Maitland 1st, Dennis Moreton 3rd
London Championships 1946



Ivor Thomas - Club hill Climb 2003



Guy and Robin, Bruntingthorp airfield 2003



Barry Goodyear (L)
Paul Langley (R)



Club run !



Tudor Grange Circuit History

I always wanted a circuit in Solihull as I had learned all my early riding skills on parks and airfield circuits as massed start racing as it was called wasn't allowed on the open road. Circuits like Handsworth, Dartmouth & Sutton Park, and Airfield circuits Church Lawford, Wellesbourne & Honiley. (Incidentally I won the Junior National Championships 1953 at Church Lawford)



So when I retired a closed road circuit was always on my mind, I looked at several parks in Solihull & eventually ended up with Tudor Grange so along with Martin Stockman who was Solihull Cycling Officer at the time we approached the council early in 2000 & held our first meeting.

John Monk, Fred Towers and myself were involved at the start and several meetings followed but every time we got to know who we were dealing with on the council they either got promoted or left for a new job finally, in about 2006 Robin Fox, Dave Rutherford & myself were left as the main negotiators, we eventually applied for a grant from Sport England to fund a circuit.

The application for funding involved masses of paper work justifying the project plus a 10 year plan. Sport England gave us a model application for a Golf Course! Robin & Dave tackled the Mountain of paper work both being computer literate!



Sport England doesn't dish out cash easily, eventually after 2 years hard work we got the go ahead and £400,000 was lodged with the council and almost immediately we had two enthusiastic members council officers, Alan Brown and Chris Barr both heading up the Parks department.

The first races were held in 2009 and then in 2012 another windfall came our way for the circuit lights with £70,000 from the “Bob Maitland” legacy plus £70,000 from Sport England. Robin and I spent 2012 planning the light locations plus the accessory point at the finishing line. This was enjoyable process working with a superb lighting team from the council and only one problem which required a £2000 Bat Survey.

This is a brief history of how we achieved the circuit; looking back the membership has grown from 100 plus in 2004 to the current level 500 plus. The circuit has helped produce multiple Nationals champions & a World Junior Champion.



Danni Khan

- Danni Khan World Junior Champion 2013 Sprint, Keirin & 500m TT
- Jake Stewart 5th Junior World RR 2017 now professional for FDJ a top French Team.



Lucy Shaw

- Matt Shaw, National Circuit race Champion. 2016



Jake Stewart

- Lucy Shaw National Scratch race Champion. 2015
- Jack Ravenscroft - National Junior Cyclo Cross & National Trophy winner. 2010



Jack Rootkin-Gray

- Jack Rootkin- Gray on the Olympic development squad at BC , National youth 1st 500m tt- 1st 200m pursuit –1st Madison.



Matt Shaw

All these helped by the superb coaching staff we have now in place, all I had hoped for. Not to mention the cyclo cross coaching which is a bonus.

Harry Reynolds



Harry Reynolds

Youth program and club development

As Harry has written elsewhere about the Tudor Grange circuit, it's no secret that the whole youth and junior development program that has been a big part of club life in the last 15 years has gone hand in hand with having a traffic free facility at Tudor Grange to coach and work with riders of all ages and abilities. A lot of members look at club development as youth development, but this isn't strictly true. There's a lot to be gained by a lot of club members having access to a traffic free environment...whether it's core skills, training efforts etc. But we can't deny the boom in youth and junior members is closely related to the development of the circuit.



Typical Thursday Night

However, for a few years prior to the circuit being complete in 2008, a few of us were running coaching sessions at different venues...Halesowen, Shrewsbury, Newport etc but it was in 2008 where we hit the ground running with a team of coaches. Our 'squad' grew very quickly in the first 18 months and our riders were gaining from the work being put in by the coaches and parents. It's hard to imagine club life without the circuit these days, but back in the 80s, 90s, 00's...the only way we could develop young riders was through the Sunday club run format.



Getting ready for the off at Dorridge Village Hall

One of the great initiatives to come out of the development program was the formation of the "Apple Pie" runs on a Saturday from Dorridge Village Hall. These runs soon became established and provided the perfect vehicle for young riders with parents to get out on the road to compliment their Tudor Grange training. At one point, there were three Apple Pie runs...all converging with the other rides at the Saturday morning café. Integration of the club at this café is hugely important.

The success of the youth development program can be measured in many way....competition success...we've had a fair bit of that, but also young rider retention, general club diversity and continued delivery of well disciplined, talented bike riders. The number of our bike riders who have gone on to represent their country, or get Pro-contracts is amazing. Long may it continue.



Harrison, Ben & Jacob

CycloCross

Whilst the club has had fantastic success in cyclocross over the decades, the last 10-12 years has seen a resurgence of interest in this discipline...which is mirror'd all over the country...not just in Solihull CC. To see over forty Solihull CC riders registered for the West Mids league is utterly fantastic.

The development of Tudor Grange road circuit has, as a by-product, given us a great cyclocross training environment and the provision of lights has enabled us to use it all year round. The winter CX training sessions are very



Tuesday Night Cross Training

well attended. But just looking back over the last 10 years, we've had multiple West Mids race winners in youth and junior categories, but we've also won multiple National Trophy races (Jack Ravenscroft, Danny Fox, Joe Fox), National Championships (Jack Ravenscroft) and a National

championships team gold for Ben Healey, Jacob and Harrison Knight. We've had representation at International level (world cups and world champs). It's a great sport and a great way to spend the winter !

Robin Fox

Time Trialling

Where on earth do you start with this discipline in the SCC as we've had so many riders who've performed at the very top at this branch of the sport.

There can be so many distances to choose from 5,10,25,50,100,12H,24H,then if you prefer longer events you can ride Paris Breast Paris (technically not a race) 750 miles in under 90 hours or the ultimate challenge Lands End to John O'Groats .You don't have to be mad to do these last two events but if you are it certainly helps !!!!!

