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During this period the club was frequently represented in time trials by Russ Mantle, Geoff Quinnell, Noel Elms and Charlie Sprinks and many others of varying abilities. Russ is now widely known as being a high mileage touring rider and at the end of 2006 was recorded in the CTC magazine "Cycle" as being number 3 in the 300,000 mile club with a total recorded mileage of 773,043 miles!

Recently there has been a welcome contact from Jim Peace who tells me that he joined the club in the autumn of 1955. He recalls that the club met regularly at the Central Club in South Street Farnham. There were club runs at weekends which he recalls were much too fast for him and expensive, as they frequently stopped for tea and cakes which cost as much as 1/6d! Jim recounted that he watched many time trials on the A31, which at that time went through Bentley, Alton and Chawton, before entering a Border Cycling Association Medium Gear 25 on March 17th 1957 his 1hr 12 something resulted in him being overtaken by several following riders. The Event Secretary was Brian Rogers then of the Farnborough Cycling Club although he was later a Farnham RC member and is generally known as a member of the Farnborough and Camberley Cycling Club. Jim goes on to say that he entered a massed start race on the Isle of Wight later that same year and another 25 run by the Uxbridge Wheelers, also on the A31. The massed start race was held under the N.C.U. rules and participation had to be kept quiet as taking part could have resulted in suspension by the R.T.T.C for competing under another set of rules. The lure of powered two wheelers led Jim away from cycling. Although now retired he regularly writes articles in various motorcycle publications.

The start sheet, scanned from the original below, gives no details of the event headquarters, suggesting that the event was simply held "beside the road" and that many or most of the competitors cycled to and from the event. The 72 inch gear is roughly equivalent to a 46 chain ring with a 17 tooth rear sprocket. On the day both the crank length and the distance travelled was measured before the start. The race start was in the vicinity of River Lane on the Alton side of Coxbridge. The course went to East Tisted on the A32 and turned in the road. This practice continued into the 1970's, before being deemed unsafe and only roundabout turns were allowed.

Under R.T.T.C. Regulations

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BORDER CYCLING ASSOCIATION

25 Miles Medium Gear (72") Time Trial

Timekeeper: W. J. Pickers, Esq.

Sunday, 17th March, 1957.

Assistant Timekeeper: D. Gyngell, Esq. Awards as per B.C.A. Schedule.

Gears restricted to not more than 72 inches and cranks must not be less than 6½ inches long (c-c) Gear Checkers: Farnham R.C.

COURSE H.10 Start at a point 619 yds West of Coxbridge on the Farnham - Alton Road A.31 at a point 61 yds east and short of the first telegraph pole on the Southern side of the road (marked 219) and 16 yds. west of and beyond a gate on the North side of the road.

Proceed westwards through Bentley and Alton, bearing left on A.32 at Chawton to centre of the cross roads at East Tisted. (12 miles 1108 yds.)

TURN and retrace outward route to finish opposite the fourth telegraph pole west and short of the cross roads 454 yds. west and short of the starting point. (25 miles)

On the list of riders we have a number of Road Club Members starting at No3 with Roy Richardson who continued to ride with the CTC for many years. Charlie Sprinks was at 23, Russ Mantle at 30, Noel Elms no.35 and Jim Peace 38. G.White, J.Goodchild, K.Jensen, J.Andrew, D.Patterson, D.Carter, P.Muddell, M.Shannon, P.Brooker, M.Bowden, N.Robertson, and J.Gerardo are but names to me at present.(2007)

At No 7 is an E. Marsh who is a Herald Newspaper photographer and until 2005 travelled everywhere by bicycle until poor health resulted in a loss of balance. He still attends Aldershot Football Club as a photographer. 31 is R. Naris of the Guildford Phoenix club (no longer in existence). Bob later became a Road Club member until in the early 1970's he was found dead beside the road after a visit to his sister. He is commemorated by the annual Bob Naris Veterans' BAR trophy.

