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Is it possible to have a updated
list of members please could you
post it as I am having trouble
reading the fax version as it
comes out to small

MID-DEVON CYCLING CLUB - MAY NEWS SHEET 2000 ^{Thanks Dave}

People News

In the Rudy Project TT 2 of our juniors, **Fergus Pate** and **Adam Holmes**, had problems - Fergus punctured on the climb, refused a spare wheel from **Martyn Holmes**, and by the time he got to the finish everyone had gone home. Adam was riding a bike bought second hand and he found out the rear tub was not stuck on properly when he turned left at a sharp corner. **Deanna Shepherd** is very much under the weather and is having loads of tests to see what the base problem is - we wish her a quick return to form. If **Simon Aske** is showing a drop in form it is because he is busy building a garage in his back garden. **Chris Ash** is getting better with every week and is now cycling to and from work - he could not stand sitting in the stationary line of cars any more. **Eric Barber** has won yet another title in veteran's duathlon racing and is hoping to get to Brisbane to further his World Championship aspirations. **Joe Burrows** has left for a new life in the Lake District - he sent a letter of farewell that we will print in the near future. Showing that resting after breaking bones is not all bad for you **Ian Deakin** returned after 4 weeks recovery to a broken clavicle and scapula to take 4th place in the C.S. Dynamo 25 in 58 mins 22 - only one of 6 to beat the hour. **Andrew Parker** has completed his move from Torrington to Ley Lane, Kingsteignton. It was obvious that packing up and unpacking all that furniture and household chattels is not the best preparation for racing and Hopefully Andrew will not go in for it again in the near future. However just to prove he has recovered Andrew set a new record club time for a 10 of 20.54 on the 24th May.

Dates for your diary

Date	Club Event	Start	
Tuesday 5 th June	Final Pursuit Race	19.00	Liverton Village Hall
Tuesday 12 th June	Circuit	19.00	
Tuesday 19 th June	10	19.00	
Tuesday 26 th June	No event		
Sunday 8 th July	100 mile Open	6.00	Chudleigh Knighton Village Hall
Tuesday 10 th July	Circuit	19.00	
Tuesday 17 th July	10	19.00	
Tuesday 24 th July	Circuit	19.00	
Thursday 2 nd Aug.	No club TT		
Friday 3 rd August	Bovey Carnival R.R.		Colin has negotiated a new course

Race News

RTTC-Rudy Project National Time Trial Series

Stuart Dangerfield (Camel Val) trounced allcomers with an amazing show of strength and riding ability to win the Mid Devon CC-Rudy Project National Time Trial at Bovey Tracey.

He completed the arduous 30 mile course in 1-07-09, more than a minute faster than main rival Michael Hutchinson (Team MDT) who was second in 1-08-10. Dangerfield said after the event "Today is the first time I have really had to hurt myself, this has been my first big effort and it was a real test for me today" Hutchinson commented "I was baulked but then I am sure most others were".

First Mid-devon riders were S Aske (1.16.18) A Parker (1.16.37) C Halls (1.17.15)

Footnote: the following day Hutchinson rode a 25 in 48 minutes but admitted being tired from the previous day.

Overleaf is printed two letter of thanks, one from Ken Dean and one received by Ken from the Epsom Cycling Club regarding the event.

Totnes-Vire twinning stage race

Just a second separated the top two rides overall as Jake Folkard-hobbs (5hrs 25m) won the two day race

Stage winners

- 1 (10.2TT) G Lackford - 13.47
- 2 (105K) R Wyley - 2.34.41
- 3 (101K) M Perry - 2.25.38

MEMORY CORNER – EXPANDED

The following paragraph appeared in the recent edition of West Vet (The Newsletter for Veterans living in the West of England). It was taken from a longer article written by Les Pearce, Plymouth Cycling Club, for The Bicycle of 4th October 1944: -

“The recent annual hill climb club championship, promoted by the Mid-Devon Road Club for the silver cup recently presented to the club by C.A. Jackson, resulted in Tommy Ashton becoming club champion and annexing this trophy to his collection of awards. Last year’s winner Ron Billings did a very creditable ride being only 12 seconds slower than Tommy.”