The records for these events go way back into the mists of time and even in the early days SCC had someone on the top step.

10 miles	1972 W.Moore Merseyside Wheelers	20.30
	2016 ;M Bialobloki One pro Cycling	16.35
25 miles	1946 ;Baz Francis SCC	59.18
	2016 ;M Bialobloki Nopinz	42.58
50 miles :	1946 ;Baz Francis SCC	2.2.19
	2018 M Bialobloki Nopinz	1.30.31
100 miles :	1938 H Earnshore Monkton CC	4.20.48
	2017 .:A Duggerby Vive Le Velo	3.16.51
12 Hours	1937 :C Happleton Yorkshire RC	251.62 miles
	2018 :A Duggerby Vive Le Velo	321.44 miles
24 Hours	1935 :E B Seeley Calleva RC	444.75 miles
	2011 :A Wilkinson Port Sunlight Wheelers	541.17 miles
Lands End to John O;Groats		
	1886 :George Mills On a Penny Farthing	121h .45m
	1908 ;Tom Peck	70h .42m
	2018 :Michael Broadwith Artic Taxt RT	43h.25m 13s

In 1979 our very own Paul Carbutt held this record with 47h.3m

He was riding as a Pro rider with Viking Campagnolo and held this record for 3 years CHAPEAU !!!

Also not to be outdone by the men the Ladies also set records going back to the mists of time .

10 miles	1952 ;C Brown South Shields Vivtoria RC	25.11
	2016 ;H Simmonds Aerocoach	18.36
25 miles	1942 ;E Jordan Addiscombe CC	1.06.17
	2016 ;H Simmonds Aerocoach	49.28
50 miles	1944 ;S Rimmington Meersbrook CC	2.21.02
	2016 ;H Simmonds Aerocoach	1.42.20
100 miles	1939 ;M Ball Yorkshire RC	5.07.07
	2018 ;A Lethbridge Drag2zero	3.42.03
12 Hours	1938 ;M Wilso West Croydon Wheelers	215.50 miles
	2018 ;A Lethbridge Drag2zero	290.07 miles
24 Hours	1967 ;C Moody Birdwell Wheelers	409.16 miles
	1993 ;C Roberts Crewe Clarion Wheelers	461.45 miles
Lejog	2002 ;Lynn Taylor	52h.55m

As you can see there is plenty for you to get your teeth into whether you like a sprint up to a 100 miles or fancy an epic journey of 12,24 hours or you fancy a crack at PBP or Lejog there is something for everyone .

SCC ran an Invitation 25 from 1936 to 1971 where the field was the best of the day ,SCC won it in 46 with Baz Francis and 3 times in 62.64 +65 with Graham Webb who famously went on to win the Worlds RR in 1967 ,so it just goes to show it's a good idea to be able to go fast by yourself as you never know when it will come in handy .

In 1987 Steve York won the National 10 + 25 Champs with times of 20.04 + 54.44 and SCC won the team prize with Rob Langley + Gary Chapman with 1.3.51 + 2.50.57 accordingly ,then he went on to win the junior BAR .

Not to be outdone Carole Langley won the National junior ladies 25 champs with 1.3.06 and then went on to win the BAR as well in 1984.



4-up TTT training 2004

There are too many riders to list over the years who've put SCC's name up there so I won't and I'm very sorry I can't but we haven't enough space anyway !!!!!

If you fancy a go all you need is a bike ,not even a TT bike ,just turn up on a Thursday evening from

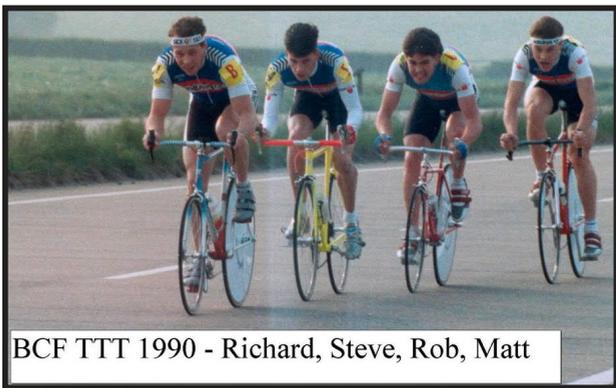
Easter through to September on a Thursday night with £3/£3.50 and have a go . You can race from the age of 12 through to 100 if you feel that way inclined .Its a great way to have competition against others and it is also the cheapest branch of cycling to race in !!!

We have teamed up with Birmingham Midland Cycling Club this year for our promotions predominately on the K1 course (Knowle) over 5,10,16 + 25 miles and there will be champs over 5,10, 25,50 +100 miles (open events). There will be a total of 32 events this year (on the TT web page shortly) with the 13 SCC event counting towards our season long competition ,so as you see there is plenty to ride if you want too .

Last years events were dominated by Dave Fellows and Penny Wilkin who the 5,10,25,+ 50 events convincingly Chapeau !!!!! So this year can we have some new challengers ,especially Women to make their jobs harder please .

Dave said he's going to have a serious go at open events this year and with times of 20.51 ,54.00 +1.48.32 this year we're expecting great times from him perhaps putting SCC back on the top step of the podium once again (No pressure Dave !!!)

Looking forward to seeing you all out there and some new faces as well so keep your heads up !!!!



