

South Western Road Club

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The club saw out 1992 with the annual reunion and prize presentation at Colets club in early December. The evening was organised by Dave and Penny Wright and attended by about 90 members. A Christmas trivia quiz was also held at the club room and enjoyed good support with eight teams of three competing for the chocolate Santa Claus first prize. The club room saw plenty of activity with the club roller competition, held over several weeks in November, and finally won by Adrian Brugnoli.

Our cyclo-cross promotion at Shirley Hills in January was held in the worst possible conditions imaginable with high winds and heavy rain. Evans Woking sponsored the racing for us and Oscar Whicheloe kept the clubs name at the forefront with a win in the juvenile race. We hired a day on the track at Calshot with a dozen or so members taking part and we lost one of our regular club run supporters when Bert 'Van Bigring' returned to his native Holland.

Sadly, we lost one of our vice-presidents, Phil Parkinson senior, who passed away suddenly in mid-February. Many club members attended his funeral in Ewell and grieved for a man who played a large part in 40 years of the Road Club. The club also lost another longstanding member when Vera Reed passed away in April.

The club 2-up once again kicked off the racing season and was well supported with Ray Robinson and Cheryl Owens winning over the two events.

New club kit including jerseys, shorts, tops, capes, skinsuits and helmet covers appeared everywhere thanks to continued sponsorship from Evans Cycles. Our thanks goes to Gary Smith for his support and financial commitment and also to Alan Poulton for his efforts in handling our club clothing and distributing this amongst the membership over the year.

Once again the club enjoyed a tremendous influx of new members with a total of 41 joining in the last 12 months. Of these, 23 joined as racing members, 10 as club members, 6 as family members and 2 juveniles. These figures include eight new lady members and at October 1993 our total membership stands at 185.

More than 50 club members rode the Winchcombe mountain bike ride in the Cotswolds during early April and we retained the Schnider Trophy for the club with most entrants. There has been a regular mountain bike section throughout the year with interest in both racing and general riding. Oscar Whicheloe in particular has ridden many MTB events and had placings in the junior (and senior!) races.

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A substantial number of members do mix their cycling to include a slice of MTB action and we have also seen those who joined us with MTB backgrounds taking part in road races and time trials.

The club organised one of the Vetarace series road races towards the end of April on the Dunsfold circuit. Our veteran road men have been prominent in these (and other) races throughout the season with Andy Swanson finally winning the club championship. Andy also took 13th place in the national vets road championship in his first year riding for the club.

The club was victorious in April's inter-club '10' with 15 riders competing in a 70 up field. Our own 18 time trial event programme was very well supported throughout with an average of 13 riders competing in each event. Incorporated within these events were the the Points Award won by Carl Davis and the Handicap Award won by Bob Frewin. It is pleasing to note veteran Bob Frewin only joined the club in May (as a novice) and improved sufficiently to win this award. Our thanks as always goes to club event timekeepers David Squirrel, Paul Ransom, Liz Naughton and John Frazer.

Steve Gowar has ridden strongly throughout the year and retained the senior road race title. His aggressive style of riding has seen him dictating the pace in many races and he finished second overall in the Southern Star trophy series after leading this competition during mid season. Steve has also enjoyed a number of racing trips abroad as part of the London Lancers team in the American based National Cycle League travelling to races in Houston, Amsterdam and Pittsburg.

In June, the club fielded five teams in the Clarendon 4-up team time trial including one ladies team. Eleven members travelled to the south of France for a weeks cycling holiday and took in a continental randonnee on the way. Andy Murray put in a claim on the fastest 25 mile of the year with a 56.21 ride on the Didcot course and which did finally, but narrowly, win him the Frank Slinger Trophy for this distance.

Ray Robinson, Tony Fantham, Alan Parkinson and Cheryl Owens rode the Monday Competition at Herne Hill during the summer and secured some good results in both these races and the open track meetings. In the Leicester league, self exiled Colin Parkinson also figured prominently and with four wins and eight second placings to his credit is club track champion for the year.

