



# COVENTRY ROAD CLUB

CYCLING FOR SPORT AND LEISURE

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## NEWS BRIEF

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### Timekeepers and helpers for Club TT's – URGENT!!!

Last News Brief reported that the club is in need of some new blood in the timekeeper group, and asking for volunteers, unfortunately no offers were received and, as the season approaches, this is becoming critical.

Also as not all our members use Facebook I am repeating a recent post from Libby who co-ordinates our time trial helper (that's right she organises the organisers).

Hi All, the dates for the evening club times trials have now been released and can be viewed at <http://www.coventryroadclub.org.uk/?cat=28&id=126> . However at the moment we do not have enough volunteers to run them. We are short one timekeeper, one spotter and one "spare" who could step in wherever needed.

Without enough volunteers these time trials will be in jeopardy.

So.....I am asking you all to have a look at the dates and let me know when you would be able to help, email [libby.mclaren@btinternet.com](mailto:libby.mclaren@btinternet.com) or phone 07921 522343.

None of us want to cancel the time trials but without enough volunteers there is a very real chance that they would not be able to go ahead. If we all volunteer to help for a week or 2 then the evenings could go ahead as planned.

Hope to hear from lots of you soon. Thanks

### Website Updates

We are now able to take payment for membership fees on line, members that have paid up on time will only benefit next year but but if you're one of the stragglers it could assist you right now. The payment page can be accessed via Pay Membership Fees under MEMBERSHIP on the main menu or the PAY HERE link on the sidebar. Payments can be made by credit/debit card or PayPal but if you still wish to use bank transfer, standing order or cheque the details are also available on the payment page. We are now developing an on-line application form so prospective members can join more easily.

A Calendar of Events has been added to the website, this includes the committee meeting schedule, so if any members want topics to be raised you can contact a committee member or email me at [general.sec@coventryroadclub.org.uk](mailto:general.sec@coventryroadclub.org.uk).

We have a new webpage COVENTRY & CYCLING, not everybodys idea of an exciting read I know but many find Coventry's contribution to cycling history facinating. Members are invited to contribute information for this page and we would particularly like input from club members who have family connections to any aspect of cycling history in Coventry. So far contributions have come from Mel Hirst, Jennie Morgan and me.

### Membership Cards and the Forum

In the last News Brief input was requested from members objecting to the following proposals; a) Close the forum as it is used very little these days with members preferring facebook and b) Stop issuing membership cards as most members don't use them.

As no objections have been received the proposals have now been actioned (democracy in action!!!)

### Midlands Regional Youth Closed Circuit Series 2015

We now have a number of Youth members in the club so you may be interested in the closed circuit series of 8 events throughout the season, for details [http://www.coventryroadclub.org.uk/downloads/W.Midland\\_Youth\\_Series\\_2015.pdf](http://www.coventryroadclub.org.uk/downloads/W.Midland_Youth_Series_2015.pdf)

### Interclub

As it is our turn to host the event, the Coventry RC – Leamington C&AC interclub time trial will be held as part of our club 10 on the K12/10 on 25<sup>th</sup> June.

## **Dave Miller W.M.C.C.L. Life Member**

Many members will be aware that Dave Miller has for many years been part of the organisation of the West Midland Cyclo Cross League, so you may be interested to know that Dave has been honored with the first ever life membership of the league. Congratulations Dave and on behalf of all our cross riders, thanks for all your hard work.

## **Haggar Bash**

The club run schedule shows the 22<sup>nd</sup> March ride as the Haggar Bash, for those new to the club, this may need some explanation. For many years we have held this special club run, riders are grouped relative to ability and the various groups are set off at specified intervals, we ride a predetermined route to the top of Dovers Hill, it's not a race but there is considerable Kudos for the first to the finish at the top of Dovers Hill. But why is it called the Haggar Bash? Brian Hagger is a Vice President of our club and was a founder member of the ride. If you want to ride please contact Kev Barratt on 07805 934905 so that you can be allocated to the appropriate group and given a start time.

## **Mudguards**

Many members have commented on the use of (or more correctly the lack of) mudguards in wet conditions so a page has been uploaded to the website informing new members and reminding existing members of the requirements and giving a few hints and tips to help members with bikes that are not designed for mudguards. A copy of the page is attached.

## **New Time Trial League**

To encourage sporting competition between male and female riders across all age groups a new '10' league table has been developed. It's similar to the VTTA standards but covers males/females from 12 to 99 years and give each rider a ratio or "multiplier" based on age. There is a table detailing the ratios examples of which are; the time of a 32 year old woman will be multiplied by 0.862 and a 16 year old male by 0.853. The table has been developed using the competition records of clubs in the W.Midlands area and the table and a full explanation will be posted on the website. It's intended to be a sporting league in a similar manner to the Road Bike league, not too serious but encouraging good hearted competition.

*From Don White - On behalf of the Committee*