

General Secretary's Report for the AGM on 04/10/2005 in respect of the 2004 / 2005 year.

Membership

We have had a good intake of newcomers this season. Overall numbers are up from 124 last year to 139. Most importantly, many of the new joiners are active in the club, being out and about on the Sunday rides or Wednesday timetrials, and this augers well for the future.

I must mention the great sadness we experienced in the loss of Ed Unsworth. He was a decent fellow and a good contributor to the club and those around him. I am heartened that the Unsworth family have donated a trophy in his name, to be awarded to the winner of the Roadmans hillclimb from next year onwards. A fitting tribute.

Gill Moss, Reg Aubrey's daughter, has donated some documentation of his and a trophy – this will be awarded to the best placed club member in the club-run cyclo-cross events.

Sponsorship

Yello Ltd commenced sponsorship through discounted clothing, helmets and glasses this year and will continue into next year and, I am sure, beyond. The new-look clothing has been well received with the quality being far better than the previous offering.

I am also very please to say that C&G have confirmed their support for the Open events in 2006 to the tune of £600. Again, our thanks go to C&G for their continued support.

Events

A full range of events was promoted – club and open time trials, Sunday and Tuesday rides, two tours and two road races. This included the 5th national round of the Rudy Project Time Trial series – full report later on. As a rule the events were well supported – as will be observed from the reports from the relevant organisers.

I mentioned last year that we should consider organising a non-racing event such as a Reliability Ride. These types of event are increasing in popularity. Any takers?

Racing

Without stealing all the thunder from the Racing Secretary, it is worth making a point that a number of our newcomers are taking to time trials in a big way – both those new to the sport and those returning from early retirement. We have also had a number of Juniors giving it a bash, and we were proud to have a Junior team of three in the Rudy Project event. I hope this has lit the fuse for more participation next year.

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Extraordinary General Meeting

We had a rare event this year, an EGM. This was to consider the proposed rule changes that stemmed from a review of the club handbook. A team of three (Ted, Alastair and Toby) undertook the task over the winter months and numerous changes were made. I believe the result is a handbook that will be easier to read / locate items from. A fairly small number of rule changes were made and these were all passed at the EGM.

Affiliations and Delegates

The club continues to be affiliated to all the cycling bodies, including BC. Our delegates to the CTT West District and the WTTA attended most meetings and are actively involved in the running of these bodies – both of which are there to support time trialing in the area. Ann Wooldridge is the Club Events secretary whilst Toby is the Risk Assessments Secretary. Toby was appointed as Secretary to the West DC at their AGM two weeks ago.

Non-Club activities

Ian Humble continues to be the hub of the CCRL. Alastair Goldie is actively involved in Cycle Training, having been approved / vetted / tested for this position. A number of City members are also actively engaged with Bicycle Action Group for Gloucester where the major objective over the past 12 months was to produce a new and detailed cycle map of Gloucester. This finally came to fruition and the maps are now available.

Summary

Finances are healthy, activities are strong, membership is good. A pleasing result overall.

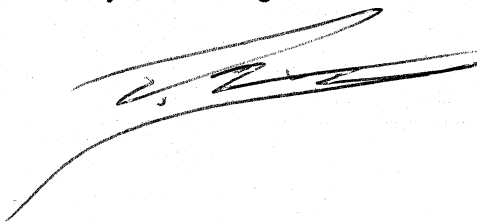
...and a sad goodbye!

I have been the General Secretary for 10 years and will not be standing for this position. My new duties of Secretary for the West DC (including retaining the Risk Assessment duties) will demand a significant amount of time.

In any event, I strongly feel that key positions should be vacated on a regular basis – enough time to understand the workings and allow stability and continuity, but not too long so as to become stale. New blood with fresh ideas is a good thing, and change often provides this.

I will say that it has been a pleasure and honour to have served the club in this capacity for this length of time, and I hope I can pass the position of General Secretary on to the next keen and eager volunteer.

Toby Wooldridge.



Gloucester City Cycling Club Annual Accounts for the year ending 31 August 2005

I have pleasure in presenting the accounts for the year ending 31 August 2005 and I am grateful to our Honorary auditor, Dave Ponter for examining them.

Copies of the balance sheet have been distributed and you will notice that I have given last year's figures for comparison; they are in italics and are on the left hand side of each column.

I will talk you through the figures:

Subscriptions include day and junior memberships and also Day Memberships purchased at Club Time trials. The figures are up on last year, partly because of late payers from the previous year. John Godley has the details of these if required. On Club Subscriptions, you will have seen that we have introduced a Standing Order facility and I would urge you to take this up to avoid chasing up late subscriptions

Donations paid out include Sustrans £500 Tsunami appeal £50, BAGG £25 and Headway £75 and Sustrans £75 again, the latter two in memory of Ed Unsworth.

