Chippenham Wheelers 2015 Time Trial Report

The 2015 season again saw us with mostly dry evenings for club evening time trials and the club open events, much as last year. This year was characterised by many personal goals being achieved and some quite intense competition, of which more later.

Again my and the riders thanks to all who officiate at the open and evening events and the family members and riders who marshal at the various points on the course where this is needed. As a reminder without marshals we cannot race and although we have usually managed to be alright on the night all riders should look to their conscience and marshal at least one event if not more. In the main we were alright this year and I would hope not to have to adopt the Swindon RC Time Trial Handbook which is quite draconian in its approach to the topic.

The year began as is tradition with the Kilo at Castle Combe and once again Simon Kay powered to victory, beating Jimmy Barton into second by under a second! There were some interesting rides with Richard Buckley and Paul Metcalfe adding their children as additional training load and Paul Freegard riding a 10 tonne monster called Gazelle (not). For the children's half kilo the Webb's bookended the results by being first (well done Josie) and Lydia being a little slower.

The season opener in February had takers this year with a mix of fixed gear bikes and others coming out of winter hibernation. Jeremy Tyzack was the winner of the Medium Gear event. The evening time trials were reasonably well attended throughout the season and spiced up by a high degree of competitiveness. Numbers were down on last year but we still had more riders per event than previously which means people were more consistent in attendance. We also had the joy of wondering what addition there would be to Jamie Currie's bike as it evolved throughout the season as pieces were acquired from e-bay, some tested prior to a race others not. Jamie had obviously taken training advice over the winter, whilst the Secretary had taken pie advice, and quickly achieved his first objective of the year by beating Paul Winchcombe early on. After a few weeks it became apparent that Jamie and Andy Summers were in a serious competition for the Jack Nunn Handicap Points with them swapping places throughout the year and both being equally mystified when their points dropped compared to another week as other riders handicaps were amended and the standings adjusted accordingly. Simon Cox once again though dominated the club riders standings within the evening 10 series, although he was once beaten by Jamie (which I think was the same night Jamie went under 24 minutes (another of his targets)). Paul knowing that he hadn't trained effectively went for new technology and raced most of the season on a Cervello P3 which made up for some of his extra pounds but he was never really in the running. Special mentions should go to Jeremy who raced until a major operation and then returned for the end of the season, to John Else who came out of retirement having passed the 80 year mark and now holds the 80+ age group category 10 mile record, the Else family for having 3 generations riding on tandems at the club tandem event and Rachel Still for riding the 10 series (having started last year on a 25 as her first ever time trial). Unfortunately the fledging ladies team from the end of last season never materialised but several ladies were sighted across the season giving it a go.

There was a good turnout (comparatively) for the Club 50 mile Nixon Cup and Mike Edwards Handicap which was on the hottest day of the year and boy did riders know it. The winning time of 2:10:05 by Simon Cox was very creditable given the conditions and Dylan Spencer's 2:35:33 was apparently good training for Paris Brest Paris (just showing that Audax riders should come time trialling as part of their repertoire).

The Club ran its usual series of competitions within Open Time Trial events and this year there were two new competitions. The Gary Woodward Trophy awarded to the fastest club member in the Club's Open 25 event and the Ted Barlow Cup for the club member gaining the highest number of points in the Western Time Trial Association Hardriders series (long, hilly time trials). The Ted Barlow was a target for both Jamie and Paul who by the end of the season were both watching each other's rides in events where they were unable to enter, wondering what might have been. Both had events where their positions let them down but as the season moved on poor placings were removed by better

results; it all came down to the final event – the WTTA 50 mile event on the famously flat Minety course. (Well actually it could have been won on the hill climb event but the astute amongst you will realise that no place improvements were going to be made on that one by the pair.) On the day Paul beat Jamie who suffered from a few mechanical issues and swore never to do another 50 (but perhaps he will).

All of our events were better supported than last year and once again SAS entries for the 3-Up formed the backbone of the event. Chippenham Wheelers did have one team in that end of season event and it is hoped that Andy Cadwallader's plan for some 3-Up training at Castle Combe might produce more entries. Mention must go to catering at our events Claire Webb for her (and the girls) catering for the club 25 where a field of 26 ate the lot, the Hill Climb where I could have wished that the others had eaten the cakes prior to the ride and the 3-Up where food just kept on coming as we all waited for the large field to finish.