As a result of this piece we asked Tommy to give us his recollections of the day and the state of the club at the time when the Second World War was in full flow. He phoned through with the following: -

“With regard to the Hill Climb it took place up Afton Hill near Berry Pomeroy Castle and I was 16 years old in 1944. I had been in the club for 2 years by then. As well as Ron Billings other competitors I can remember were Jimmy Veale, Ron Wilkie, Pete Land and Ron Wood – (Ron denies this saying he had more sense than try and defy gravity on such a steep hill). The winning time was about 2 minutes 40 seconds. It is not likely that Geoff Tewson rode, as he would have been too young.

The club was made up of three groups. They were the young (from Teignmouth Grammar School), the infirm who had been discharged or excused from military duty and the elderly. Quite a number worked at the Newton Abbot Co-op or in Western and Bulpin’s Garages.

Having joined the club in 1942 my first race was a 10 on the road between Torquay and Newton Abbot. It was won with a time around 30 minutes. Runner up was Alan Sharp about 1 minute slower and I came in after 33.5 minutes on the road. Ivor Hatton was last but then he never got the hang of racing.

King of the road in Devon was Les Deem from Devonport who was winning open races with times in the 1 hour 11 to 12 minute range. In early August Harold Broom organised a club ride to Pangbourne Lane, between Reading and Newbury to see the classic Bath Road 100 mile Time Trial. The lads rode there laden down with spare clothes and food etc. Harold went up by train and then rode back with them.

Winner of the Bath Road 100 was Arch Harding of the Middlesex Road Club. Today’s coaches would not have approved of his methods. Arch would arrive at the start line puffing on a cigarette. The pusher would hold him up and after one last drag he would extinguish the fag on his stem and hand the stub end to the pusher off to dispose of. On the day in question Arch rocketed around the course in 4 hours 28 minutes – a startling time for those days.

Having seen the rides done and the roads in the Thames Valley a racing trip was called for so off I went to ride in the Berks and Oxford 25 mile TT. The result was a time of 1 hour 10 minutes 8 seconds. This was many minutes better than anything done in Devon. From then on I was a marked man and was having to ride off scratch in all open events.”

Club Census .

We are planning to send out a census to club members in the next newsletter in order to gauge what members would like from the club. Below is a current list of the questions. Please don’t reply to them yet, but if you feel that other questions should be asked please contact Ken Robertson or John Peters (01548 852078) and we will add them.

1 Rides

Average Miles Per Week

Regular/Occ on Winter Sunday Club Runs

Regular/Occ on Summer Sunday Club Runs

Never on Sunday Club Runs - please state why

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| | Other days for club rides |
| 2 Training | I want formal coaching
I want winter circuit training
I want winter roller/turbo evenings |
| 3 Races | Compete in Circuit Races -SW / Other
Compete in Road Races - SW / Other
Compete in Club Time Trials
Compete in Open TTs - SW / Other |
| 4 Social Events | Would attend clubroom
Best Venue
Attend club lunch £10.00
Attend Club dinner/dance £15.00
Other social functions? |
| 5 Assistant | Has club clothing or wants clothing
Would you contribute to newsletter
Will marshal - state events
Willing to assist club in other |

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To all members of M.D.C.C. I would like to thank all the many helpers who are too numerous to mention, although I must give a special mention to our "Ken" and Richard without their help I certainly could not have run it. I have many phone calls thanking the club for the event, and enclosed is a specially appreciated fellow cyclist

Ken Dean -



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16 SHIRLEY AVENUE
WATFORD
SURREY
16th May 2001

Dear Ken

Just a note to say thank-
you and the Mid-Deen for
promoting a great event last Saturday
as a long time supporter of S.W.C.C.
I appreciated the course and feel
that if our sport is to have a future
it must be in these type of events

Thanks again for a great day.

Yours sincerely
B. E. Hapley