No.	Name	Club	Time of Start	Position	Actual Time		
					H.	M.	s.
1	T. Jones	C.Wh.	7.31				
2	M. Hedgeman	F.C.C.	7.32				
3	M. Richardson	F.R.C.	7.33				
4	M. Hiley	W.Wh.	7.34				
5	J. Rogers	G.Ph.	7.35				
6	J. Bourne	C.Wh.	7.36				
7	K. Marsh	F.C.C.	7.37				
8	G. White	F.R.C.	7.38				
9	G. Simms	W.Wh.	7.39				
10	G. Paine	G.Ph.	7.40				
11	P. Williams	C.Wh.	7.41				
12	R. Lorkin	F.C.C.	7.42				
13	J. Goodchild	F.R.C.	7.43				
14	C. Perry	W.Wh.	7.44				
15	J. Mills	G.Ph.	7.45				
16	C. Moore	C.Wh.	7.46				
17	D. Richards	F.C.C.	7.47				
18	K. Jensen	F.R.C.	7.48				
19	F. Bailey	W.Wh.	7.49				
20	D. Bennett	G.Ph.	7.50				
21	M. Davies	C.Wh.	7.51				
22	R. Dowling	F.C.C.	7.52				
23	C. Sprinks	F.R.C.	7.53				
24	D. Hiley	W.Wh.	7.54				
25	R. Agor	C.Wh.	7.55				
26	W. Watts	G.Ph.	7.56				
27	J. Andrew	F.R.C.	7.57				
28	G. Fuller	C.Wh.	7.58				
29	J. Bloor	F.C.C.	7.59				
30	R. Mantle	F.R.C.	8.00				
31	R. Norris	G.Ph.	8.01				
32	M. Sucksmith	C.Wh.	8.02				
33	D. Patterson	F.R.C.	8.03				
34	J. Benton	G.Ph.	8.04				
35	M. Elms	F.R.C.	8.05				
36	J. Gredington	C.Wh.	8.06				
37	R. Jenkins	R.Wh.	8.07				
38	J. Peace	F.R.C.	8.08				
39	H. Mason	C.Wh.	8.09				
40	J. Edney	O.C.C.	8.10				

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41	D. Carter	F.R.C.	8.11			
42	P. Chambers	C.Wh.	8.12			
43	B. Alexander	M.C. & L.C.	8.13			
44	P. Muddell	F.R.C.	8.14			
45	D. Gladwell	R.Wh.	8.15			
46	N. Wooldridge	C.Wh.	8.16			
47	M. Shannon	F.R.C.	8.17			
48	L. Barnes	B.A.	8.18			
49	P. Brooker	F.R.C.	8.19			
50	C. Roberts	C.Wh.	8.20			
51	M. Bowden	F.R.C.	8.21			
52	F. Clayton	B.C.C.	8.22			
53	N. Gier	C.Wh.	8.23			
54	N. Robertson	F.R.C.	8.24			
55	B. Rogers	F.C.C.	8.25			
56	D. Morris	C.Wh.	8.26			
57	J. Webb	A.Wh.	8.27			
58	J. Gerardo (2nd Claim)	F.R.C.	8.28			
59	J. Spiller	C.Wh.	8.29			
60	E. Boxell	H. & D.C.C.	8.30			

LADIES

1	P. Coles	R.Wh.	8.4			
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MARSHALLS

Gear Checker } Forum R.C.

Pusher Off & Finishing Board }

Team Marshall - Haslemere & Dist. C.

Event Secretary:- B. Rogers, 133 St Georges Row, Aldershot, Hants.

Uxbridge Wheelers

Junior Open 25 miles Scratch Time Trial and Scratch Team Event

Sunday, May 5th 1957

COURSE

START at a point 619 yds West of Coxbridge on the Farnham – Alton road,(A31) 61 yds. East of first telegraph pole on the South side of the road (marked 219) and 16yds.. West of and beyond a gate on the North side of the road.

Proceed through Bentley, Alton, Chawton where bear left on A32 through Farrington to centre of the cross roads near Church at East Tisted. (12m 1108yds.) Turn and retrace to FINISH opposite fourth telegraph pole west of cross roads, 454yds. West of the start.

Please keep the road clear at the finish.

Timekeepers

Messrs. W.J Pickers and F.Beasley

Event Hon Secretary: A.H.Rayner, 10, Almond Avenue, Ickenham, Middx.

No.	Name	Club	Start
1.	Mackey,K	Uxbridge Wheelers	7.01
2.	Munday,D	Nomads	7.02
3.	Addison,R	Harp Road Club	7.03
4.	Hughs,C	Slough A.C.	7.04
5.	Berry,F	Bath Road Club	7.05
6.	Tidy,A	Kingston Road Club	7.06
7.	Alston,A	Nomads	7.07
8.	Wright,H	Colnbrook Road Club	7.08
9.	Leaver,T	Kingston Wheelers	7.09
10.	Smith,M	Uxbridge Wheelers	7.10
11.	Jennings,J	Harp Road Club	7.11
12.	Nino,D	Bath Road Club	7.12
13.	Attwood,P	Kingston Road Club	7.13
14.	Syers,P	Nomads	7.14
15.	Blay,A	Slough A.C.	7.15
16.	Van Senten,F	Uxbridge Wheelers	7.16
17.	Garrett,J	Hounslow Wheelers	7.17
18.	Peace,J	Farnham Road Club	7.18
19.	Stevens,C	Middlesex Clarion	7.19
20.	Duffey,D	Watford Road Club	7.20
21.	Townsend,R	Yiewsley Road Club	7.21
22.	Boucher,S	Uxbridge Wheelers	7.22
23.	Shanks,P	Weybridge Wheelers	7.23
24.	Collins,M	Harp Road Club	7.24
25.	Hancock,S	Slough AC	7.25
26.	Martin,D	Kingston Wheelers	7.26