Over the season there were 359 (compared to last year's 327) finishers across all events and 42 (compared to last year's 46) (including 7 juniors) club riders took part in a Jack Nunn Series event. There were numerous non-member riders from other clubs, as well and they were welcome for that extra element of competition they gave the evenings, as well as some guests who later joined as members. 9 men completed the 6 qualifying rides needed to compete in the Jack Nunn series and 1 lady completed 6 rides. Simon Cox won the men's fastest rider prize with the best average performance over 6 rides. For the Ladies Rachel Still won the Jack Nunn prize and this year no Juniors qualified.

	Men	**Average of Best 6 times for 2014**
1	Simon Cox	0:23:49
2	James Currie	0:24:22
3	Paul Winchcombe	0:25:08
4	Phil Akerman	0:25:24
5	Andrew Spearman	0:25:30
6	Andrew Summers	0:25:53
7	Paul Freegard	0:26:02
8	Jeremy Tyzack	0:27:35
9	Dylan Spencer	0:28:27
	Ladies	
1	Rachel Still	0:31:36

As mentioned the handicapping for the Jack Nunn Series came under scrutiny again this year as there was a close fought fight at the top. The result was not settled until the final race of the season with Jamie beating Andy by 1 point and also achieving the most improved rider position by 1 second with a 46 second improvement. (This result was scrutinised, compared to previous year's methodology to ensure consistency and generally recalculated several times just to make sure and the result stands.)

Jack Nunn Points Results Table

Position	**Rider**	**Ride Points**	**Rides Entered**	**Total**
1	James Currie	58	11	69
2	Andrew Summers	57	11	68

3	Jeremy Tyzack	39	7	46
4	Simon Cox	33	10	43
5	Paul Freegard	36	7	43
6	Martin Ingleson	33	5	38
7	Andrew Spearman	31	6	37
8	Mark Dick	32	5	37
9	Phil Akerman	29	7	36
10	Paul Winchcombe	22	9	31
11	Mark Evans	23	3	26
12	Piers Dibben	22	3	25
13	Dylan Spencer	16	8	24
14	Rob Richardson	20	4	24
15	Andy Stuart	20	4	24
16	Chris Tweedie	20	4	24
17	Mike Gibbons	16	4	20
18	John Else	12	2	14
19	Andy Cook	8	2	10

Although there is not a prize for fastest single ride on a Jack Nunn event for the record the best individual times are below:

	Rider	**Best Time**
1	Ed Nicholson	0:23:02
2	Simon Cox	0:23:25
3	Paul Lambert	0:23:52
4	James Currie	0:23:54
5	Rob Richardson	0:23:58
6	Andy Stuart	0:24:13
7	Paul Winchcombe	0:24:27
8	Chris Maxwell	0:24:38
9	Andrew Spearman	0:24:50
10	Phil Akerman	0:24:51
11	Andy Cook	0:24:52
12	Andrew Summers	0:24:55
13	Will Lambert	0:24:55
14	Chris Tweedie	0:24:59
15	Joshua Price	0:25:03
16	Mike Gibbons	0:25:08
17	Elliot Brunt-Murphy	0:25:21
18	Thomas Hogan	0:25:23
19	Nic McKibben	0:25:27
20	Paul Freegard	0:25:32
21	Mark Evans	0:25:54
22	Mark Dick	0:26:06
23	Piers Dibben	0:26:09
24	Jeremy Tyzack	0:26:14

25	Chris Davies	0:26:29
26	Ben Hogan	0:26:33
27	Steve Barber	0:26:41
28	Nigel Copeman	0:27:09
29	Dylan Spencer	0:27:22
30	Edward Collyer	0:27:23
31	Alan Sheppard	0:27:34
32	Chris Frampton	0:27:48
33	Phil Burke	0:28:14
34	Martin Ingleson	0:28:38
35	Lara Spearman	0:28:59
36	Nigel Wiltshire	0:29:29
37	Lynsey Carpenter	0:29:30
38	Sheni Jiwa	0:29:50
39	Rachael Still	0:30:43
40	Hazel Ross	0:30:52
41	John Else	0:31:01
42	Mandy Wiltshire	0:33:42

Open Time Trial Events

Due to the rewrite of the CTT website I cannot retrieve the statistics for club riders in Open Events this year without searching on each rider's name which is hugely time consuming – so sorry. Will update the article if the 2015 rides are searchable by club later in the year. However there has been a steady number of Chippenham riders across the season as shown by our second placing in the West DC club competition, the Dunlop Cup, which is based on club riders in West DC events and is a competition resurrected by Mike Edwards. This has been contributed to by Simon C, Jamie C, Paul W, Paul F, Paul L, Paul C (in one event before moving to another club), Mark W, Mike G, Steve B, Gordon S, Robbie R, Neil L, Andrew S and I am sure some others I have missed (so my apologies if I have)