BCF TTT 1990 - Richard, Steve, Rob, Matt

Mounty

Vets in Solihull CC

Russ Perry

I joined Solihull CC in 2008 - having cycled as a schoolboy and junior with Coventry Road Club. Cutting a long story short I built a road bike to do a 100 mile sportive. One thing led to another and then I decided to join a club. So rather over ambitiously I turned up for a Solihull CC chain gang on my rather heavy alloy bike—not quite realising what I was getting into and a whole lot slower than I remember. From what I remember Scott Wharton, Conor O'Brien and Shay McKeown were out. I kept up for about a mile and I was hooked. As I met more club members then I became aware of several vets around my age who were fast riders who were racing or thinking of racing. There have been several vets racers who have enjoyed considerable success and there are many with potential still to deliver. I have collated several reports here that outline some of the clubs successes in the past few years. I apologise for anyone who has been missed.

David Rutherford

The highlight of my racing career was in 2011 when I won the World Track Masters Scratch Race at Manchester in my first World Championships. I was in good form, as I recall, but did not expect to win against good sprinters in a 20 lapper. I had good success before that date though, winning two British Road Masters titles back to back as well as a couple of Silvers at other attempts. I luckily won my first LVRC Time Trial Championship in 2006, Cat 'E', when the horrendous rain caused the great Roger Iddles not to start. It wasn't a flat course, which helped. Success in this event continued also in 2011 when I won 'F' Cat and again in 2016 winning 'G' Cat.



Dave Rutherford LVRC
Championships 2004

2012 wasn't a good year for me at the World Track Masters, as they now knew me and hung to my wheel. I got knocked unconscious in the Scratch Race and trashed my good Casc helmet. I still had track success at the LVRC Champs though, winning the Scratch race at the Champs and a Silver in the

Pursuit. That same year I also became LVRC Criterium champion and won three Bronze medals in Track and Road.

In the World Road Championships in St. Johann, Austria my placings improved from the 44th I got in my first race and I was pleased with 9th as my best placing against much better sprinters. The field size was over 110 riders. I also destroyed two helmets in those events and visited their nice Hospital. In 2013 the UCI changed the Road format to include a qualifying event and I picked the GranFondo Eddy Merckx in Eastern Belgium as it was hilly. Start and finish was Huy and the finish, after 95 miles, was at the top of the Muur De Huy. Brutal. I won that and got the coveted UWCT World Tour Jersey, which I was pleased with. I got third in it the next year and qualified again. Unfortunately I did not have the same fortune in the World Finals in Trentino in Italy or Ljubljana in Croatia.

2015 was an enjoyable one on the track as I teamed up with three others to race the Team Pursuit in the Track Worlds in Manchester. I loved being involved in the training for it with the guys and also loved it when we won it. We rode it again in 2016 but came against a very good American team and had to settle for Silver. That year I won my second Bronze in the Individual Pursuit; this one being earned by right as the first was due to a disqualification. The World Track Masters moved to L.A. for 2017/18 so I didn't bother going. At home I continued to win Silver and Bronze at both the LVRC and National Champs and after a poor year for me in 2018 a Silver in the LVRC Crit Champs at Milton Keynes, when form began to return, was very satisfying.

Away from the track I love riding hills and rode the famous Tyneside Vagabonds Mountain Time Trial in the 65+ category. I had ridden this 47 mile event as a teenager so I was riding my old stamping ground again. I won this 3 years in a row then got 2nd to a lad from Teeside. Closer to home (Midlands) I rode the Beacon Hilly 3 times and got 3 Seconds. Over the Channel in France I have ridden the brutal Marmotte 3 times and finished 4th once and 8th twice.

In all I have 11 World/National/LVRC Gold Medals, 17 Silver and 18 Bronze and am hoping to add further to this in the years to come. The good news is that the World Track Masters is back in Manchester in 2019/20 so I am keen to have another go, planning for a fuller year of competition.

Paul Mann



The 2016 LVRV national track championships took place at Newport Velodrome in October of that year. Having come to cycling late in life (at 44) and road racing a few years after that, I didn't start track cycling and racing till my early 50s. 2016 was my first attempt at a track Nationals and the event took place a week after my 55th birthday making me the youngest rider in the D category race. Each event in the National champs earns a gold, silver and bronze and the rider with the best three events goes on to be awarded the LVRC National champion jersey for that age category. I won gold in the points race, bronze in the individual pursuit and 4th in the matched sprint. This was the best set of results in the D Category and I was awarded the National jersey for 2016. I'm now looking forward to 2021 when hopefully I'll be the youngest E category!

Bob Richards

A the sprightly age of 75 in October 2016 Bob Richards won the gold medal in 2000 metre pursuit at the UCI Track Cycling World Championships in Manchester. Bob won gold in the eight-lap men's pursuit for individuals aged 75 plus and managed to beat 11 worldwide competitors to claim the top spot.

He said: "I am already a road cyclist so I thought I would have a go at the velodrome. I started cycling 70 years ago and will continue to cycle for as long as I can. A big part of my life would disappear if I didn't continue to ride my bike. The velodrome track is on a 42-degree angle, it was like riding up a wall. It was great to hold the union jack flag and sing the national anthem after the race had finished."

The energetic cyclist, who described his win as exciting, battled against competitors as old as 80.



Wayne Mckeown



Wayne won the season long 2018 Percy Stallard trophy run by the LVRC for the 45-50 age category. Points are awarded for top 6 finishers in a series of vets road races throughout a season. His results were as follows-

- 5/4/18 Flèche Waltonne 9th overall 5th B 2 points
- 15/4/18 Luton CC RR 2nd overall 1st B 6 points
- 13/5/18 Enville RR 5th overall 2nd B 5 points
- 17/6/18 Bridlington CC RR 8th overall 4th B 3 points
- 15/7/18 Tour of the Wolds RR 6th overall 5th B 2 points
- 16/9/18 St Ives RR 10th overall 6th B 1 point

As the season progressed it became clear to Wayne that he could win the competition. Therefore he decided to go to the Yorkshire races as he was clear on points after first 3 rounds. He picked up 5 points in Yorkshire so going into final round only Simon Bridge (Manchester Wheelers) could catch him on points but Simon needed to win final race. A plan was hatched with Solihull CC team mate Stuart Jameson and the two Solihull men marked Simon closely in the last race of the season at St Ives leaving Wayne with the jersey.



