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Editorial

I don't know about you, but I shall be glad to see the back of 2007. It feels as though it was the wettest year for a long time (if it wasn't, it had the wettest weekends!) making our sport a greater challenge than usual. Let's hope that 2008 will be dryer.

That being said, it doesn't seem to have set back our racing boys at all and they have turned in some excellent results and records. Darren and George have provided a round up of the results in their summary of the racing year. Amongst the new records set was the club's classic event, the Three Cities time trial, John Barnes' long established time being beaten at last by George. One person determined to race in the dry was Ann Wooldridge. So determined was she that she chose Death Valley for her major effort of the year, where she was successful in her weather forecast as well as in her performance! Toby describes how it looked from the support vehicle.

Our tourists weren't idle, either. Graham Denney describes an audacious tour of Rwanda, a country better known for its political situation than its cycle touring. Perhaps if others follow in Graham's tracks that situation could change, he certainly thinks it should.

Our President was seen pushing off contestants in the National Hill Climb held in our region, at Cheddar Gorge. The Club's tourists had thoughtfully checked the course's suitability during their Autumn tour, described here by Alastair. The tour seemed to have been notable for the number of cider farms visited, and its finishing every day in the dark. You might see a connection, but I couldn't possibly confirm it!



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