Gloucester City Cycling Club
Annual General Meeting Minutes
Wednesday 7th October 2026, 7.30pm

Present:

Simon Pollington, Daryl Stroud, Colin Edmonds, Malcolm Taylor, Ed Spurway, Gary Ridgeway, Gordon Kay, Simon Witts, Colin Tirel, Alwin Wiederhold, Ana Hristoforova, Emma Van de Wal, Marie Cook, Roy Hook, Ted Tedaldi, Adrian Pearce, Theo Brookes.

The meeting was chaired by Simon Pollington.

1 Apologies

Apologies were received from: Ian Wareing, Toby Wooldridge, Ann Wooldridge, Alastair Goldie, Paul Bridges, Ann and John Barnes, Gerry McGarr, Triss Pollington, Howard Lowe, Matt Hill, Ian Pearce, Nigel Jones.

2 Minutes of Annual General Meeting 2nd October 2025

The minutes were accepted as published.

3 Matters Arising

None raised.

4 Membership fees

The outgoing committee recommended keeping membership fees as is for 2025/6. These are £15 senior, £5 junior, £20 family and £1 day membership. This proposal was carried unanimously.

5 Reports of Retiring Officers

See Appendix A for reports from President; General Secretary; Racing Secretary; Archivist; Treasurer; Captain/Vice Captain; Social Secretary; Newsletter Editor; Web Member; Dinner Secretary; TG Hall 25 TT; WT Henry Autumn 25 TT; Kit Secretary. These reports were accepted unanimously.

Simon Pollington thanked Toby for his tenure as Club Captain.

Simon Witts brought up that we need more signs in the evening race day kit.

Malcolm Taylor made a plea for more diverse articles for the newsletter.

Alwin Wiederhold alerted the meeting that there is a planning meeting on 22-Oct to discuss the cycling spine.

6 Constitution Changes

Change proposed by Ian Wareing

Rule 3.5 identifies 5 roles who can be used to form an emergency committee. The proposal is to replace "Chairman" with "Safeguarding Officer", as we no longer have a specific role of chairman.

This proposal was carried unanimously.

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Changes proposed by Daryl Stroud

Four motions are proposed. Motions 1 and 2 amend Section 12 (Club Championships) of the Constitution. Motions 3 and 4 amend the rules for the Dan Knight and Paul Barnard Trophies, which since March 2021 are held on each trophy's page of the club website; under Rule 2.5 changes to Club Trophies still require a two-thirds majority at the AGM. In all four motions "road bike" means a cycle classified by CTT as a road bike, and "age adjusted time" means the rider's time adjusted using the VTTA age standards of the day, consistent with the October 2025 revision to Sections 13 and 14.

Motion 1 – Club Championship medals for fastest road bike and fastest on age adjusted time (Rules 12.1.1 and 12.1.3)

Current wording 12.1.1 10 mile Championship TT for Men, Women, Veterans (Actual), Veterans (on Standard), Juniors and Juveniles on any CTT approved cycle. 12.1.3 25 mile Championship TT for Men, Women, Veterans (Actual), Veterans (on Standard), Juniors and Juveniles on any CTT approved cycle.

Proposed wording 12.1.1 10 mile Championship TT on any CTT approved cycle. Medals shall be awarded to the fastest riders, overall, female, road bike, veteran (AAT) and junior/juvenile. 12.1.3 25 mile Championship TT on any CTT approved cycle. Medals shall be awarded to the fastest riders, overall, female, road bike, veteran (AAT) and junior/juvenile.

Rationale: Formalises the Road Bike Champion and age-adjusted awards already made at the 2026 10 and 25 mile championships and replaces "Veterans (on Standard)" with age adjusted time, in line with the club's 2025 adoption of VTTA age adjusted times. Riders under 40 compete on actual time, so the age adjusted medal is open to all members.

This proposal was carried by majority.

Motion 2 – A dedicated Road Bike Time Trial Championship (Rules 12.1.2 and 12.1.4)

Current wording 12.1.2 10 mile Championship TT for Men, Women, Veterans (Actual), Veterans (on Standard), Juniors and Juveniles on any cycle classified by CTT as a road bike. 12.1.4 25 mile Championship TT for Men, Women, Veterans (Actual), Veterans (on Standard), Juniors and Juveniles on any cycle classified by CTT as a road bike.