The potential champions

In 2019 we have a strong Vets team. Ian Cowan has moved up to the 60+ category so should be one of the stronger riders in his age group, he will surely deliver some good results to add to his pursuit success in the LVRC track championships – Andrew Simpkins is a strong rider in the over 60s who will form a strong team with Ian. We are never sure if and when Kev Wilson will make another comeback but he is to be seen riding strongly on his brand



Stuart Jameson 2nd 2018 Hill Climb

new ‘steel is real’ steed. Richard Blackman will be difficult to beat in a sprint – he just needs to find the right race and to get in the right position. Stuart Jameson is another strong sprinter who is working hard on his W/Kg for the coming season and the numbers are looking good. Adrian Byrne has showed great promise in 2018 and with the confidence of a Tudor Grange win behind him he should be unbeatable in 2019. The SCC evening training rides are a breeding ground for new talent – this year we have seen Phil Lovell and Mike Pridmore-Wood making early winter appearances and putting in strong performances. Neville Gunn is

another guy with lots of experience from his younger days on Merseyside and who needs to deliver on his promise. Chris Bodremon is another unfulfilled talent – lots of power and gallic drive! Phil Hitchmough has raced this year and showed early promise but crashed out at Martley and therefore has unfinished business on the road. Mike Harrison is another strong rider who will improve his results with more road racing.

I have spoken about several of the more regular vets that I see and there are many others on the fringes – for me it is all about trying to improve your speed and power – so if you are interested in making new friends and improving your cycling then chat to one of the Vets or come on the Saturday run from Dorridge Station at 9am. Even moving up to a road race if you get really ambitious.

In hindsight I feel I have written a male focussed article and that cycling should be an inclusive activity so if there are any Vets ladies who are interested in racing in 2019 the LVRC is planning to run a ladies only race (for over 40 women) – again speak to any of the cyclists mentioned above if you are interested.



Russ Perry Racing Secretary

A Run Leader's History

Having been a run's leader for well over 20 years I have seen many changes in the club, both on club runs and in the changing population.

I learnt from the older generation of the club when Garmin's were yet to be invented. In those days you got the map out, studied it and plotted a route in your mind, bringing the map with you just in case it was needed.

I must mention the leaders of my earlier years, Jim Smythe, Fred Hopkins, Fred Towers, Trevor Bayliss, Dave Stephenson, Barry Goodyear, Roy Gordon and Harry Reynolds who come immediately to mind. Barry and Fred Towers are no longer with us but their routes are legendary. Fred Hopkins was noted for always putting in a long, challenging hill more to test his own ability, to prove to himself he was still able to do it!

Jim and Trevor were my first leaders back in the late 90's and early 2000's, stalwart leaders of the Sunday C rides. At that time there were only three runs on a Sunday morning compared to the six we have now. Both held the group together and if you transgressed you were told in no uncertain words to behave yourself. I can always remember Roy Gordon grabbing people's jerseys to hold them back if they were beginning to pick up the pace.

When I moved up to the B run I met the two Fred's and Dave. I tried desperately to hang on to these rides and often struggled to keep up but with the determination to become as good a rider as I could be. I recall being told, after the group had to wait for me again to, 'go on another ride if you cannot keep up with this group!' As this is a family magazine I cannot say precisely how this was put to me. But the point was taken, I had to up my game or clear off.

Roy and Harry were 'A' riders and way above my standard of riding. I always admired them when we met after the ride on a Sunday morning at the old clubhouse in Lady Lane, coming in after 90-100 miles, looking tired but fulfilled, a good job done.

It was on these rides that I began to take an interest in where we went and always looked at the map when I got home to take a closer look at lanes we had ridden. I tried to note in my mind the lanes they took and why. My confidence grew and I was asked if I would like to take a few rides. I planned

my rides well in advance and asked for advice on which were the best routes to take.

I soon realised it was not as easy as it seemed; you had to keep a close eye on the back of the group as well as knowing where you were going. It was always important to remember short cuts as you had to take into consideration mechanicals and punctures if you wanted to get to the café on time.

During the holidays I participated on the Tuesday rides. These were an all-day run and we often rode well over 100 miles, stopping out to lunch and often a tea stop towards the end. It was on these rides that I really got to know Roy, Barry, Dave and Harry. They proved they were expert 'map men', not a Garmin in sight. My knowledge of routes increased with Holt Fleet, Emley Castle, Cropredy and the Rollrights becoming regular stops.

As the club grew, we realised that we had to introduce another ride so the D run was born. We also introduced a B+ ride to accommodate riders who were not quite up to A standard but too fast for a regular B ride. Eventually the committee realised that we had to rejig the system as there was confusion between the B+ and the B so our present system came into fruition.

The club now has over thirteen weekly rides. The A, B, C, D, E and F rides on a Sunday morning are currently still the most popular with well over fifty riders turning up, even more on a good day. The Thursday ride from the Punchbowl in Lapworth is proving to be increasingly well attended many of whom are over sixty, of which can I happily say I am one.

I know the vast majority of club members appreciate the work that the leaders do, but we do find that there are the odd few who, during the ride, half wheel, go off the front and go on the front at the end of the ride pushing the pace up after sitting in the pack all day, never taking their turn on the front. It's hard work up there! So please listen to your leader as we are a dying breed and if you are feeling confident put your hand up and begin to understand all that's involved in taking a ride. For me it is not an onerous task providing the riders stay in the group and are aware that others may not be as fit as you. If you are asked to ease off take it as compliment. After all it is a social run.

