



**SOUTH WESTERN ROAD CLUB**  
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**ANNUAL REPORT 2002**

This is my first annual report following my election as General Secretary at last year's AGM. All other committee posts were filled at the AGM with the exception of Time Trial Secretary. We undertook a spring clean of the membership list this year writing to all members in March who had not paid their subscription offering the chance to continue their membership. We now have 126 members, including 8 new members this year. We have a healthy bank balance that provides us with good working capital to smooth the running of the club. The Saturday club runs are as popular as ever and continue to be a good source of introducing new members. The advance club run list is now well established and we also introduced a new starting point once a month from Betchworth, enabling new routes to be tackled.

There will be a change in club sponsorship this year with Tippetts Honda deciding not to continue their sponsorship. The club thanks Tippetts for their past sponsorship and hopes there may be chances in the future for renewing links. Evans Cycles have kindly agreed to continue as sole sponsor the club for the coming year.

The winter roller competition made a welcome comeback after an absence of a year. The final was a 'best of three' run off between Dave Bugden and Paul Alderson. At one a piece Dave won the third run off of a hotly contested final. The winter turbo sessions, from January onwards, again took place with a new training video purchased for the collection. If anyone knows of any good turbo training videos please let us know so we can add to our library and increase the variety of the sessions. With our big clubroom there is plenty of room for more members to join in these sessions, which always seem a little bit harder than the turbo session done alone at home. Throughout the year attendances at club night have been up and down with the popular Tuesday night chaingangs always giving us our highest turnouts. Even with our Bottom Gear magazine and the monthly Enewsletter it's difficult to cover everything going on the club especially some of the cycling trips abroad members organise themselves. A visit to the club nights will help you keep in touch with what other members are doing.

The Annual Dinner and Prize Presentation moved to a new venue, Ravens Ait, in the centre of the river Thames at Kingston in an attempt to attract more members to the club's main social event of the year. A live band was also booked to get everyone dancing. Unfortunately only 51 people attended, the lowest number for many years and only 26 were club members. However those that did attend enjoyed themselves. This year's committee have recently spent a great deal of time trying to decide the format for our next annual dinner. There has been general agreement that we should change the current format and club members were asked for ideas. A more informal Sunday lunch format has received backing but finding a suitable venue has proved difficult. Normal this year's committee would have already booked the venue but we have not felt confident to proceed. We would welcome the views of members on this subject.

The club continued to organise a number of open events the first being the randonee in May. We had two routes on offer 75 and 40 miles, both were planned by Bob Maylin and David Wright. We were blessed with a dry day and had 100 starters, our biggest start since running our randonees. The following month Dudley Samuels again promoted a 10 mile TT on the H10/8 Bentley course. Entries were slightly down on the previous year as Dudley was forced to change the date which clashed with the Clarendon 4UP the next day, which a number of members were riding. Dudley also promoted a second 2UP TT event on the same course in August, however the event was cancelled when he had less than 10 entries with a week to go. Dudley advised, earlier in the year, that he would not be promoting any Open TT's in 2003 and enquired amongst the membership if anybody wanted to takeover the promotion but there were no takers. As a result the club are not promoting any open TT's next year. Geoff Redhead again promoted the two LVRC 'Follicly Challenged' road races with his usual style and aplomb. We always receive plaudits for our course marshalling and this year was no different, especially with Roger Jackaman organising the motorcycle marshalling. Our final event was the Surrey League handicap road races promoted by Ray Robinson in October. Club member Keith Garbutt came in second in the first race after being away in a two man break.

Club members again organised a number of cycle trips abroad including trips to the Giro and Le Tour, with members also competing in the Etape Du Tour. Gary Smith put together his training week in Majorca again and Dudley Samuels organised a trip to the Grand Fondo Pinarello, a dozen or so

members including myself (despite what the report in Bottom Gear says) took part. The event itself was really enjoyable with large parts of the course being traffic free. Geoff Redhead again put together a trip to the Boulogne Randonnee paying particular attention to the lunch stop as only he can!

As many members will know from my monthly Enewsletters and notes in our Bottom Gear magazine we have continued to see a reduction in the number of members taking part in the club TT programme this year. Our Wednesday night events on the Hungry Hill course fairing particularly badly. Obviously running without a TT Secretary does not improve the situation. I undertook most of the TT paperwork and committee members helped out with timing of events. I must thank Jeremy Nason for collating all the results from the club TT's this year. I have just submitted a reduced programme of club TT events to the London South District and with the agreement of the committee the numbers of races has been reduced to 13. We have to thank our friends at Epsom who continue to time the interclub events and form the bulk of our TT races next year (7). We have moved the 2-leg P.S.Parkinson 2UP to summer midweek dates to hopefully attract more entries. This year's committee accept that the current membership may not favour TT events however we do feel it's important for the club to try and keep our club TT programme going. Once lost this programme of events is always difficult to resurrect. However without a TT Secretary I fear this is the fate that may befall the club TT programme. John Harris did an excellent job of computerising the job with all the forms and start sheets just a click away. We really do need to fill this position at the AGM for the coming year. Please consider volunteering for this committee post. Thanks.

Paul Alderson is again our Road Race champion just missing out on a top 50 position in the Surrey League for the year. As I write he may well be our Time Trial champion as well. If you haven't already done so please let me have your best TT results for this year so we can check. We had two outstanding performances this year with Dave Bugden achieving a phenomenal silver medal in the Masters Track Championships at Herne Hill in the 3000m Pursuit. Paul also got himself into the club record books for the 12 hour event recording 255.5 miles beating the previous record by 7.8 miles. Congratulations to both.

Finally my I just say a big thank you to Tony Sayers who continues to do the club proud with his editorship and publication of our excellent Bottom Gear magazine. Tony is always modest, saying it is the member's contributions that make the magazine, but I think we all know the time and personal effort he makes. Thanks again Tony. Also may I thank Ed Brown, our Webmaster, who this year did an excellent redesign of our website ([www.swrc.org.uk](http://www.swrc.org.uk)), change ISP and dealt with a registration problem that had us off the air for a period. The website is instrumental in bringing in new club members who can find out about the club, especially the Saturday club runs.

If you wish to be included in the monthly Enewsletter email me at [peter.wright@blueyonder.co.uk](mailto:peter.wright@blueyonder.co.uk). Also a reminder that this Sunday (8/12) Roger Jackaman has organised a country walk from Albury Cricket ground at 9.15 prompt followed by lunch at the Duke of Wellington, East Horsley.

Happy Cycling

Peter Wright.

#### Committee Meetings Attendance 2002

	31/1	21/3	30/5	25/7	26/9	31/10	28/11
P.Alderson			✓				✓
K.Dolman		✓				✓	✓
B.Frewin				✓		✓	✓
A.McDonnell							
B.Maylin		✓	✓		✓		✓
M.Packman	✓		✓			✓	✓
P.Parkinson	✓	✓	✓		✓	✓	✓
D.Pinder	✓		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
G.Redhead		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
R.Robinson		✓					
D.Samuels	✓	✓		✓	✓	✓	✓
T.Sayers	✓		✓			✓	✓
R.Watson	✓			✓			
D.Wright	✓	✓	✓	✓		✓	✓
P. Wright	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