There have been some notable achievements this year but the outstanding ride must again go to Robbie Richardson who rode two 12 hour events, in one of which he set a new age group record of 266.55 miles, improving on last year's 255.79 miles, for 50 – 54 year olds. As a result of this ride and his 100 and 50 mile times Robbie has placed well again nationally at 62nd this year in the British Best All Rounder competition run by the CTT organisation. Gordon Scott placed 91st in the same competition. Chippenham riders lifted some prizes in other events and although a £10 cheque may not seem much and in one event Jamie got his first prize money when Chippenham placed in the team prizes.

Some age group records were broken during the season and well done to those who broke them.

Club Records

Age 50-54	12 Hour	Rob Richardson	266.55 miles
Age 55 - 59	25 Miles	Paul Winchcombe	00:56:00
Age 80+	10 miles	John Else	00:31:29

The event organisers of all Club Open Events would like to thank all the marshals, tea ladies/men, cake makers, pushers off, result board producers and last but not least timekeepers. Once again, without your help these events would not take place. If any readers are not sure what all these jobs entail, please volunteer for the next Club event and we would be delighted to show you!

The Club ran several Open Time Trial Events starting with the early season WTTA Hardriders event on U83 run by Paul Freegard. The Open 10 run by Paul Winchcombe ran this year using the new U85 course and the Golf Club HQ. The Open 25 run by Paul Winchcombe. Nick Ferris ran the traditional Hill Climb up Bowden Hill which always seems to attract spectators' intent on seeing pain and suffering, again the Racing Secretary provided the necessary spectacle while many others produced good times. Finally we had the end of season 3-Up run on U59 courtesy of Andy Cook's organisational skills. Chippenham Wheelers had only one team this year with Gibbons/Winchcombe/ Buckley (Bob not Richard) and Winchcombe experiencing the suffering of being this year's team drag anchor but boy was he fast down Cherhill. Richard Buckley stood by last year's promise of not making a return to time trials, shame as he had such potential.

WTTA Hardriders Series

The WTTA Hardriders results are at: http://www.wtta-hardriders.org.uk/showresults.htm?year=2015&type=Results&event=Results&competition=wttahardriders but the site has not been updated for the year end to include Bristol South Hill Climb. On the basis of the results published at the moment Chippenham Wheelers riders results are:

Position	First Name	Surname	Category	Points
14	Paul	Winchcombe	V5	610
17	James	Currie	Sen	599
22	Steve	Barber	V4	549
44	Paul	Coles	V4	223
56	Simon	Cox	V4	197
60	Robbie	Richardson	V5	191
62	Kevin	Thomas	Sen	183
64	Michael	Gibbons	V4	182
66	Gordon	Scott	V5	171
81	James	Britton	Sen	112
102	James	Hywel-Davies	Jun	105
124	Neil	Lewis	V4	97
130	Paul	Freegard	V5	95
150	Iain	Messider	V5	86
155	Stuart	Curtis	V4	72
157	Philip	Kittermaster	V5	66

Club Time Trial Championship

The Club Time Trial Championship based on points from placings in Open Events was run throughout the season and the results table is below. Special mention should go to Steve Barber who was robbed of third placing by a puncture in the final 50 mile event of the year. The individual results for those who qualified by riding one of each event type were:

1st Simon Cox 4 pts
2nd Paul Winchcombe 5 pts

Club Time Trial Championship (Open Time Trial Series) Results

Events 2015													
Date	07/03/2105	04/04/2105	12/04/2105	19/04/2015	25/04/2105	10/05/2105	24/05/2015	30/05/2105	14/06/2015	04/07/2015	20/09/2105	27/09/2015	Points
Course	U303	U17	U59	U30/25	U375	H50/8	U33	U7b	U86/50	U7b	U370	U50/1b	
Distance	19	25	23	25	10	50	26	10	50	10	25	50	
Paul Coles	1												X
Paul Winchcombe	2	2	3	1	2	2		1	1	3	1	2	5
Simon Cox		1	1		1					1		1	4
Steve Barber		3			3		2						X
Mike Gibbons			2							4	2		X
Neil Lewis			4										X
Paul Freegard			5		4					5	3		X
James Currie			6				1		2	2			X
Robbie Richardson						1							X
Gordon Scott									3		4		X