



BOURNEMOUTH JUBILEE WHEELERS

SECRETARY REPORT FOR 2010

75th Anniversary Year

Membership

Total membership, which includes the following:

Full, Life, Second Claim, Family Members.

As at the end of December 2010:

Members 192 (2 less than last year).

Under 16s = 3 (1 female, 2 male)

Over 16s = 189 (27 female, 162 male)

Affiliate Members 119.

Under 16s = 2 (0 female, 2 male)

Over 16s = 117 (15 female, 102 male)

We now have email addresses for about three quarters of the membership. This means that we are able to communicate with most members much more easily and at no cost to the club.

Racing Year

Reliability Rides

Special mention to Mike Walsh for once again organising and running our Reliability Rides. Mike puts in a great deal of time and effort to this task and this is reflected in the popularity of the events. 144 riders turning out for the first 50 mile ride in the series. Unfortunately the freezing weather that hit the country in December didn't spare the 100km Reliability Ride, with only three extremely hardy finishers - Bob Smith, Paul Jarvis and Stuart Mitchell. This is only the second time in eighteen occasions that the Rides have been affected to this extent.

Club Runs

Yet again these have been organised and led by Bill Simmons whose (? infinite) variations in route depending on prevailing weather conditions (snow, ice etc), allied to his always affable disposition – even after coming straight from working through the night – maintains the good support of this most important aspect of club life.

Eamonn Deane has also had continued success with his Sunday training runs for the faster members.

I am sure the 'armchair' enthusiasts among us have enjoyed the post ride reports that both Bill and Eamonn post on the forum afterwards - relaying the list of villages, the weather, the punctures and (all importantly) the miles.

Time Trials

A good year for the Jubilee with some great efforts by all.

In the EDCA competition BJW were winners of the Team League. Paul Jones and Dave Pickering were first and second respectively in the Open Points League, with Dave also

winning the Veterans on Scratch. Lisa North won the Women's Points League; with Rebecca Evans in 2nd and Emma Dews in 3rd. Alex Rowe won the Junior competition.

In the South DC team competition BJW had the equal highest number of Team wins with 8 but placed 5th overall. Paul Jones was 4th in the Open category, as well as recording the fastest 30 mile time on a South DC course. Dave Pickering was 16th in the Veteran Points category. Emma Dews was 5th overall in the Women's category and fastest time on a South DC course of 25 miles. Emma with Lisa North won the Women's Team BAR. Alex Rowe won the Junior Points competition and the Juniors BAR. Alex also recorded the fastest time for a junior on South DC courses of 25 miles with a strong 1:01:00.

The BJW 30 mile team record was broken by Paul Jones, Dave Pickering and Eamonn Deane.

BJW were second behind CC Weymouth in the Interclub Hill Climb Series, with Andy Graham in joint second place overall.

In total 64 riders (including tandems) rode time trials this year down from 73 last year.

Track

The track day held at Calshot in October was a success with Graham Hurst of Poole Wheelers kindly running the session. Fastest BJW flying lap was Mark Savage, with Les Pick fastest BJW standing start lap.

We are all looking forward to the new track opening at the Bournemouth Cycle Centre. Alan McRae gave a talk at the clubroom about it (see also Prize Presentation Evening below).

Cyclo-Cross

Unfortunately members' activity in this area of the sport has waned somewhat.

However there is hope for the future as Under-12 rider Lucy Pick finished 8th and Under-10 rider Charlotte Pick finished 14th in the Under 12s race of Poole Wheeler's cyclo-cross event in September held at Chapel Gate, enough to give them 41st and 60th respectively in the Wessex Cyclo-Cross Under 12s League. Great rides from both.

Jon Clemas came a creditable 13th in the Senior race of the Chapel Gate event.

Road Racing

The season started with a fine solo win for Dave Pickering in the Barnsfield Heath Regional B race on 13th March.

Our BC highest ranked rider Richard Eastham claimed 5th in the National B race at Barnsfield Heath on the same day.

Eamonn Deane wore the yellow jersey during the Three Day Dorset Tour in August and finished in 5th place overall. He also won the Independence Day Road Race at Wool on the morning of our 75th Anniversary BBQ. Eamonn finished 5th overall in the Wessex Cycle Racing League (WXCRL).