Proposed wording Delete 12.1.2 and 12.1.4 and insert a new 12.1.2: 12.1.2 Road Bike Championship TT, a nominated Club event open only to road bikes, over a course and distance nominated by the Club Events Racing Secretary, for Men, Women, Veterans (on age adjusted time) and Juniors/Juveniles.

Rationale: The separate 10 and 25 mile road bike championships added in 2024 have in practice been run as road bike categories within the main championship events, which Motion 1 now covers with a medal. This motion instead recognizes the standalone road-bikes-only championship, run in 2026 as the Elmore Road Bike Championship, as a Club Championship in its own right, giving road bike riders a race where they compete only against each other.

This proposal was carried by majority.

Motion 3 – Dan Knight Trophy (trophy page)

Current wording Awarded to the winning Club member of the season long Evening '10s' Competition. A medal is also presented by the Club to the highest placed Junior and Juvenile. Counting events may be found in the full calendar using the "Races" filter.

Proposed wording The Dan Knight Trophy is awarded to the Club member with the highest overall points total in the season-long Evening 10s competition. Cash prizes, at amounts set each year by the General Committee, are awarded to the three highest placed riders on time trial bikes and the three highest placed riders on road bikes. Medals are presented by the Club to the highest placed Junior/Juvenile, the highest placed rider on a road bike and the highest placed Female rider. Counting events may be found in advance.

Rationale: Rewards depth in the club's most popular competition and gives road bike riders, women and juniors a realistic target alongside the overall trophy. Leaving prize amounts to the General Committee avoids having to amend the rule whenever the prize fund changes.

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This proposal was carried by majority after amendment.

Motion 4 – Paul Barnard Trophy (trophy page)

Current wording The Paul Barnard Trophy is awarded to the winner of the Club Events competition. The trophy was given to the Club by Paul's parents in 2004 and is awarded to the rider with the most points from Club events, 10 points for each first place, 9 for second etc.

Proposed wording The Paul Barnard Trophy is awarded to the winner of the Club Events competition. The trophy was given to the Club by Paul's parents in 2004 and is awarded to the rider with the most points from Club events, 10 points for each first place, 9 for second etc. A medal is also presented by the Club to the riders with the highest points total in road bike and female categories.

Rationale: Road bike riders score in the same events but rarely feature at the top of the overall table; a road bike medal recognizes the most consistent road bike rider across the season without altering the trophy itself.

This proposal was carried by majority after amendment.

Change proposed by Emma Van der Wal

Section 10 – Dancey trophy should include all Saturday and Sunday rides, but be limited to one point per weekend.

This proposal was carried unanimously.

7 Election of Officers

The following were elected or re-elected. No posts were contested.

President	Simon Pollington
General Secretary	Ian Wareing
Treasurer	Colin Edmonds
Captain	Emma Van der Wal
Vice-Captain	Ana Hristoforova
Social Secretary	Toby Wooldridge
Racing Secretary	Roger Whittle
Dinner Secretary	Joanna Hunek
Kit Secretary	Colin Edmonds
Web Secretary	Malcolm Taylor
Newsletter Editor	Malcolm Taylor
Archivist	Roy Hook
Club Coach	Daryl Stroud
Safeguarding Officer	Roger Whittle

It was proposed that these be considered en bloc, and all were elected in this manner without dissent. This was carried unanimously.

8 Election/Confirmation of Organizers for Open Events

The following were elected or re-elected without dissent.

Event	Name / Details
TG Hall 25 TT	Daryl Stroud.
WT Henry Autumn 25 TT	

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9 Election of Vice-Presidents

Existing Vice-Presidents: Pete Lloyd, Alastair Goldie, Ted Tedaldi, Roy Hook, John Barnes, Toby Wooldridge and Malcolm Taylor were re-elected en bloc.

10 Election of Other Positions

The following were elected or re-elected:

Role	Name
Timekeeper	Emma Van der Wal
Assistant Timekeeper	Ana Hristoforova
Handicapper	Daryl Stroud
Independent Examiner	Julie Ridgeway

11 Election of ex-officio committee members

The following Ex-officio Committee Members were elected or re-elected:

Ted Tedaldi, Adrian Pearce, Marie Cook and Nitesh Patel. Marie is taking a welfare role.

12 Confirmation of Affiliations

Affiliations to the following associations were confirmed:

British Cycling (BC), Cycling Time Trials (CTT), Cycling UK, Western Counties Road Records Association (WCRRA), Road Records Association (RRA), Western Time Trials Association (WTTA), National Cycle Museum.

