

**NEWSWHEEL**

**Newsletter for Thanet`s Premier Cycling Club**

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**News**

I am pleased to announce that Andy McCall has agreed to take on the role of Club Secretary from Jim Dickson. Andy has been a staunch club member for many years and brings lots of experience of Club life to the job. Handover is currently in progress, Jim will then assume the role of Club Chairman. Also former Chairman George Jenkins has accepted the role of Honorary Vice-President. Many thanks to Andy, Jim and George for their service to the Club and for taking on these important new roles, we wish them well.

Andy is currently the Club`s foremost trike specialist and with the arrival of two new grandchildren in the last two months can expect to be busy in the future. Many congratulations to him, Deborah and family on the safe arrivals.

Sue Shields is fast becoming TRC`s Queen of the Audax. Last week she travelled up to Chalfont St Peter in Buckinghamshire to participate in an Audax UK 200km ride (curiously entitled the Willy Warmer!!), accompanied by Martin Hendy and Matt Seward both prolific long distance devotees. They started at 8am and guided by Martin`s Garmin the ride went on well into the evening when they eventually finished at 10pm. Sunny but cold at first, at first dropping to -5 later on, necessitating several stops to refuel and try to get warm. Sue tells us she enjoyed (?) this and plans to do more.

She trains on Cod Liver Oil drank neat every morning followed by Molasses on porridge.

So now you know!

There are still some members whose subs are outstanding, please settle up as soon as you can or, if not intending to rejoin, please inform any Committee member.

You can now pay on line via the club website, if you can renew this way it will be much appreciated as it makes things so much easier for the Treasurer. Log into the website and follow the link or alternatively send to

Dave Mastin at:- 399, Margate Road, Ramsgate, CT12 6SE.

Thank you for your co-operation.

Commissaires

There is still an acute shortage of commissaires in Kent. British Cycling South East will be running a Road Trainee Commissaires course on the 1st April this year. Without sufficient Commissaires the desired level of road racing in the South East cannot be sustained.

If you are interested in taking on this important task please contact Simon Bedford for information. [simonbedford@britishcycling.org.uk](mailto:simonbedford@britishcycling.org.uk) or 07940 302253.

Handbooks

I now have a stock of South East District handbooks giving details of Open and Club time trials in Kent as well as other useful information, price £2 per copy.

The National Handbook gives details of all time trials and courses in the country. Price is £9 and can be ordered on the Cycling Time Trials website. cyclingtimetrials.org.uk

**Racing Results Open Events (TRC Riders)**

Southborough and District Wheelers 10 Sunday January 1st Q10/10 Bethersden

Dan Martin University of Bath/TRC 22.58, Andy Burrows 31.01, Andy McCall (Trike) 35.28, Dave Mastin DNS. The winner was Chris McNamara (Nuum Sigma Sport-London RT) 21.16.

[Ollie Robinson takes first Thanet RC win of 2017 at Cyclopark](https://thanetrc.wordpress.com/2017/01/07/ollie-takes-first-thanet-rc-win-of-2017-at-cyclopark/)

The hard winter training and winter track league races seems to have helped Ollie and he won in his first road race of the year in the cat 2-3 SERLL winter league race at Cyclopark winning the sprint from a small breakaway group in field of 25. Ollie tried a number of breaks early on but was not allowed to go clear however 6 riders eventually got away to build up a break of nearly 1 min. Ollie then bridged a gap on final lap to 2 riders then went on to win the sprint. Well done to other local rider Jason Oram (Adalta CC) who came a brilliant 3rd place. Good start of year for the club!

[Mixed fortunes at Round.1 of the Lee Valley CC races](https://thanetrc.wordpress.com/2017/01/14/mixed-fortunes-at-round-1-of-the-lee-valley-cc-races/) Saturday 14th January

Mixed fortunes at Round.1 of the Lee Valley CC races today for youth and junior riders. In the U14 race Jack Hill came 16th and Flynn 17th in large field. In the Under 16 race Josh Chivilo had terrible luck with his chain snapping on the start lap and George Pittock while in the leading chase group behind the 3 breakaways suffered a puncture – a change of wheel however saw George lose half a lap but still finished 12th. In the juniors Alex Ashman rode strongly for 19th place I think, while Ollie Robinson continued his strong start to the season with 2nd in a sprint finish just beaten by national champ Jacob Vaughan by a wheel. Well done to all our riders at a bitterly cold Hog Hill.

[Lance represents Thanet RC at Newport Icebreaker Omnium](https://thanetrc.wordpress.com/2017/01/29/lance-represents-thanet-rc-at-newport-icebreaker-omnium/)

The Icebreaker series is often seen as the venue for the cream of national youth track cycling, and the start lists certainly showed that there was a wealth of promising young talent present for round 1 of 3.