Seventeen year old Richard Horton's season came afloat in September. After a close second place in the BJW promoted Autumn Road Race on the 12th, he won both the Bournemouth Arrow Road Race on the 18th and the Stockbridge Down Road Race on the 26th. Richard finished 7th place overall in the WXCRL, following on from his 5th last year.

Eighty year old Trevor Fenwick continues to inspire. Living in France, he has been racing in Belgium. The over-80s age group races alongside the over-72s, who race alongside the 68-72 yr olds making fields of 40-50 riders. Before sciatica struck he had managed a 2nd and 3rd in his group. We look forward to hearing about his racing in 2011.

Sportives / Audax

Congratulations to Mike Gordon who was awarded a 'Brevet 1000' by Audax UK for completing 10 x 100km Audax events in the year.

The Sportives section on the Forum really seems to have taken off with many members posting their plans. This allows members to train and meet up for the ever increasing number of Sportives both locally and further a-field.

Other Business

Fatality

It is with great sadness that I have to write that, whilst competing in the BJW Open 50 event on Sunday 1st August, Peter Tindley of CC Weymouth died. He had ridden into the back of a broken down car near the Hole's Bay roundabout. The event was immediately abandoned.

Peter was 76yrs old and a regular at local Open events. Several members of the Jubilee attended his funeral along with many other cyclists from time trialling and touring. Our thoughts are with his friends and family. In his memory a donation of the monies accruing from the absence of prizes for the event (£250) were donated to the Dave Rayner Fund.

75th Anniversary History Document

2010 was Bournemouth Jubilee Wheelers 75th Anniversary year and to commemorate this event Neil Mansell put together a fantastic colour document – a brief run through history. There were photos, stats, stories and names - from the founders in 1935 to the current crop of racers in 2010. The document was printed by James Fuller and posted to all our members. An electronic copy was uploaded to the website and this has attracted comments from old members or their families who have contacted me to say how much they enjoyed reading it.

The 'Members (former/lost/catching up)' section on the forum is a good place to see some of these comments.

75th Anniversary Barbeque

This special event was held at Colehill Cricket Club on Sunday 15th August. About 80 people including children enjoyed the sunshine, great food and a bouncy castle. Guests from Poole Wheelers, Bournemouth Arrows and, fresh from the Giro d' Italia & Tour de France, Dan Lloyd, all added to the mix. Feedback from this event was fantastic and it was great to see so many families enjoying the afternoon. A big thank you goes to everyone involved in it's success including Kevin (venue booking, tickets) Ridge, Les (meat BBQ) and Leanne (food) Pick, Rebecca (veggie BBQ, food) Evans, Bo (food) and Hayley (food) Deane, Peter (bouncy castle booking, tickets) Warhurst, Neil (decorations) Mansell, Mick (sounds) Tarrant and Peter (speech) Boston.

75th Anniversary Prize Presentation Evening

This year the prize presentation was held in early December at Colehill Cricket Club. Organised by Kevin Ridge and assisted by Peter Warhurst, the evening was a great success. Guest speaker was Alan McRae who told guests of his trials & tribulations and eventual success in getting a 250m Olympic sized outdoor track built in Bournemouth. Construction is well underway for completion this Spring. He was surprised and delighted to be presented with a cheque from the Jubilee for a sum of £1,000 (this in addition to the £250 donated by the Club when the idea of a track in the town was first mooted). This second donation is to go towards equipping the new track, which is sited at Ensbury Park and is to be known as the Bournemouth Cycling Centre. The photo of him accepting the presentation-sized cheque from President Peter Boston subsequently appeared in the Daily Echo. Cross toasting reappeared at the evening and was deemed to be a great success.

Stepping Down

Leanne Pick (née Fitzmaurice, congratulations to you and Les!) has stepped down after two years as Club Secretary. I would like to thank her for all the hard work she has put into the club over this time, which also included the Membership enrolment task. Peter Warhurst has added Membership to his role as Treasurer and I have taken on the General Secretary role. A personal thank you to Leanne for her organisational skills in making these first few months of mine as Secretary run as smoothly as possible.