CTT Handbooks are now only sold on a cash basis i.e. the money collected first by the Secretary, and monies no longer go through the Club accounts.

Most of the races made a modest profit except the CCRL where we incurred the cost of engraving the Trophy.

The C & G sponsorship money, £600, was paid directly into the deposit account and then paid out to the Race organisers when required thus earning interest. It is therefore not shown on the current account other than being incorporated into the income from the various races.

The figure of £119.40 for Club Time Trials is not complete as I have still to receive the balance of entry fees less the Racing Secretary's expenses of £40. The balance, as last year will appear in next year's accounts. There should be a surplus of about £70, sufficient for Dan Knight prizes and some left over for Club funds. The levis of 30pper rider £39.60 were paid to the CTT.

Clothing appears to be making a profit, (£2853) but some of this money is held as deposits and details of these can be had from the Secretary. We now have £675 worth of unsold clothing the proceeds of its sale going to Club Funds. This will make up part of our lost sponsorship from Town Cars plus the small mark up we make on garments sold. It is still really too early to say how the new system for recouping the sponsorship is working out, but it appears to be heading in the right direction.

Although the dinner tickets were subsidised by the Club, the loss was only £257.80 thanks mainly to the raffle and no disco to pay. Again Sponsorship money was utilised thereby spreading the sponsorship to all Members. This anticipated loss or ticket subsidy, had been authorised by the Committee prior to the Dinner.

Turning to Payments - The CTC affiliation and insurance has gone down from £75 to £50 because of a better deal struck between the CTC and their insurers. Members are however, reminded that the Club does not insure them for cycling incidents and that they should make their own provision. The CTC offer a very good rate and the Club receives commission. If

anyone wishes to take advantage of this, please get in touch with me. BC also have arrangements.

The £5000 shown as a payment is money paid into the Deposit account to gain interest. The money withdrawn from the Deposit account is the £2611 paid out for clothing.

From 1 September 2004 we moved our account to Alliance and Leicester which pays a very good rate of interest on the deposit accounts amounting to £140.86 in the year.

You will notice that the Club is poorer by £59 compared with last year but the finances continue to be robust. This enabled us to have trophies repaired and refurbished. We have also had to purchase more medals but their cost will be in next year's account.

Alastair Goldie, Hon Treasurer

Captains Report 2005.

This year has seen quite a few new faces which is always nice to see, in fact the general number for club runs appears to be up this year.

Highlights:

- Carol Service that seemed to be latest ever arriving at the church
- AA ride to Tewkesbury with 27 on cub run and over 40 in total
- Off road ride in The Forest through January snow on a gloriously sunny day
- Tree scrambling post gale in Edgworth Bottom
- New coffee stop at St Briavels
- 18 on tour to Ludlow
- Just last Sunday – 3 recumbent trikes on a club ride
- And of course numerous chocolate stops thanks to Fran
- *Next weekend – tour to Banbury*

One man seems to have been in the running for the Dancey this year from the off, a trait I suspect that will be repeated this season.

DT

Dave 102

Theo 68

Toby 65

BB

Dave 6

Laura 4

This will be my last report as Captain as I've decided not to stand again as time prohibits with a baby due soon. I've been in the post for 5 years and have only got through 3 Vice-Captains – was it something I said! I'd like to thank everyone who helped in my time – from people hanging back to keep stragglers from losing their way to those regulars who came along to the runs committee – it would have been a lot harder without you.

I've hardly been on a club run during the last 3 months partly due to back trouble and partly to be with Laura as it has got harder to cycle during pregnancy, so I'd like to give a special thank you to Dave Lesser who effectively took on the mantle of Captain from his elected position of vice.

Racing Secretary Report 2005

The year started off with us having to decide a new 10 mile time trial course after a lot of searching and discussion at committee level we came up with no less than 2 courses my intention was to eventually drop the crapiest of the 2. One was based on the B4008 between Hardewicke and Stonehouse and the other was Based on 3 laps of Corse Lawn. After only a few events it became clear that the Corse circuit was the safest and quickest though not fast by any means. So we stuck with that course all summer although I have not ridden it competitively I do like it a lot it has grown on me and I think this has been the case for others as well. We also were very lucky with the weather for this years club t's with only one washout over about 16 weeks which can't be bad.

The people that I had delegated to timekeep generally were very good and let me know if they were unable to do their stint, there was the odd exception to that. I would like to take the opportunity to personally thank everyone who has helped out without this help the events quite simply would not take place.

I did try out a new idea that being an e mail mailing list where people signed up and had the results sent to their inbox so they could pour over their time in the comfort of their home or office. This proved to be very popular and it's something I'm glad that I introduced during the year, it's something that needs to be continued.