Pete James

The club has always had a tradition of “off runs list” rides, either by individual club members or groups, and over the last 20 years as the number of members has increased so has the “touring” activity blossomed.

There are still the old favorites such as the Semaine Federal in France but sadly the Gentleman's Spring Tours, long standing annual excursions by senior club members, these have faded away together with their members.

But now new groups have been emerging to join the regular and traditional UK rides, be these from coast to coast, Lands End to John O’Groats or wherever. Other groups slip away to the European mainland for trans Alpine and Pyrenean journeys as well as single center stays in Brittany, the Dolomites and the Alps. Others to the US to tackle the mighty climbs in the Rockies. And Mallorca, where groups regularly visit the island in the Spring and the autumn - there cannot be a country road there that hasn’t seen a Solihull top at some time.

Then there are the brave club members who seek solo challenges, some for charities, others just for the fun involving thousands of meters of climbing, as well as mega miles, both in the UK and the Continent. Whether it’s from the Irish Sea to the North Coast or from the Med to the Channel, Solihull members have achieved spectacular performances.

However, the daddy of them all, standing out from everyone else over the past 20 years, the nonpareil, the master globe trotter, with rides in Cuba, Sri Lanka, Newfoundland, Tasmania, New Zealand, Japan, eastern Europe, the US (including 2 months coast to coast) it’s hats off to Mr Geoffrey Sales. Any award to him for touring would be like giving a prize in physics to Albert Einstein.

Dave Stephenson



Geoff Sales in San Fransico

Memories of Audax

My introduction to Audax was with Phil Rosenbloom and Rob Hampton on our club Audax way back in the late nineties. It was on that ride we suddenly found we were lost and came across another Solihull rider – one Dick Law who, it turns out was well prepared with a map. The organizer [one Dave Stephenson no less !!!] had missed out a line on the route sheet !! Despite that, I was hooked and rode Audax rides most weekends in the summer.

I used Audax rides for training, interest or just fun. The appeal of these rides is fairly simple. They cover all parts of the country, all year, very low cost (compared with Sportives), a challenge and full of interesting characters. Audax rides date back to over 100 years and some of the current riders look like they were inaugural members. In this country Audax riders are often accused of modelling 10 year old second hand hobo-run outfits.



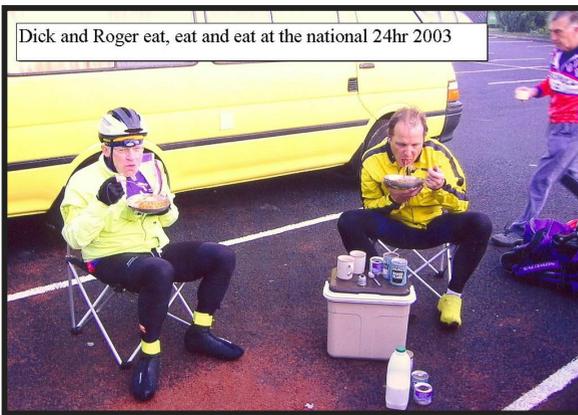
Club Audax 2003

However don't make the mistake, as I did, thinking that these guys can't ride just because they're not wearing Assos & riding carbon bikes. They ride almost non stop for 100s of miles often sleeping rough by the roadside or in church halls. However you don't need to ride those sort of miles or dress like a tramp, there are Audax rides to suit all tastes. When wife Annie was first introduced to the Audax movement she described it as a bit like the military wing of the CTC.

The first thing to remember is that Audax rides are NOT races. People ride them more in the spirit of an event like the London Marathon, everyone riding to their own limitations with the primary objective to just 'get round'. Size of entry varies greatly but is typically less than 100 starters and the routes typically feature a lot of quiet, scenic lanes. Some events are noted for the quality of home-cooked food and tender loving care supplied along the way. But most are not - self-sufficiency is a highly-regarded quality in AUK. There are maximum and minimum time limits, which are designed to suit

everyone from the fittest of recreational riders, to more occasional riders who have plenty of determination. Each rider is given a route sheet (or a GPS route depending on taste) and all carry a 'brevet card' which is stamped at intermediate checkpoints and at the finish. The card is validated and recorded by Audax UK and is later returned to the rider as a certificate of their achievement.

When I first started, I decided to do one big ride each year, My first was the Gran Fondo Millenio from Rome to Bergamo, the next big Audax ride was the London –Edinburgh- London where I clocked 1500 Km in 4 days, being in the saddle about 18 hours a day. It was on that ride I had a major mechanical and wasted hours in York getting a new front mech. I foolishly decided that I'd cut back on the sleeps to make up time. When riding through Lincolnshire I began to hallucinate thinking I was in a roman amphitheater with wild animals about to come & get me. I'd been warned about this



'feature' of extreme rides and told that the important thing was to stop, get off the bike and eat – in that order. Fortunately I had 1 mars bar left which got me to the next control & sleep. Two years after that Dick & I rode the Paris-Brest-Paris which was quite different to the LEL challenge. The PBP was like a huge party. With locals cheering and offering food &

drink as you went through the villages at any time of day & night. Dick & I did many outstanding rides together. Moments that come to mind were when we'd just come over a series of breathtaking climbs when Dick, who'd ridden this route many time before, said "you'll be ok now Rog it's all down hill to Clun. Inevitably as we turned the next bend a massive hill like a climbing wall appeared in front of us. "Why do I listen to this man" I thought? Our trip north of the border to do the Daylight 600 was another epic with Dick, Dr Andrew & me. We came across a weird character who was known as McNasty to other riders. He latched on to Dick & I. We wondered why until it got dark and we realized that he didn't actually have any ruddy lights! When we got to the control in Fort William then McNasty quickly went round and grabbed the available air bed, blankets & pillows and dropped into

a noisy snoring sleep. Leaving Dick & I to sleep on the floor covered by our rain capes. I was quite fit then and was on the front most of the way round but when we came back over the Forth Bridge Dick said that the zip had gone out of my legs and shot off into the distance. Oh the life of a humble domestique! When we got back to the start near Edinburgh, we could see no sign of Dr Andrew who decided that stopping at controls was a waste of time so he had his carrier stuffed full of energy bars & gels and planned to graze as he rode. We asked around and phoned the intermediate controls but Dr Andrew was nowhere to be found. We were about the leave and drive route in reverse when he drew up in a taxi. It turns out that at the extreme western part of the ride He'd stopped off in a pub in Acharacle. The locals asked him where he'd ridden from and when he told them near Edinburgh they said he needed a wee dram then another & another to the point he decided to stay the night & return the next morning by taxi.