Lance and I travelled to Newport, Wales on Friday evening to stay overnight ready for sign on 9:30am Saturday morning. Many of the South East and Eastern region riders are regulars at LYTL racing on Thursday’s at Lee Valley but the Icebreaker gave Lance an opportunity to race against other riders from around the country including the U14 winner Joshua Giddings and Tom Lord.

To get to this level from a non-track based club as Thanet RC is and as a single rider from a club, in just his 2nd year of track riding/racing is an amazing achievement! Many of the events were dominated by Track clubs like VCL and Backstedt Cycling (complete with DS Magnus Backstedt).

The events for the U14’s were 16 Lap Scratch, 24 Lap points race and a Devil with 2 heats for each race with 24 riders in each heat and the top 12 of the scratch and points race heats qualifying for the final. Lance made both finals and rode really well in some really fast, sketchy racing and we think currently after round 1 he’s placed around 23rd out of 48 riders with 2 more rounds to go in February and March.

Lance thanks everyone who sent him good luck messages and is aiming for solid top 10 positions in his heats in Feb/Mar.

Report By Teresa Childs

London League Final Round at Cyclopark Badlands run by Bigfoot CC.

Three riders competed in the U10 race, well done to Luke Hart for finishing well within the main field on a fast grassy course with one climb. Further up the field, Max Robinson and Lughaidh Cook found themselves in a 3 way tussle for third place which went down to the final few metres with Lughaidh taking 3rd and Max 4th, winner was Oscar Amey (Team Darenth) and 2nd Peter Carpenter (Sutton CC). Freya was next up in the U12 girls but found it very hard going with her asthma today. Jack Hill and Toby Perry were in subsequent races and we hope they had good races.

Full Gas Omnium Tuesday 24th January

Intermediate/Mixed Omnium

Rob Milnes 6th

Advanced Omnium

Ollie Robinson 7th

Well done lads, both riding in elite company.

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**Forthcoming Open Events**

Sunday 5th March KCA 3-up 25 Q25/12 (Hamstreet Bypass)

Sunday 19th March VTTA 30 Q30/2 (Hamstreet Bypass)

Saturday 25th March VTTA 10 Q10/22 (Harrietsham)

Sunday 2nd April KCA 25 Q25/8 (Chilham)

Saturday 8th April West Kent RC 10 Q10/22 (Harrietsham)

Sunday 9th April Sydenham Wheelers 25 Q25/20 (Harrietsham)

**Event Marshalling (KCA Events)**

In conjunction with other clubs we are required to provide marshals for KCA events once more this year.

Thanet RC quota for 2017 is 24 marshals, but as Andy McCall is kindly organising the KCA25 on 10 September, and as this will need 9 marshals, I will need another 15 marshals from Thanet RC.

Here is a list of 2017 marshals needed for each event - some events are not shown as they will be marshalled by the promoting club.

Date Event Organiser Course Marshals needed

5th March KCA 3-UP 25 TTT Steve Airey (Catford CC) Q25/12 13

2 April KCA 25 Malcolm Strickland Q25/8 3

11 June KCA 100 Peter Hayes (Catford CC) Q100 19

25 June KCA 12 Hour Esther Carpenter (S’boro ) Q12 50

13 Aug KCA 50 Le Luong (Catford CC) Q50/1 9

We only need to provide 15 from the above list. Please contact Michael Friend if you are willing to help [michael.friend@uk.verizon.com](mailto:michael.friend@uk.verizon.com) The KCA gives remuneration to all helpers.

**Please note that if sufficient marshals are not available the event cannot take place. It`s your sport.**

**Racing Results Club Events (TRC Riders)**

New Years Day 10 Monday 2nd January Q10/42 Betteshanger CP

Ollie Robinson 22.28, Dan Martin 22.54, Mike Kirkness 23.33, Nic Fennell 23.44, Olly Dickson 24.47,Martin Russell 25.54, Chris Bax 26.02, Nick Scott 26.03, Hamish Reilly 26.25, Matt Hall 26.35, Michael Friend 26.53, Frank Burniston 27.29, George Pittock 27.44, Chris Childs 27.47, Martin Hendy 27.54, Flynn Robinson 28.52, Lance Childs 28.54, Jez Dack 29.02, Richard McVey 29.10, Colin Inett 29.21, Jo Malpass 29.25, Jim Dickson 29.32, Jack Hill 29.54, Caroline Rigby 30.33, Toby Yemm 30.35, Faye Faiers 30.41, Simon Charles 31.10, Simon Neame 31.33, Luke Hill 32.22, Di Yemm 32.53, Tom Hutton 33.22, Finn Dunton 33.32, Max Robinson 33.54, Andy McCall(trike) 34.14, Sue Shields 34.38, Alex Dack 35.08, Jenny Fearn 35.39, Tia Neame 37.41, Ben Hutton 38.51, Peter Hutton 40.12, Caroline Dack 40.14, Thomas Crow-Brown 40.20, Stanley Rose 40.28, Terry Fearn (trike) 40.51, Millie Dack/Ferne Pierce (2-up) 44.09, Emma Dunton 51.34, Shannon Neame 51.42, Poppy Dunton 53.01, Chris Dunton DNF.