While we all watched the exploits of Chris Boardman and Graeme Obree and their marvellous performances in the cycling velodromes of Europe (indeed, our President witnessing the current hour record being set) Carl Davis was laying the foundations for his club time trial championship with the only sub 22 minute '10' of the year (21.59), a personal best 25 miles (56.21) and the only rider inside two hours for a '50' (1.59.54). His final average mph of 26.270 being too good for David Williams' average of 25.637 mph and David therefore takes the Screwed Down Trophy. A total of eight members completed the distances required for this years best all rounder competition.

However, David reversed the positions in the new club events best all rounder competition held this year for the first time. His 25.719 mph av. being marginally quicker than Carl by 0.20 mph and therefore he takes the Memorial Trophy now awarded for the winner of this competition.

Versatile Alan Parkinson applied himself to every form of cycle racing and riding throughout the year and takes the SWRC Shield for his '100' of 4.57.28. He also snatched the Hill Climb Trophy by one second from Paul Ramsden towards the end of the year.

Our President led a small group of a dozen or so along the Downs Link by mountain bike one Sunday in August. Later in mid-September, a larger contingent travelled to Boulogne for the annual randonnee held in the town. So popular is this event, difficulties were experienced on the journey over, which resulted with the bikes going on the boat and the riders on the hovercraft. However, I understand they all enjoyed the ride when they did finally get there.

One of our most popular veteran riders, the evergreen Dennis McKeown will remember 1993 as the year he won the Bill Reed Memorial event after many unsuccessful attempts. Over 20 vets took part in this test on the Hungry Hill circuit and the fastest time was recorded by David Wright with 35.10. Due to the dedication Dennis has shown over the years in applying himself to win this competitive event, the committee has awarded him the W.G.W Mordan Medal this year. David Wright retained the Vets time trial championship with a standard of +17.31.

Bob Squirrell organised the Invitation time trial in late September at Cranleigh and this was well supported by the club, if perhaps not so well supported by the riders as it has been in previous years. I have already mentioned our large club events programme for which Bob has been responsible over many, many years and bearing in mind the contribution to the club which he has made over a long period of time, our committee has awarded Bob the F.W. Robinson Trophy for the Most Meritorious Performance.

Ray Robinson organised the club's Surrey League promotion at Alfold in October. Shortly afterwards, Martin Hulbert and Simon Jordan rode a Maltese stage race with Ray acting as manager for our team. Martin has ridden consistently throughout the year and again headed the Surrey League points table for the second year running. Simon has scored various placings in road events and consequently won this year's 3rd category Trophy.

I would like to thank those who have served on the committee this year and all members who have supported the club throughout the last 12 months whether in organising, marshalling or tea-making.

Philip Parkinson.
Hon. General Secretary.

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1993 PRIZE AND AWARD WINNERS

Carl Davis	Championship Trophy (Time trial champion)	26.270 mph
	Sid Parkinson Trophy (Fastest 10 miles)	21.59
	Alfred Knowles Memorial Trophy (Fastest 50 miles)	1.59.54
	Simon Ottolangui Trophy Points Award	56.37 60 points.
Steve Gowar	Sammy Austin Trophy (Road race champion)	
Andy Murray	Frank Slinger Trophy (Fastest 25 miles)	56.21
Alan Parkinson	SWRC Shield (Fastest 100 miles)	4.57.28
	Hill Climb Trophy	
Simon Jordan	3rd Category Trophy	
Andy Swanson	Veterans Road Race Trophy	
David Wright	Veterans Time Trial Champion	+17.31
	Bill Reed Memorial Trophy (Fastest time)	
David Williams	Screwed Down Trophy	25.637 mph.
	Memorial Trophy	25.719 mph
Colin Parkinson	Track Champion	29 points
Dennis McKeown	Bill Reed Memorial Trophy (on standard)	+3.43
	Veterans Hill Climb Trophy W.G.W. Mordan Medal	
Bob Frewin	Handicap Award	24 points
Ray Robinson & Cheryl Owens	Two-up Series	
Bob Squirrell	F.W. Robinson Memorial Trophy	
Dave Lucas	Sams Tankard	