I am greatly indebted to Dick Law who has an encyclopedic knowledge of the Audax routes, and, more importantly, how to ride them. Thanks to Dick I had no repeats of my hallucinogenic LEL experience and settled into just enjoying great rides through fantastic scenery in different parts of the country. One special memory is riding the 'Elenith' with Dick Law in 2003.

This is the picture I like to remember



This is the picture of me being dropped that Dick shows everyone!

It's been 6 years since my near death experience on the C run and sadly I've not managed to regain my Audax fitness but the aim is to do a short (100k or 150k) Audax ride this year as a goal to get me back on my bike.

Dick Law writing.....My only additional bit to add to the above is to say that Audax rides have enabled both of us to see parts of the country that you normally wouldn't come across as well as lanes that you would never normally ride on. Stories abound of makeshift repairs to get you home, getting lost in the dark for hours, as well as telling tales of deering-do.....such as Rog descending into Rhayader from the Elan Dams at about 60 MPHor suddenly remembering he'd left his mobile phone at a Control !

The phrase “ character building “ keeps coming to mind !

And don't forget that our club member Len De Vos was the International Events secretary of Audax UK for many years.

And finally its worth remembering that although AUK now has around 5000 members, the number of rides local to the West Midlands has sadly decreased in numbers over the years.....still, they do represent excellent value for money and a great way to see the countryside for a Fiver !!

Roger Cliffe & Dick Law



Life Member

After having listened intently on more than one occasion, I realise that David Stephenson does have some exceedingly good points.

David has been a long standing member of Solihull Cycling Club and during that time a lively and spirited member on the club committee. In addition to developing the long overdue club etiquette guide he was also a great campaigner for an insurance policy for club members.



Being a successful runs leader for well over twenty years David has undoubtedly earned a great reputation for incorporating the most challenging of routes which would often include hills that could easily outsmart some of the youngest and fittest of riders.

Although he has stepped back a little from club committee duties he still continues to co-ordinate the Tuesday rides.

David is an influential member who can readily see the potential in others, quietly encouraging them to step up to the next level.

For David's exemplary service to Solihull Cycling I nominate him for Life Membership.

Pete James

To Fred's Children

Fred Towers was not my friend, he was my hero.

I came to live in Solihull in 1986. I was 38 years old, a non athlete, overweight and smoked. I had three young children and a busy job. For obscure reasons I had a bicycle and I had, by accident more than anything else, cycled a couple of times in France.

For the next few years I occasionally ventured out at some point over the weekends around the lanes. I thought Earlswood Lakes was a long way and coming home from Lowsonford was a mountain tour. I did though manage a couple of further rides in France.

As I approached 40 my general idleness resulted in my lovely wife encouraging me to look for a local cycling club. The Solihull CC had a card on the notice board at Solihull library and after much arm twisting I rang up.

Fred Towers answered the phone. I explained my general non-athleticism and the very limited amount of cycling I had done. He said to come along to the Barley Mow on Sunday morning and join the B run. He told me he led the ride and **I would be OK.**

He was economical with the truth.

We went to the Little Chef at Long Itchington on the 4th January 1992. Ray Bachelor nursed me through the first unfamiliar miles of riding in a bunch. I somehow got to the tea stop but I will never know how, although I suspect the pace was adjusted to accommodate me. The return was horrendous. I was pushed home from Leek Wootton.

I rode the B run until 2004.

Why is all this relevant?

All these B runs were led by a calm, totally unflappable, quietly spoken chap called Fred Towers. I was taken to places I had never heard of and I had no idea how I got there or got back. His knowledge of the lanes within 40 miles of Solihull was astonishing.

The Fred Towers runs were never easy. If we went west there was none of the 'cycling for softie's routes' like today. Out through Alvechurch meant

straight up Scarfield Hill and the same coming back, up Holloway Hill then Weatheroak.

With Fred Towers at the front there was no shouting. Everything he said was in his quiet unassuming manner “wait at the top lads”, “next left”, “mind the car”. I will avoid naming names for fear being sued for libel, but that B run had some very cantankerous riders. Many are still around, god bless ‘em, but to a man and a woman they all did uncomplainingly what Fred asked.

It did not take me long to realise I was never going to be as quick or as strong as this famous peloton but this man who led never let me get dropped and never left me struggling. With Fred Towers leading a ride, I discovered **I could ride a bike**.