This was an incredible event with 99 riders signing on, unprecedented for a club event! All were undeterred by the cold and windy conditions. 23 women/girls and 25 juniors took part.

Overall Winner was Steve Gibson (4T+Velo) 21.55.

First Woman was Emma Lewis (Aprire/HSS) 23.13.

First Junior was Ollie Robinson 22.28.

Full results are on the website.

Many thanks to Colin and all his helpers for a great event.

After the event the following post from Paul Morton of PMR appeared on Facebook:-

“This is why Thanet RC are simply the best development club in the country. To see the little people on their bikes today was just awesome. Some only 8 years old in freezing weather and blowy conditions giving it their best shot against the clock. Chapeau Thanet RC and all involved, especially Colin Robinson for everything you do. 99 entries for a club TT!”

-Praise indeed!

**Dates for your Diary**

**Eastbourne Weekend**

This is now confirmed for the weekend 25th/26th March.

The cost of the hotel will be £56 per person per night and half price for children under the age of 12 (£28). This includes arrival refreshments, storage of bikes, an evening meal and Bed and Breakfast.  
For the booking confirmation, the hotel requires a £20 deposit per room. Any twin or double room being used for single occupancy will result in a surcharge of £15 - I don't think there are any single rooms but will check. There are twin, doubles, triple and family.

Please get your deposit to Helen Hill as soon as possible [helen.c.hill19@gmail.com](mailto:helen.c.hill19@gmail.com) or 07811976762.

**TRC Turbo training – MANSTON VILLAGE HALL**

Turbo training sessions continue on Thursdays 18:00 for 18:15 start, finish by 1930

Cyclists from other clubs are more than welcome to attend

[Manston Village Hall](https://www.facebook.com/pages/Manston-Village-Hall/248649915163623) – Preston Road, Manston. CT12 5BA.

There is parking directly outside the hall or in Preston Road.

We are not professional coaches – just offering our advice and encouragement at the session.

The sessions will help you to maintain fitness over the winter and can be good preparation for the 2017 time trial calendar

**Social Evening**

The next Social Evening will be on Tuesday 7th February at the Bell Meadow Pavilion St Nicholas at Wade. All are welcome. 7.30-9.30pm. The 70th Anniversary jerseys have arrived and can be collected. Please come along. See David Robert`s note re this evening.

**VTTA Kent Group Annual Luncheon and Prize Giving** will be held on Saturday 11th February 2017 at the Weald of Kent Golf Club as last year. Carvery meal price £20.00 per head. Cheques to Tom Morton, 42, Chiltern End, Ashford, TN24 8QL. The Guest of Honour will be the legendary Alf Engers

**Go- Ride Non Time Trial Race dates 2017**

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**Club Clothing**

Robert Sissons is now looking after the club clothing. Contact him by email  [sissons349@btinternet.com](mailto:sissons349@btinternet.com)   or mobile 07704943605

Many thanks to Robert for taking this on.

**Articles Wanted**

**TRC Anniversary Year**

It is the club’s 70th anniversary. Documentaries, historic accounts, photos and lots more can be found at our dedicated anniversary page: **www.thanetrc.org/70th**

**New Flickr albums**

* Ernie Abdellah’s (Abby) first TRC scrapbook 1947-59. The glorious early days of TRC.
* The Nev’ Hodges Archive. Wilfred Neville Hodges (1917-2002) was a TRC founding member.
* Alice Haller and her late husband Gordon’s 1996 two-wheeled Pilgrimage to Santiago de Compostela.
* Morris Crow, veteran racer, at home in 2016.

**Help is required**- tasks are varied and interesting, some only requiring a half day of time. Please get involved. Contact: davealexrob@yahoo.com

**TRC 70th Anniversary Photo Competition**

Members are invited to submit (a) digital photo(s) showing club life in 2017

- Entries between Jan 1 and 18 October 2017

- JPEG format

- Entries to David Robert, club Heritage Officer, davealexrob@yahoo.com

- Limited to up to 3 entries per person

- Photos to include following info: Who, when, where, what?