13 Appointment of Delegates to Affiliated Bodies

The following were appointed:

Body	
CTT/WTTA	Roger Whittle
British Cycling	Ian Wareing
Cycling UK	Alastair Goldie
WCRRA / RRA	Ann Wooldridge
National Cycling Museum	Alastair Goldie

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14 Election of Various Trophy Winners

The following were nominated by the outgoing committee. The nominations were voted on. The winners are highlighted in bold.

Trophy	Nomination
TG Hall Clubman	**Emma Van der Wal** – Timekeeping for TTs, organizing Sunday rides, including the Black Mtns Epic Roger Whittle – Organizing a very successful club TT season.
Racer of the year (Mass start events)	Not awarded
Boakes & Lew Morris Trophy (TT Achievement)	Nathan Monk – 209.25 miles in the RTTC National 12 Hour Championship on a road bike, the only club rider to complete a national championship 12 this year. Also rode the VTTA National Road Bike Championship 30 (1:29:11), the Welsh Championship 25 on a road bike (1:01:57) and took the Roadman's Shield in the Three Cities. Jeremy Addis – Club Open Champion at 10 (22:04) and 25 (56:57) and winner of every club championship category he was eligible for. Add 42:59 for the Chippenham 22 on a road bike and 1:12:41 for the Swindon 30, and he has been the fastest rider in the club all season. **John J Murphy** – at 86, a full open programme: 2:52:09 for the ECCA 50, 1:18:22 for the Port Talbot 25, 48:19 for the Milers 15 and 50:43 for the Fast Fifteen, plus 6th in CEBAR. He also started the RTTC National 12 Hour Championship at V80, which for sheer boldness stands alone this year.
Mcleod Trophy (Best UK Tour)	Toby Wooldridge - The Club's Leamington tour Toby Wooldridge - The Club's Yeovil tour, Malcolm Taylor “Yorkshire tour” **Ed Spurway** "National Cycle Route 1 Steve Rossiter “Tour of Snowdonia”
Prestbury Cancer Centenary Trophy (Best Overseas Tour)	Simon Pollington "Rhine Tour" **Simon Pollington's** "Bordeaux tour"

15 Any Other Business

None submitted in advance.

Alwin suggested that we might have a spare/repair kit available for the introductory ride

The Meeting closed at 21:00

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Appendix A Reports

PRESIDENT – Simon Pollington

The club constitution has surprisingly little to say about the role of president, so what should I do? As a relative newcomer to the club my impression is that we do a large number of things very well, but I'm convinced we need to increase membership and we need to diversify. We need more people out riding regularly on all kinds of rides at all levels of difficulty, we need more people racing, we need more women, we need more younger members.

I have chosen to use my time as president to try and achieve this. So far the committee and all the members I've spoken to have been supportive of this ambition, and I've been delighted by the number of people who've offered to help.

I'm particularly indebted to Jo for starting the Saturday rides, and to Ian for initiating the new Introductory rides, and to everyone who's given up their time at the weekend to lead these new events.

Back in June, I emailed you all to ask for ideas, comments, and suggestions. Many thanks to everyone who took the trouble to respond and below is a summary of the feedback I received.

1 The club should have more easy rides, at novice level or even easier.

2 8:30 am starts are not popular with several riders.

3 It can feel like we are multiple mini-clubs based on the riding groups, perhaps we need more social events to encourage mixing.

4 Club kit is too expensive.

5 Riders would like a complete route published in advance.

6 Some feel abandoned to make their own way home after the coffee stop.

7 Could the club cooperate with Cycle Stars for younger members.

8 More midweek rides, not just Wednesdays.

9 Beginner's bike maintenance classes.

10 Club rides are getting faster.

11 More inclusive photos on the website; more women and younger riders, and perhaps some in less specialized clothing.

12 More use of other social media platforms, particularly Instagram.

13 Develop links with organizations that organize bike rides locally (Sue Ryder, Doddy Weir, BHF, Mel Glass?)

14 Develop links with other active clubs: Triathlon? Running?

15 Wider range of touring options.

16 Figure-of-eight ride with coffee in Gloucester at the crossover point would allow stronger riders to continue along the second loop.