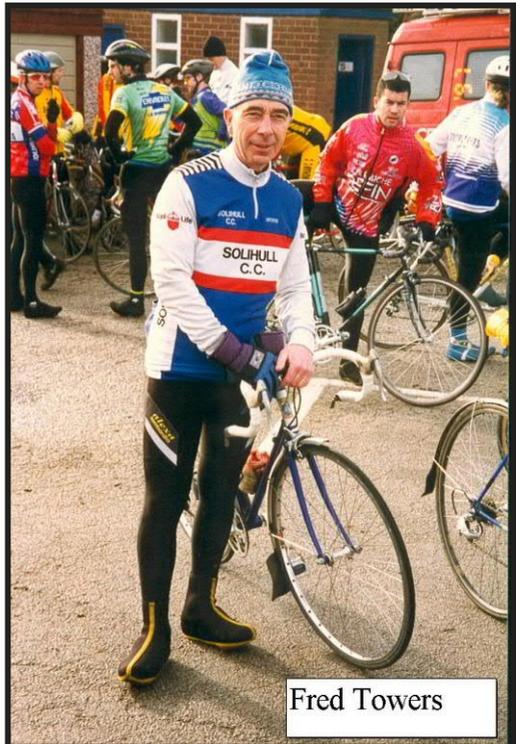
For me this has been profound and life changing.

For the next 26 years I have ridden a bike across countries and continents, through mountains and plains and in some glorious and equally appalling weather conditions. I have been to places and seen landscapes and cultures that in my wildest dreams I never thought I would see.

I have been able to do this because one man’s calm, unhurried leadership gave me that confidence.

I can ride a bike and I have Fred Towers to thank for that. That is why he is my hero.

Geoff Sales



Fred Towers

81st International week of Cycle Tourism

The 81st Semaine Federale in 2019 will be in the Charente, in west costal France from Sunday 4th to 11th August. It will be based in Cognac, in the Bordeaux region. The distance from Calais of c650K probably requires an overnight stop in France on route.

The Semaine Federale is a very French version of cycle tourism and organised by the FFCT (equivalent of the UK CTC operating from a central base with a choice of 4 or 5 daily rides of distances varying between 30 and 100 miles commencing on Sunday 4 August. Registration opens on Friday 2 August and the SCC group usually arrive then or the next day. Maps, road profiles and ride options are provided upon arrival/registration and daily rides are signposted. It makes for an enjoyable week with participants from overseas including SCC, other British cycling clubs, regional CTC branches and people from all over the world.

The Solihull CC group usually consists of a group of 20 people camping in own tents, caravan or camper van for the week on one of the FFCT campsites. I submit a consolidated group application on our behalf so that we are grouped together on the campsite.

Application forms and instructions will be available from me in early January and interested members can also obtain further information from the website www.sf2019.ffct.org.

People can book themselves directly via the website onto the event. This allows the options of choice of more comfortable accommodation and catering rather than the rigours of camping.

To gain additional information also talk to others who have attended in the 25 years in which the club have attended.

If Club members are interested in joining us then please contact me.

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SCC 2018 Awards

2018

The Paveley Vets RR Cup, St Johann	Vets RR Champion	Wayne McKeown
Dunlop Trophy Club RR Champion	Club RR Champion	Stuart Jameson
Club TT Champion	Club TT Champion	David Fellows
S Payne Mens Club 5m TT	Club 5m TT Champion	David Fellows
Ladies 5m Champion	Ladies 5m Champion	Penny Wilkin
Solihull News Mens Club 10m TT	Club 10m TT Champion	David Fellows
C F Dawes Mens Club 25m TT	Club 25 m TT Champion	David Fellows
D Jones Mens Club 50m TT Champion	Club 50m TT Champion	David Fellows
J W Bryant Mens Club 100m TT	Mens 100 m Trophy	Andrew Simpkins
Ladies 100m TT Champion	Ladies 100 m TT	Penny Wilkin
Clarkes Cables 10m Ladies	Club Ladies 10m TT	Penny Wilkin
Cath Ward 25m Ladies Club TT	Club Ladies 25m TT	Penny Wilkin
Frank Wells Ladies 50 m Champion	Ladies 50 m Champion	Penny Wilkin
C A Lovegrove Schoolboys 5m TT	Schoolboys 5m TT	Jack Rootkin-Gray
Schoolgirls 5m TT Champion	Schoolgirls 5m TT	<i>not awarded</i>
A Freeth Schoolboys 10m TT Champion	Schoolboys 10m TT	<i>not awarded</i>
Schoolgirls 10m TT Champion	Schoolgirls 10 m TT	<i>not awarded</i>
F Knight Club cyclocross Trophy	Cyclocross Champion	William Ryan
Youth Male Cyclocross Trophy	Male CX	Oliver Tandy
Youth Female Cyclocross Trophy	Female CX	Holly Saunders
Schoolboys RR bowl	Jack Rootkin-Gray	
Schoolgirls RR Bowl	Ella Tandy	
Vets Cyclocross Champion	Vets CX Champion	Claire Hughes
T J Camplin Club Hill Climb Champion	Hill Climb Champion	David Fellows
W E Wright Club 5m Track	Club 5m Track Champ	Stuart Jameson
Tian Franklin Go-Ride Plaque	Tian Franklin Go-Ride	Patrick Neely
Ian Franklin Youth Trophy	Ian Franklin Youth	Ben Shuttlewood

Alistair Cave Crest – Most Improved Youth Rider

	Most Improved Youth	Oliver Tandy
Ivor Goodman Club MTB Champion	Club MTB Champion	Daniel Charton
J Waterson Most Promising Member	Most Promising New	Hari Vikram
Most Promising Junior	Most Promising Junior	Tom Green
Mrs HH England Femina Ladies Club Runs	Ladies Runs Attendance	Ailsa Neely
P Bennett Shield Mens Club Runs	Mens Runs Attendance	Pete James
Jarrett Cycles Touring Cup	Jarrett Cycles Touring	Nick Hartland
Powergen Stay Active Cup	Stay Active Cup	Dave Stephenson
H N Brearley Tray – Most Magazine Articles	Most Mag Article	Pauline Knight
Yabber Gabber Best Magazine article	Best Mag Article	Esther Barnes
Michelin Puncture Trophy	Puncture Trophy	Tony Baker
D Osmond Shield – Chief Hobo	Mens Chief Hobo	David Abosch
Chief Ladies Hobo	Ladies Chief Hobo	Sandra Turner
H Musgrave Marshalling Trophy	Marshalling Trophy	Margaret Gordon
Eric Arthur Official of the Year	Officials Trophy	<i>Chairman's award</i>
Glass Crank	Glass Crank Award	Harry Reynolds
Presidents Awards		Jake Stewart
		Jack Rootkin-Gray
		Paul Mann
		Wayne McKeown
		David Back
		Steve Mountford
Merit Awards		Alison Mountford
		Ian Cowan
		Pauline Gunn
		Paul Mann
		Harry Balmer
		Geoff Sales
		Rose Neely
		Holly Saunders