Richard Eastham is stepping down from the Committee, if a replacement can be found, as Road Racing and Track Secretary and again a big thank you for all his efforts. Richard (already a 'bikeability' trainer) will not be lost to the Jubilee's 'team of helpers' as he is training to be a track coach, along with André and Lauren Barber, (with the Bournemouth Cycle Centre in mind), watch this space.

Cheryl Owen has stepped down from the Committee as Social Secretary. Many of us have enjoyed her Prize Presentation evenings over the years, and who will ever forget the Pole Dancing! Thank you Cheryl, and best wishes to John Marriner in his recovery back to full fitness. (These last two points aren't linked!)

Neil Mansell has stepped down as Newsletter Editor but remains on the Committee. He has undertaken, however, to continue to serve us by ensuring that general news will be fed into the website. I've already mentioned how much we enjoyed the 75th Anniversary History document and any one off articles can still be sent to Neil for possible uploading onto the site, rather than being put in a newsletter.

James Fuller stepped down from the Committee but continued to help the club with the printing of the 75th Anniversary History and Prize Presentation booklets.

Thank you

Since joining the Committee and more recently as Club Secretary I am amazed at how much time and effort members gladly give to ensure the smooth running of our club. So much goes on behind the scenes. I would like to thank the following people (in no particular order): Barry Stevens (42k), Peter Warhurst (30), Arthur Peters (10), Eamonn Deane (25), Bill Simmons (50) and Jonathan Charman (EDCA 15) for organising the Open time trials;

Regular Pusher Offer Keith Johns; Starters, Time Keepers, Recorders, Marshalls, Time Trial Motivators! Peter Warhurst, Jacky Prosser, Clive Peskett, Bob Wareing, Pete Boston, Neil Mansell, Neil Woodgate, Les Pick, Kevin Ridge, Reg Haskell, André Barber. Web Engineer & Editor Andy Storey, and new results updater Andy Graham, who will lead the several officers now earmarked to keep their section of the website updated. Mick Tarrant continues to carry the work and financial burden of supplying the club kit (the design and quality of which is known to attract members to the club). Printing of the 75th Anniversary document & Prize Presentation booklets James Fuller.

A very special thank you must go to Bill Voller for all of his time and skill which he puts in catering at all of our open races and tourist trials and in manning the weekly clubroom. His cake making truly puts him on a par with the Delia Smiths of this world! Aimée Barber's charming presence as his assistant is always much appreciated.

I'd also especially like to thank Eamonn Deane (Chairman) and Peter Warhurst (Treasurer, Membership) for their ever available support of me in my new role as Club Secretary.

I apologise if I have missed anyone out as I am bound to have done.

Volunteers

We as a club are only ever as strong as our membership. I would appeal to all members in 2011 to come and lend your support wherever you can to help our club continue to be the success it is. If you have hidden talents as time keeper or marshal or just want to do something to help, then please do speak up and let us know. This is specially important because several of our hardest working officers are not far off becoming octogenarians. If you don't have the faintest idea what it involves, don't be shy come along to the clubroom or drop an email – we can always train you up.

'Billy Mac'

At the very end of our 75th Anniversary year we heard the sad news that our former BJW President and founding member Bill McMullen -'Billy Mac' had died at the age of 96 yrs. As many of the tributes testified Billy Mac was the Jubilee. He did so much for the club over many, many years. Speaking to people and reading the tributes and anecdotes on our Forum it is clear that he was a larger than life character with many remembering his wit, drive and passion for the Jubilee. I for one shall remember his inspiring speeches, speaking from the heart, at the Prize Presentation evenings.

An obituary kindly written by Eamonn Deane can be found on the BJW website, and Peter Warhurst kindly wrote an obituary for the VTTA Veteran magazine which can also be found on the BJW Forum.

As a mark of respect at his funeral the cortege was led by a large group of Jubilee riders in their kit, with many more Jubilee members attending the service. Our thoughts are with his family – wife & fellow Founding Member Dee, and son John.

Finally

Bournemouth Jubilee Wheelers is a great club with a long history. As we move on into our 76th year and beyond we look forward to even more successes. The new Bournemouth Cycling Centre – a brand new 250m outdoor cycle track (the first in this country since the 60s) right on our doorstep, will surely provide a wonderful opportunity for us. **Phil Evans Club Secretary**