Members who no longer ride with us cited a number of reasons:

1. Ill health.
2. Worsening road and traffic conditions.
3. Moved away.

Some of these concerns are beyond the club's control, but there are lots of good ideas here and as a committee we are starting to work our way through them.

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What can you do to help? Two things spring to mind; firstly, if there is someone new on a ride with you then please make every effort to ensure they feel welcome and included - joining a club ride can be a daunting experience so please do what you can to make sure they keep coming. Secondly, if you meet a cyclist who's not in the club then encourage them to come along and try a few rides, it's surprising how many locals don't know we exist or think the club is not for them.

If you decide to re-elect me for another year, then I hope you'll continue to offer your support as we try to promote the club to a wider audience and increase participation. If you have any suggestions for things we can do to get more people out riding a bike then please get in touch, I'd be delighted to hear from you.

GENERAL SECRETARY – Ian Wareing

I have continued to perform the club administration duties in a timely fashion and hopefully continued to improve communications to current and prospective members.

Current membership is 181, which includes 33 honorary members, 4 life members, 109 senior members, 2 junior members, and 17 family groups.

I am happy to stand for re-election.

TREASURER – Colin Edmonds

The accounts are detailed in appendix B.

CAPTAIN/VICE CAPTAIN – Toby Wooldridge

Overview of the season.

Not a bad year by any measurement: many destinations for the Sunday rides with new places to visit and unaccustomed roads enjoyed. Many riders were introduced to areas in the County, and around which had escaped them – this is always a delight and adds to the enjoyment. I'm pleased to report no serious issues encountered. The quality of driving and driver's attitudes sometimes appalls and where it's really bad reports to the police are made. We need to seriously consider investing in a quality camera to have as evidence, without which there is generally little the authorities can do.

Statistics.

Over the 12 months, September 2025 to August 2026, we had 56 'counting rides' (this includes the tour days); 2 rides were cancelled due to ice; 76 different riders gained points (24 came out once only); an average of just over 14 riders each weekend. This compares to 15 and 17 for the previous two seasons. All these numbers are based on rider names being noted and reported to the Captain, having stopped at the coffee or lunch stop. Missing are riders that did not stop, or joined mid-ride, as these do not count for Dancey points.

Dancey Trophy.

A new points regime was introduced this year whereby one point only is awarded per Sunday ride, plus one per day for the official club tours. Despite this, Toby Wooldridge came out the winner, having taken an early lead. In second place, and proving the change was worthwhile, was Theo Brooks with 40 points, third equal Daryl McDowell and Jim Anderson in Theo's slipstream on 39.

The Ladies trophy was taken by Jane Joiner with 25 points, Emma Van der Wal on 22.

The Junior trophy goes to Straun Brown, with 8 points: considering his first ride was in May, that was a good score.

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Bruce's Bonus – Punctures.

This much sought-after trophy was seized by Alastair Goldie early on with 4 deflations; no-one came close, but two others did finally manage a brace each. Eleven others had one apiece.

The new season.

The AGM has a proposal to include Saturday rides alongside the traditional Sunday rides, to be more inclusive for those that can't make Sunday. Alongside this, a single point per weekend is also proposed. Thus, riders enjoying Saturday and Sunday will gain one point only; the tours will also gain one point only for the participants.

Having undertaken the role of Club Captain for some years now, I am looking to stand down assuming a suitable candidate is appointed at the AGM. Should no-one be willing at this point, I am prepared to go for 'one more year'. I would like to say it has been a privilege to be Captain, and I wish my replacement all the best and will provide whatever support is requested to assist them 'settle in' to the role.

I would like to thank the outgoing Vice Captain, Simon Pollington, for his general assistance and ideas etc. over the year.

SAFEGUARDING OFFICER – Roger Whittle

There have been no problems this year. I have attended the British Cycling Club Welfare Officer course and have maintained my adult and child safeguarding qualifications to Level 3. We have discussed the monitoring of our social media groups and now discuss them at committee meetings as an agenda item.

Racing Secretary's report – Roger Whittle

We have staged twenty four club time trials this season; only one had to be cancelled, because of roadworks. We successfully used eight courses: in addition to our usual Staunton, Pendock, Maisemore and Elmore courses we used the UC714 Corse Lawn course for a second time, did our Club 25 Championship on the U17 at Dursley and reinstated the Portway Hillclimb, with (painful) success! We have had a consistent attendance of up to 15 participants each week. It has been said that we have engendered a friendly, inclusive atmosphere, which has seen several new faces, who have kept returning. I am very grateful to all who have helped run these events, particularly Emma, our timekeeper, and our marshals.