- Entrants must include name/phone number/email and age if under 18

- Prizes for adults and under 18s

- Ongoing exhibition of entries can be viewed at Flickr Gallery online www.thanetrc.org/70th

- Plans to display the winners

**Thanet Road Club Social Evening**

**Tuesday 7 Feb 7.30-9.30 Bell Meadow, St Nicholas-at-Wade**

**Cycling Shorts- short films about cycling presented by Heritage Officer David Robert**

A light-hearted look at cycling in the UK through the lens of the movie camera. Old cinema adds; pearls of wisdom from the government’s Central Office of Information; the heyday of Herne Hill and more.

Charming, quirky and informative- not to be missed!

**And from the Trophy Cabinet…**

For our 2017 anniversary, we share the stories behind our memorial trophies. Find out about more trophies at www.thanetrc.org/trophy-winners.shtml



**Pat Baxter Memorial Trophy**: Awarded to the young rider who, in the opinion of the Committee, has shown the most improvement in their performance during the season. 2016 winner- George Pittock.

One of the club’s most stalwart and highly respected members, Mrs Patricia Baxter (Pat) was born on 13/10/1943 in Manchester. Pat and her husband Pete lived in Cliftonville and were club members for many years, racing and time-trialling and always heavily involved in race events. Many club members will remember the BBQs at the Baxters’ St Margaret’s house following the Hill Climb, and the roller racing sessions held there. She was also an active member of the Harmony Ladies Choir.

Pat was renowned as the first female photographer at Butlins taking photos for jigsaws and postcards. She ran her own photography company with husband, Pete, and took many of the club’s photos that make up the archives.

After the sad loss of Pete in 2007, Pat continued her support of TRC and was invited to the Chair by the late Dave Saffery. Dave had a vision for the club, but failing health left him unable to see it through, so Pat picked up the reins and set about realising Dave’s dream, which included starting the Go-Ride section.

Pat, the club’s Chairlady, passed away at the age of 68 on 21/3/2012 after a long battle with cancer.

**Bottom of FormDiscounts currently available to Club Members**

Michael Kelleher MIRMT-IIST a Professional Therapist, is a club member.

He would like to offer any club members who may require help, the following treatments:-

Sports Injuries

Remedial Back Therapy

Swedish Holistic Massage

Aromatherapy

Indian Head Massage

Courses of Instruction are also available in any of the above.

Club members requiring treatment will receive, on production of proof of membership, a discount of 25% on the current fee of £40 per session.

Contact Michael on 01227 771493 Mob 07879861618, email [backtherapist@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:backtherapist@yahoo.co.uk)

Website:- [www.michaelsmassagetherapy.co.uk](http://www.michaelsmassagetherapy.co.uk)

Locks of Sandwich : 10% on selected items

St Peter’s Cycles, Broadstairs: 10% on selected items

Bike Warehouse, Herne Bay, Faversham, Gillingham, Sevenoaks: 10% on selected items

Black Cat Coaching- special rates offered

Please also note anyone who arrives at Stonelees Golf Centre on a bike/walking/public transport gets free golf club hire

Ian Edginton, a former member of the club, has started his own cycle maintenance and repair business from his home at Staple near Wingham and welcomes your custom. All types of repair including wheel building are available. Contact Ian at [ian.edginton123@btinternet.com](mailto:ian.edginton123@btinternet.com) or 07786425829. Ian`s father Alf, is also a very long standing and respected member of the Club

Club member Martin Hendy has his own Landscaping and Gardening business and is offering free estimates and discounted rates for Club members.

This looks like a good opportunity to get out on your bike while Martin does the garden.

Garden maintenance & fencing works

Tel 01227 368373

Mob 07958 709736

Email [m.hendylandscapes@talktalk.net](mailto:m.hendylandscapes@talktalk.net)

**Ovenden Skips** 5% discount off Ovenden Skips, our Go-Ride Tour Series sponsors.

**FOR SALE**

Surosa Winter Bike (same frame as Dolan Preffisio).  Blue.  Size 58.  Seat tube.  57 Top tube.  Listed as a 58, but more like a 56.  Mudguard eyes.

Campag Xenn and Mirage groupset.  Campag Khamsin wheels.  Aluminium frame.  Alpina carbon forks.  Little used.  All excellent condition.

£250

Please contact Lawrence Martin on 01227 762981.

**Monthly Quiz**

Well done to David Robert who once again came up first with the correct answer which was Caroline Buchanan of Australia, 5 x World Champion BMX rider.

This Month`s Question:-

Which Tour de France Historic Climb, the scene of many memorable battles in the 60`s, 70`s and 80`s cannot now be used, as a rack railway has been installed on the road?

Answers to Colin (Editor) [colininett@aol.com](mailto:colininett@aol.com)