We did have occasion to cancel three event 2 due to road works the other was a combination of the weather (thunder lightening) and me not being able to get the equipment to the course on time. The turn out all year was very good I thought with one Dan Knight attracting 20 riders which I can't remember happening for a long time, which was really good it was almost like a open event that night. The competitions like Dan Knight and the CEBAR were fought very hard and it really did come down to the wire in the end regards the Dan Knight with Chris Vasey just pipping George in the final 2 events. The CEBAR was won by George who wins the Paul Barnard Trophy with George winning the senior competition and Guy Preece winning the Vets Competition.

You will all be aware that I sent out a questionnaire over the last few weeks of competition to gauge what the general consensus of opinion was on the Club Events in general, the feedback I got back was very good and constructive. The things people would like to see more of are Inter-Club events and the thing that very few liked was the 1km sprint event, but generally what we provide is adequate bearing in mind the constraints of daylight and man power. I was given a few good ideas that could be discussed at committee level in the future, things just to add a little spice to the calendar. One thing I should add is that we will need a

Social Report for Year 2004-2005

This year saw a poorer attendance than normal on the evening events during the winter, most noticeably for the quizzes, but also for the slide shows which weren't as well attended as in the last two or three years. Also, response to the web quiz was extremely poor with only seven different people emailing in.

As for the points-scoring events out on the road once the lighter evenings had arrived, it was the same old story of the same participants as seen in the last five or six years. However, the numbers were as usual and the entertainment value was good. The Tuesday evening pub rides were reasonably well attended and some new faces put in appearances which was good to see. Best attendance on the evening rides was Ti Dave with 10 points, then Toby with 9 and then Ali G and Theo with 7.

Overall the year was OK but I am considering choosing pubs that are closer to home for next season so that it doesn't mean such a late evening, and perhaps this will encourage more people out more often.

The final top three placings in the Gibb Shield competition, with each individual's worst two scores removed, were as follows:

Theo	197
Ti Dave	194
Toby	189

Therefore Theo is the winner for the fourth year. However, it would have been a different story had Dave done better at the Speed Judging. Still, there's always next year.

Report ends.

Theo

DINNER SEC REPORT 2005

DINNER 2004 SEEMED TO GO OF ALL RIGHT WITH 84 PEOPLE IN ATTENDANCE, GUEST SPEAKER WAS GEOFF STICKLAND AND CLUB SPEAKER ALISTAIR GOLDIE; BOTH DID A VERY GOOD JOB. ONCE AGAIN PAUL BARNARDS PARENTS AND FAMILY CAME ALONG ITS NICE TO SEE THEM SUPPORTING THE EVENT.

I EXPANDED THE MEAL LAST YEAR TO INCLUDE A STARTER WHICH WENT DOWN WELL, I WILL BE DOING THE SAME FORMAT THIS YEAR AS NOBODY HAS MADE ANY BAD COMMENTS ABOUT LAST YEAR MOST PEOPLE DO SEEM TO ENJOY THE FORMAT OF THE EVENING PARTICULARLY WITH NO DISCO.

THIS YEARS EVENT IS SET ON THE 26TH OF NOVEMBER WITH GUEST SPEAKER RAMIN MINOVI AND DARYL LINES AS CLUB SPEAKER MANY THANKS TO HIM AT THIS BUSY TIME OF HIS LIFE, ONCE AGAIN THE EVENING IS BEING HEAVILY SUBSIDIZED BY THE CLUB SO I EXPECT PEOPLE TO BE BUYING LOTS OF RAFFLE TICKETS.

I WILL CARRY ON AGAIN NEXT YEAR AS DINNER SEC BUT IF ANYBODY WANTS TO HAVE A GO AT THIS IMPORTANT EVENT I DON'T MIND.

ONE THING TO NOTE I DON'T KNOW WHETHER DEBBIE IS GOING TO DO THE TROPHIES NEXT YEAR SHE DID SAY THIS WOULD POSSIBLY BE HER LAST YEAR SO SOMEBODY ELSE MIGHT LIKE TO TAKE OVER THAT JOB IF SHE DIDN'T WANT TO CARRY ON.

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Coach's Report October 2005

The club has had a very solid year on the racing front, with a number of members competing regularly in Open races and a very competitive and well supported Club racing programme.

The winter rides were on the whole well disciplined, although occasionally things got out of hand and the group was left split across the countryside. As I will not be around to lay down the law this coming year I must stress to everyone using our Sunday rides that we have a very successful formula which has stood the test of time over many years. The secret is to look after the slower riders and keep them in the group. Every one of us becomes the weakest on the ride at some time – whether through coming back from ill health, making a come back or just being older or younger. If you want a race then go and enter one – although no-one objects to a tear-up for the last few miles to coffee or into Gloucester at the end. Likewise a group will never stay together on a long climb so go for it if you want but make sure there is a regroupment at the top.