SOCIAL SECRETARY – Nitesh Patel

Social evening rides have been attended by both regulars and new club members. The extensive daylight hours we've experienced one of the driest summers on record, resulting in an unforgettable longest day ride thanks to the ride leader Theo!

Ann's treasure hunt was very successful with 12 participants, with Emma & Ana winning the top prize.

In terms of challenges, we held the speed judging in Boddington, but won't be offering out any prices this year due to not getting a leading majority.

DINNER SCRETARY – Joanna Hunek

Last year's Gala Dinner at Brickhampton Court brought together 48 members and guests for a brilliant evening of food, awards, laughter and the traditional raffle.

We were joined by Mel Glass as our guest speaker, with Malcolm taking on the role of club speaker. Alongside the awards presentation, one of the most memorable moments of the

evening was the opportunity for a few penny-farthing photos with Mel — definitely not something you get at every club dinner!

A great atmosphere, plenty of laughs and a really enjoyable evening all round.

WEBSITE – Malcolm Taylor

The site continues to grow in capabilities, with a route library now available to all members. The ride diaries and photo galleries document club activities and are added to with every ride.

We have experienced some issues with loading the calendar, which are now largely resolved.

NEWSLETTER EDITOR – Malcolm Taylor

Three issues published. Thanks as usual are due to the contributors.

ARCHIVIST – Roy Hook

I look after the club's historical archives and try to help with any queries of the club's past. I have recently been able to help the secretary update old membership records with regard to the longevity of some individuals.

I am willing to stand for the position again unless of course someone else would like to take it on.

TG HALL 25 TT – Nathan Monk

No report received

Autumn 25 (Year 2025) – Daryl Stroud

Event cancelled due to roadworks.

Campaigning – Malcolm Taylor

The club is no longer represented at the county council Active Travel Forum, after I failed to be reelected.

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Appendix B - Gloucester City Cycling Club Annual account 2026

Gloucester City Cycling Club Annual Account for the year ending 31 August 2026

Current Account Balance at 31 August 2025			3347.66		
Deposit balance at 31 Aug 2025			6178.72		
Total			**9526.38**		
	Receipts			**Payments**	
2024/25		2025/26	2024/25		2025/26
2173.00	Subscriptions	2014.00	81.00	BC Affil	86.00
70.00	Donations	55.00	60.00	Donations	
			88.00	CyclingUK	88.00
			487.20	Website	391.20
			60.00	CTT Affil	60.00
			20.00	WTTA Affil	20.00
			25.00	Cycle Museum	25.00
459.00	TG Hall 25	335.31	519.57	TG Hall 25	353.33
387.90	WT Henry 25	0.00	543.42	Autumn 25	0.00
915.34	Club TTs	949.47	0.00	Club TTs	100.00
			449.00	Riders Expenses	100.00
			17.40	Race Equipment	777.97
			170.00	Dan Knight	110.00
0.00	Medals	0.00	277.55	Engraving	358.20
			35.76	Spokespiece N/L	33.84
			204.76	Ride with GPS Subs	190.82
				Stickers	40.00
			0.00	Delegates Expenses	
			0.00	ID Tags	61.25
			180.00	Rent & Membership	120.00
572.00	Clothing Kit	191.00	252.00	Clothing Kit	0.00
			0.00	Bank Charges	49.90
			0.00	Coaching/Courses	
1185.00	Dinner 2025	1509.00	1457.55	Dinner 25	1717.13
0.00	Dinner 2026	0.00	350.00	Dinner 26	225.36
			0.00	Subs Refund	0.00
			510.00	CTT Race Levies	567.35
5762.24	**Total Income**	**5053.78**	**5788.21**	**Total Expense**	**5475.35**
	b/f	3347.66			
	Income	5053.78	Balances at 31 August 2026		
	Total Income	8401.44		Current a/c	2926.09
				Cash	0.00
	Income	8401.44		Total	**2926.09**

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			6231.4
Expenses	5475.35	Deposit	**0**
			9157.4
c/f	2926.09	Grand Total	**9**

Clothing stock held to value of £2800.00

I have examined this statement, books and vouchers
submitted to me and am of the opinion they are a true and
correct record of receipts and payments for the year ending 31 August 2026

C Edmonds

Examiner Treasurer

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