27.	Blacksley,D	Colnbrook Road Club	7.27
28.	Varney,R	Watford Road Club	7.28.
29.	Mahon,M	Uxbridge Wheelers	7.29
30.	Patterson,D	Farnham Road Club	7.30
31.	Doidge,G	Weybridge Wheelers	7.31
32.	Simpson,J	Kingston Wheelers	7.32
33.	Ellison,R	Ealing Paragon	7.33
34.	Withers,N	Southern Wheelers	7.34
35.	Robinson,P	Hounslow Wheelers	7.35
36.	Eley,R	Yiewsley Road Club	7.36
37.	Newton-Fisher	Middlesex Clarion	7.37
38.	Cladd,D	Uxbridge Wheelers	7.38
39.	Matters,R	Colnbrook Road Club	7.39
40.	Simms,C	Weybridge Wheelers	7.40
41.	Hector,H	Ealing Paragon	7.41
42.	Davies,K	Clarence Wheelers	7.42
43.	Biggs,A	Hounslow Wheelers	7.43
44.	Mills,B	Southampton Wheelers	7.44
45.	Pepper,J	Uxbridge Wheelers	7.45
46.	Gibbs,K	Watford Road Club	7.46
47.	Perkins,K	Yiewsley Road Club	7.47
48.	Finsman,R	Middlesex Clarion	7.48
49	Shannon,M	Farnham Road Club	7.49
50.	Bennett,P	Watford Road Club	7.50
51.	Lewis,C	Southampton Wheelers	7.51
52.	Gunbie,K	Clarence Wheelers	7.52
53.	Clark,D	Camberley Wheelers	7.53
54.	Reed,J	Weybridge Wheelers	7.54
55.	Ward,D	Hounslow Wheelers	7.55
56.	Jones,J	Yiewsley Road Club	7.56
57	Pearson,T	Farnham Road Club	7.57
58.	Boulter,A	Southern Wheelers	7.58
59.	Mills,B	Southampton Wheelers	7.59
60.	Tarver,B	Clarence Wheelers	8.00
61.	Griffin,C	Middlesex Clarion	8.01
62.	Lockhead,I	Hounslow Wheelers	8.02
63.	Tyler,A	Delta Road Club	8.03
64.	Sacksmith,M	Camberley Wheelers	8.04
65.	Mewes,T	Weybridge Wheelers	8.05
66.	Morris,K	Balham Cycling Club	8.06
67.	Quincey,B	Calleva Road Club	8.07
68.	Sinclair,J	South Bucks Road Club	8.08
69.	Rowlands,J	Festival Road Club	8.09
70.	Vine,B	Weybridge Wheelers	8.10
71.	Rumble,Y	Camberley Wheelers	8.11
72.	Ricketts	Middlesex Road Club	8.12
73.	Baker,G	Icknield Road Club	8.13
74.	Taylor,R	Delta Road Club	8.14
75.	Muspratt,E	Balham Cycling Club	8.15
76.	Hall,I	Calleva Road Club	8.16
77.	Bowden,G	Myriad Road Club	8.17
78.	Rhodes,D	South Bucks Road Club	8.18
79.	Miller,F	Festival Road Club	8.19
80.	Furminger,G	West Middlesex Road Club	8.20
81.	Sadler,I	Myriad Road Club	8.21
82.	Bastable,A	Middlesex Road Club	8.22
83.	Hawes,I	Icknield Road Club	8.23
84.	Channell,B	South Bucks Road Club	8.24
85.	Jaques,N	Harlequins Cycling Club	8.25
86.	Fantrum,D	Oxonian Cycling Club	8.26

87	Robinson,E	Farnborough Cycling Club	8.27
88	Parsons,K	Charlotteville Cycling Club	8.28
89	Atkins,R	Guildford Phoenix	8.29
90	March,T	Bath Cycling Club	8.30
91	Wells,F	Myriad Road Club	8.31

The Farnham Road Club riders have been highlighted but apart from Jim Peace at no.18 they are not known to me. (2007)