Club Runs

Saturday

A run from Dorridge Station at 9:00am

B run from The Railway Inn Dorridge 9:00am

Apple pie run from Dorridge Village Hall at 9:00am

All these rides have a coffee stop at Studley Garden Centre Mappleborough Green

Sunday

DATE	A RUN	B RUN	C RUN	D RUN	E RUN
03-Feb	Battlefields	Wickhamford	Wellesbourne TC	Clifford Chambers	Middleton Hall
10-Feb	Chipping Camden	Hartlebury	Clifford Chambers	Dunnington	Stratford
17-Feb	Stourport	Battlefields	Jinny Ring	Wellsbourne TC	Clifford Chambers
24-Feb	Reliability Trial				
03-Mar	Willoughby	Onley	Long Marston	Blooms GS	Astley
10-Mar	Evesham	Blakedown	Dunsmore	Ilmington	Charlcote
17-Mar	Napton	Defford	Wickhamford	Craycombe Farm	Stoneleigh
24-Mar	St Peter's GC	Chasewater	Clifford Chambers	Snarestone	Astwood Bank
31-Mar	Bishampton	Stretton U Fosse	Dunnington	Draycote Water	Alcester
07-Apr	Ilmington	Mickleton	M Hussingtree	Middleton Hall	Dunnington
14-Apr	Long Itchington	Wolverley	Long Marston	M Hussingtree	Middleton Hall
21-Apr	Toddington	Shipston	Battlefields	Hunningham	Wellesbourne
28-Apr	Hunningham	Staverton	Jinny Ring	Charlcote	Clifford Chambers
05-May	Rosliston	Moira	Chadd Corbett	Clifford Chambers	Shottery

Rides start from Clock Tower Solihull

All runs start at 9:00. Throughout the year

Beginners F Run also available - Contact Alan Thomson 01216808322 or alt492@hotmail.com

Tuesday

		B Run				
DATE	A Run Coffee Stop	Coffee Stop	(*)	Pub Stop	C Run	
05-Feb	Blakedown	Shipston On Stour		Ardens Grafton	Hoar Park	
12-Feb	Blooms	Long Itchington	PB	Hampton Lucy	Kenilworth	
19-Feb	Fladbury	Clifford Chambers		Ardens Grafton	Alcester	
26-Feb	Clifford Chambers	Fladbury		Broom	Shottery	
05-Mar	Hoar Park	Oxhill	PB	Wellesbourne	Hatton Locks	
12-Mar	Evesham	Wickhamford		Aston Cantlow	Blackhills	
19-Mar	Ilmington	Mickelton		Aston Cantlow	Stratford	
26-Mar	Whitlence	Ilmington		Barton	Stoneleigh	
02-Apr	Draycote Water	Battlefields	E	Shustoke	Hoar Park	
09-Apr	M Hussingtree	Lighthorne	PB	Norton Lindsey	Alcester	
16-Apr	Wellesbourne	Churchfields		Broom	Mappleboro Green	
23-Apr	Wickhamford	Snaresone	E	Ratcliffe Culey	Astwood Bank	
30-Apr	Flyford Flavel	Shipston On Stour		Ardens Grafton	Shottery	
07-May	Churchfields	Chadd Corbett		Flyford Flavel	Blackhills	
Runs info Dave Stephenson 01564 776064, davidjks@icloud.com						
B Run is an all-day ride with coffee & lunch, starts Reservoir pub at 9:15 am						
A Run is faster with coffee stop, starts from Reservoir pub at 9:15						
(*) Runs marked P start Punchbowl, E start from Eastcote X roads @ 9:15						
					Starts Punchbowl 10:00	

Thursday

DATE	A RUN	B RUN	C RUN	D RUN
07-Feb	Wellesbourne	Clifford Chambers	Kingsbury	Astwood Bank
14-Feb	Dunnington	Astwood Bank	Wellesbourne AF	Charlcote
21-Feb	Wellesbourne	Charlcote	Kenilworth	Stoneleigh
28-Feb	Dunnington	Clifford Chambers	Stoneleigh	Blackhills
07-Mar	Wellesbourne	Dunnington	Dunnington	Stratford
14-Mar	Dunnington	Lighthorne Heath	Wellesbourne TC	Dunnington
21-Mar	Wellesbourne	Astwood Bank	Charlcote	Hatton Locks
28-Mar	Dunnington	Wellesbourne TC	Long Itchington	Wellesbourne TC
04-Apr	Wellesbourne	Clifford Chambers	Alcester	Briar Croft
11-Apr	Dunnington	Dunnington	Mappleboro Green	Astwood Bank
18-Apr	Wellesbourne	Charlcote	Kenilworth	Shottery
25-Apr	Dunnington	Lighthorne Heath	Wellesbourne TC	Alcester
02-May	Wellesbourne	Hoar Park	Stoneleigh	Charlcote
09-May	Dunnington	Wellesbourne TC	Hunningham Hill	Stoneleigh
Runs Co-Ordinator Dick Law 01926 427200				
A Run starts Dynamic Rides Hockley Heath at 9:15				
B,C and D run start from Punchbowl at 10:00 am				

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