The winter Gym sessions were also well supported by a regular group, and I know that those people get great benefit from the sessions. We also reintroduced a run afterwards for those who wanted it – something we have not done for many years.

I don't want to single people out for praise because you always end up missing people out, but I will mention George because he started the club off well with his fourth in the Steve Taylor Road Race against some top class opposition. He then had to cope with the tragic loss of his brother Ed, but the way he has managed to hold himself together is a credit to him and also a credit to the club which provided him with so much support.

You only have to look at the results of the club time trials to see that he hasn't had it all his own way with some tight competition from people of all age groups.

I have been particularly pleased to see new members making great strides over the season and a few very young members getting involved in the events as well as the return of one or two former members deciding it is time to get themselves back into shape. Us older members have all been there.

Finally I have to step down from being club coach as I am planning to leave these shores in the new year. But I expect to be back and come out on the runs occasionally so you are not going to get rid of me completely.

Graham Cole



TG HALL / RUDY PROJECT CIRCUIT TIME TRIAL SERIES NATIONAL ROUND 5

I was pleased to have the opportunity of organising this event on behalf of the club and indeed the West DC. Running national events is good profile for the club – so long as it goes well! No pressure then!

Planning commenced in 2004, and well-laid plans sometimes work out. I believe this one did.

The selected date was Saturday 17th September 2005. The course was our Staunton / Pendock circuit, but finishing on the A417 just past the Prince of Wales (code U101).

Seniors completed three laps (29 miles) whilst the rest (disabled, juniors, ladies and vets) had two laps to make 19.4 miles.

The HQ was Corse & Staunton village hall, a decent size with adequate parking.

A field of 78 riders had good conditions, evidenced by the smashing of all the course records set in the 2000 event.

A healthy junior field of 12 saw Dean Robson from the Somerset RC take the honours with 44.40. The course record was 47.16 and four other juniors were inside this time. Astounding – the winner raced at 26.4 mph!

The ladies saw Brenda Pennell of Raleigh-ERV come out on top with 47.56, another course record. Second lady also beat the old record of 48.54. The winning lady vet was Ann Wooldridge of Walsall CRC in 53.42.

Winning veteran was Ray Hughes of Clarence Wheelers in 42.30 – technically not a course record as the vets in 2000 did three laps.

In the seniors event, which had the top 5 contenders in the series, saw a surprise winner in Gethin Butler of Preston Wheelers (a guest speaker at our dinner a couple of years ago) with a quite superb 1.01.18 – for 28.4mph, phew! Second was Michael Hutchinson just 14 seconds behind, then Zac Carr a further 10 seconds back – all very close and all well inside the course record of 1.03.26.

My thanks to all the marshals and helpers on the day – we had plenty in the end, including some from other clubs in the area. We allocated £20 for a prize draw, £5 vouchers at Striking bikes: the winners are:



Toby Wooldridge.

CCRL 2005 Report

Apart from the risk assessment, police permission and village hall booking, I left everything else a bit late this time, but never mind – come the day we were only one marshal short – luckily this was filled by one short marshal – Dawn Clements.

The circuit chosen was the same as last year – 4 miles on the flat 10 course around Staunton.

It was a beautiful sunny evening, and 46 riders started on time. The time gaps were 4 and 4 minutes between front & middle and middle & scratch. This was calculated from the previous week's race, which had just about come together.

A prime on lap 3 was won by our very own Paul Loosemore. The scratch group caught the remains of the 1st and 2nd groups on the very last lap (of 8 ½) and the manic sprint (40 mph plus) was won by Nic Tilling of AngliaSport. Andy Jarvis did very well to finish 5th. The overall average speed of the scratch group was 29 mph (George had volunteered for this group and was surprised not to feature in the sprint).

£140 of prize money was awarded. I managed to leave Paul Loosemore's donated prizes at my house. Oh well I'm sure they'll go to a good home.

There were no crashes, no driver incidents, no lack of race numbers (we had 3 sets).

A profit of £79 was made; even after we went to the Boat and spent (only) £20 on Beer for the helpers (was this because I only got there at 10:20pm – we could have made it £200 if I'd got there earlier).

Many thanks to all the helpers who made everything go stunningly well – including first timers Dave Simmonds as lead car and Dawn and Fran as marshals.

Results:

Prime 1 – Paul Loosemore – Gloucester City CC £10

Prime 2 – Colin Mattison – Velo Vitesse £10

1 st	Nic Tilling – AngliaSport	£35
2 nd	Lee Davis – Leisure Lakes	£25
3 rd	Rob Adams – Bristol South CC	£20
4 th	Tony Bown – Velo Vitesse	£15
5 th	Andy Jarvis – Gloucester City CC	£10
6 th	Anthony Bailey – Leisure Lakes	£10
7 th	James Griffin – Cheltenham & County CC	£5
8 th	Scott Chalmers – Chippenham & Dist. Whls.	