



# COVENTRY ROAD CLUB

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## NEWS BRIEF

February 2015

### CRC / Guy Salmon Sportive / Charity Ride

The CRC / Guy Salmon ride was held on 1 February, the early cold temperature and strong wind didn't appear to deter riders as we had around 320 sign-on. All money received goes to the chosen charity Zoë's Place and entry fees alone will have raised over £1600. We don't yet know the full total, as there are numerous additional donations to add and Guy Salmon usually leave the collection boxes out in their dealership for a few days adding further to the total.

Congratulations and many thanks to the Guy Salmon team for providing the venue, refreshments and hard work and to all members and friends involved in organising an excellent event. And of course, a big thanks to all the riders for their support and donations, we hope you had an enjoyable ride.

### Social Events

The social evening at Hogan's on 22 January went very well, the meal and plenty of chat and banter was enjoyed by all, well done Jack. The next social event is a **skittles evening at the Ansty Club on Saturday 21<sup>st</sup> February**, if you would like to attend contact Jack Corah

### Cyclo-Cross Championships

A correction to previous information on the winner of the Vets cross championship, it was Mark Garrett not Jim Woodward as stated in the December News Brief, congratulations Mark and sorry Jim.

### Members Input Requested

At the last Committee meeting there were discussions on the Forum and Membership Cards, the discussion was based on whether time has moved on and whether these two features are still required. Before the Committee take any decisions we would like your view:

- **The Forum** - Our Facebook pages now include Coventry Road Club, Coventry Road Club private chat and Newcomers. Not surprisingly the Forum now sees very little traffic and it may be time to close it down.
- **Membership Cards** – membership cards were re-introduced a few years ago in response to a request at the AGM. For members that have email addresses we send our pdf version for self printing and for our non IT members we send printed versions. There has been some discussion on whether they still hold any value for members and the committee would like your input if you would like to retain them.

Unless we receive significant support for keeping these features we will assume that the members have spoken and the Forum and membership cards are no longer required. (Power to the People and all that). Responses to me please by 23<sup>rd</sup> Feb in time for the next committee meeting, either reply to this email or send by post to Don White, 6 Leymere Close, Meriden, CV7 7SB.

### Race Reports

Just a quick reminder, particularly to members new to competition, don't forget to inform Ian Court of any results preferably with a short report so that he can get some publicity for the club in the local press.

### Timekeepers for Club TT's

The club is in need of some new blood in the timekeeper group, if anybody can make a regular commitment and would like to be trained up for the role, please let us know. Let's not leave it until we reach crisis point and have to cancel events.

## **Website**

The have been various additions to the website since the last News Brief.

- A new page has been added explaining the benefits of membership for potential members.
- The membership list, (only available when logged in) now shows details of land line, mobile and email address but no longer shows members addresses.
- Two side bar panels have been added with links to preferential membership offers for BC and CTC respectively.

## **Midlands Ladies**

This year will see a new CRC Sunday time trial in partnership with Midland Ladies. It is provisionally schedule for 12<sup>th</sup> July on the K41/10 at Wovley. It will be held as a club event with riders from all clubs encouraged to ride private trials. The event is predominantly for women and particularly new or novice riders, so get the miles in “girls” and have a crack at it. The “boys” won't be left out however, as they are also welcome to enter. More details on this event at a later date.

## **Nominated Trophy Events for 2015**

The nominated Championship/trophy events for this year are:

- Road Race Championships for Seniors, Juniors and Vets will West Midlands Championships (date to be advised)
- Junior circuit time trial championship (C.Parrott Trophy) will be held on 9th July one lap of the K12/11.5
- Youth Road Race circuit championship will be at Mallory Park on 2<sup>nd</sup> June.
- Eddie Atkins women's 10 (Rose Bowl trophy) will be held in conjunction with the Jack Rowley 10 on 6<sup>th</sup> August

*From Don White - On behalf of the Committee*