



COVENTRY ROAD CLUB

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NEWS BRIEF

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Alec Wagstaff

It is with regret that I have to inform members of the very sad news that Alec Wagstaff passed away on 3rd July. Alec is a long time member of the club and was club President in 1982. The funeral will take place at the Cannon Hill Chapel, Canley Crematorium at 2:15 pm on Monday 20th July, Alec's Grandson Alan, has very kindly issued an open invitation to all of the club's members that would like to attend to pay their last respects.

Floral tributes are limited to the family only but Alec's family have selected two organisations should you wish to make donations, the Alzheimer's Society and the Coventry Road Club (reflecting Alec's long term passion for our club). The club will be making a donation to the Alzheimer's Society on behalf of members but any member wishing to make a personal donation can do so via the Funeral Directors Grimmett & Timms, 118 Albany Road, Earlsdon, Coventry CV5 6NG.

Club 10 on 6th August

Just a reminder, the club 10 on the 6th August will now include the following trophy events, Harry Nash 10 for fastest rider, the Edie Atkins 10 (Rose Bowl) for fastest woman rider and the David Cup for the fastest Junior (rides by juveniles also count). A veritable trophy fest, but don't forget those entries (1 week before the event please). If you don't enter in advance you can still ride but you will not be included in the trophy or handicap competitions.

Club Kit

Based on input from members requested in the last News Brief, the following items are being investigated:-

- Faulty stitching on skin suit below the zip -
 - The stitching in this area is quite intricate and Velo+ are ensuring that only the more experienced seamstresses work on the skin suits and Harry Lodge (Halo) will be visiting the factory to ensure that they implement robust controls.
 - Halo have organised a UK company to do rectification work on the stitching, so garments can be sent to them repaired and returned within one week. However, whilst we are still in the racing season many members may not wish to be parted from their skin suit for a week so we are organising a local company to do the work and you can claim back the cost from the club. If anybody has a garment that needs repair please let me know and I will advise you how to proceed.
- Alternative pads for shorts and skin suits are being investigated, it's recognised that the same pad may not suit all so the possibility of having a standard pad for stock items with an "order only" option.
- In response to request for tighter fit garments we are currently investigating the new range of "race fit" garments that also utilises a number of new materials. Once again this won't suit all members so our range may be expanded to include "club" and "race" fit garments. Obviously we will not be able to stock double the number of garments so once again there may be "order only" options.

Once we have more details we will be consulting members and it is hoped that a revised range will be available for the 2016 season.

The Speed suits and caps that members have ordered are being progressed but they are both with new suppliers who are taking a ridiculously long time to generate the graphics package. I can only apologise for the delay but obviously it's completely outside my control.

Press Reports

Ian Court has been getting some amazing press reports in the Coventry Telegraph helped considerable by the reports that members are posting on facebook. If anybody take photographs of members racing it would be appreciated if you could forward them on to Ian so that he can include them in the reports.

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Whilst on the subject of photographs, a few more uploads to the website gallery would be appreciated, the website is our shop window and it would be nice to give prospective members an up to date view of our club.

Helpers Required

We still need to keep the supply of volunteers coming if we are to run our events successfully but as well as the evening TT's we have the Open 10 on 19th September. Open events need far more volunteers so don't be shy, let Bob Awcock know if you are available.

From Don White - On behalf of the Committee