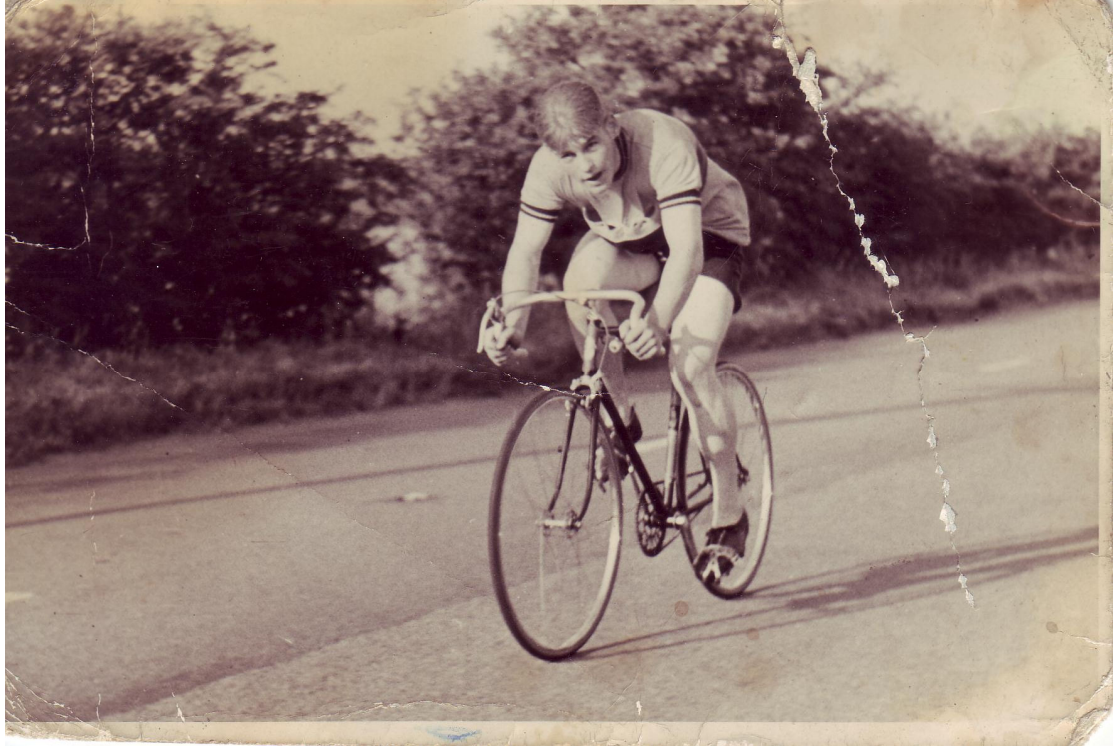
The Uxbridge Wheelers event was held on Sunday, May 5th 1957. It was clearly a superior event as the start sheet was professionally printed by the Spelthorne Press in Ashford. It was billed as a Junior Scratch Time Trial and Scratch Team event and was held on the same A31 course as the medium gear event. The first rider was away from the start at 7.01 am. (That is what I call a proper start time!). Unfortunately the original start sheet was printed on an orange coloured paper and has not copied well enough to attach to the website and has therefore been reproduced.

This was a Junior Only event and attracted a field of 91 riders. (It is sad to reflect that a recent Open 10 June 2007 attracted only one junior rider!).

Colin Mitchell June 2007

At number 27 in the 17th March 1957 medium gear event was Jim Andrew who started racing with the club during 1956. Jim recalls winning a solid silver medal in the Ealing Paragon 25 in his first event as the winner of the “Best on Handicap”. His bicycle, pictured below was a Sun Wasp Supalite purchased complete from Heath Brothers in East Street, Farnham, with a four speed derailleur gear but converted to a fixed wheel.

Jim has been able to recall that Johnny Goodchild lived in the Frimley area and was somewhat more senior. Ken Jenson lived near Cut Mill at this time and worked at Weyburn Engineering, Elstead with Jim and later at IFVME Farnborough, again with Jim A but was unfortunately killed in a road accident while riding his bike in about 2000. Jim remembers several members from that time including Charlie Sprinks and his wife Alice, who was also a local cyclist and Ron Wickerson’s sister Sylvie who married a fellow member Nigel Nichols and still lives in Farnborough. Mike Shannon who lived near Dippenhall, Peter Brooker who moved away to Australia, Derek Patterson from Farnborough, Derek Carter who’s father owned Farnham Glass Co. in West Street and Paul Muddell from Heath End.



Jim Andrew circa 1956 in the Old Gold (Amber) with brown stripe across the chest colours onboard his Sun Wasp Supalite.