

## Chippenham and District Wheelers – Time Trial Report 2020

Well when I wrote last year's report and set myself targets for 2020 I could never have predicted the train wreck which was going to be 2020. I didn't expect my 9<sup>th</sup> year as Racing Secretary to be a virtual time trial year and I know last year I said we needed new ideas but Zwift and RGT were never my intention. Not surprisingly we had fewer events, fewer riders but we had just as much fun when we were allowed back out and a hard core of virtual world racers have turned themselves inside out. As always the season we have had has been down to the commitment and support of our organisers, time keepers and supporters. As the club looks to the future we do need to build on our small core of dedicated racers.

The discussions on the forums continue about the nature and viability of time trialling, although it does seem that those that shout loudest contribute least to the sport. Clearly with the lockdown any true analysis of numbers, effects of levy increases are irrelevant but do show the prudence of the CTT committee have a reserve to cover contingencies. The increase in levies for 2021, whilst unwelcome, are understandable as our sport adapts. I do think the advice and guidance put out by the CTT for running events under COVID Risk Assessment was excellent and having attended several Open Events worked well. Not sure about the advice on not "hugging and kissing" at event HQs, clearly I have been going to the wrong events.

What was really interesting was the numbers of entrants at Open Events once racing was allowed, the pent up demand showing as full fields and a record entry (for me) at our re-arranged club Open 10 with 104 registered riders.

Once we were allowed to race we ran the club series of evening time trials (slightly adapted by reducing the number of events for the Jack Nunn Series, no 2 Up due to COVID RA and racing in September although we proved that the light means that the last 2 weeks of September are really not viable). Despite the odd circumstances the events were well supported with 31 riders and 114 rides. We had the usual stalwarts with Sue Andrews, Mike Edwards and Lisajayne Booth each week, as well as others who helped their club mates race.

Clearly the Open Season was badly affected with Paul Freegard getting the U601 WTTA Hardriders event in before COVID bought everything to a stop. With 46 entries it was the usual suspects for an early season race, with only Paul Winchcombe representing the club. His race notes "Wet roads, cold wind (top 5 pure headwind), descent to bridge very sketchy" says a lot about the morning.

Fortunately Open events restrictions lifted in time for the WTTA Hill Climb series and Ian Potts ran signing on from the back of his car in the car park, showing that you don't need a village hall. Conditions were not ideal with pouring rain before start, heavy drizzle during the event and very wet roads but 39 of our 53 entrants braved the conditions.

With racing reopened the club ran a 10 mile Time trial on U41 at Milton Keynes on the Spine Road to Latton to replace the one cancelled in May. With a record (for recent years) almost full field we were hoping for a great day. However, after several days of biblical rain there were suggestions that Paul Winchcombe might cancel the event by those that don't know he will race in all weathers (but not go out in bad weather for anything other than a race). An early morning course inspection showed significant standing water and a re-education programme was required to prevent any officials using the flooding word or referring to Noah's Ark, both significant distortions of the truth. A helpful email

to all riders early in the morning seems to have deterred more than it encouraged as out of 104 riders, we had 30 sign on.

We had positive feedback from riders on the course, the road, the sheltered nature of the course and recognition of the foul conditions that the organising team were out in.

One unexpected casualty of the season was the clubs newly trained time keepers who attended a CTT West DC organised time keepers session. Several of us attended the session to add to the pool of time keepers in the West and of course promptly had no events to officiate at. It is hoped in 2021 they will get the opportunity.

The club is dependent on a small number of people who organise events and it would be great if a few more people could volunteer to run events. Advice and help will of course be provided. This would allow Paul to race in a few more events as he cannot get signage and his bike in his car – not something he thought through when he bought it.

Again the club's thanks to all helpers, you are all fantastic and without you we could not run the events.

## Jack Nunn Results

Average of best 6 times			
1	Mike Gibbons	00:25:49	Fastest Man
2	Neil Lewis	00:26:06	
3	Paul Winchcombe	00:26:25	
4	John Eames	00:28:21	
5	Lauren Booth	00:28:47	

## Jack Nunn Points Results Table (Scored from 4 rides for 2020)

Position	Name	Ride Points	Rides Entered	Total
1	Lauren Booth	40	7	47
2	James Eccleston	36	4	40
3	John Eames	35	6	41
4	Owen Burgess	35	4	39
5	Mike Gibbons	28	7	35
6	Neil Lewis	26	7	33
7	David English	27	5	32
8	Paul Winchcombe	25	6	31
9	Mark Evans	21	3	24
10	Simon Cox	11	5	16
11	Ian Potts	9	2	11
12	Nick Ferris	8	1	9

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

1	Owen Burgess	00:23:48
2	Simon Cox	00:23:52
3	Lawrence Martindale	00:24:37
4	James Eccleston	00:24:43
5	David English	00:24:48
6	Andy Cook	00:24:50
7	Neil Lewis	00:24:50
8	Mike Gibbons	00:24:52
9	Paul Winchcombe	00:24:54
10	Mark Evans	00:25:18
11	Lynsey Carpenter	00:25:58
12	Ian Potts	00:26:00
13	Nick Ferris	00:26:50
14	Lauren Booth	00:27:05
15	Joseph Martindale	00:27:16
16	John Eames	00:27:20

The Club BAR was not awarded in 2020 as no riders apart from Paul Winchcombe completed a 25, 50 and 100 miles. It was felt that given there were so few events the prize would not be awarded just for participating. For the record Paul's time were.

Paul Winchcombe - Aged 60/61

Distance	2020 std	Vets speed on std mph	Age at event	Time	Plus on std	Avg speed
	HH:MM:SS.0	(B13/C13)/24				
10						
25	01:10:51	21.17	59	00:59:58	00:10:53.0	25.01
30						
50	02:23:57	20.84	60	02:10:57	00:13:00.0	22.91
100	05:03:36	19.76	59	04:41:29	00:22:07.0	21.32
	<b>Avg speed</b>	20.59		plus	00:46:00.0	23.08
					plus	2.49

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## **Club Trophies for 2020:**

Trophy winners in 2020 despite the curtailed season were:

Jack Nunn Club Evening 10 Mile Champion (Handicap on points) – Lauren Booth  
Jack Nunn 1<sup>st</sup> Veteran – Simon Cox  
Sheila Edwards 10 – Owen Burgess  
Sheila Edwards 19 Handicap Medal – Owen Burgess  
The Time Trial Championship (Open Events) – Simon Cox  
Nixon Cup 50 – Simon Cox  
Mike Edwards Cup 50 (Handicap) – Paul Winchcombe  
Hinder Cup 25 – Owen Burgess  
Hinder Cup 25 Handicap Medal – Neil Lewis  
Gerald Cup 25 – Lindsay Carpenter  
Jackman Cup 100 – Andy Cook  
Jackman Cup 100 2<sup>nd</sup> Medal – Paul Winchcombe  
Roberts Tankard Hill Climb – David English  
Medium Gear – Neil Lewis  
The Kilo – Simon Kay  
Jack Nunn Best Improvement – Lauren Booth  
10 Mile Time Trial 1<sup>st</sup> Senior – Owen Burgess  
10 Mile Time Trial 1<sup>st</sup> Veteran – Simon Cox  
10 Mile Time Trial 1<sup>st</sup> Lady – Lauren Booth  
Audax Shield – Sheni Jiwa (3,620 km)  
Harriers Award for Effort – Simon Cox (for arranging virtual world racing)

Not Awarded:

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Ted Barlow Cup (WTTA Hardriders)

2 Up Time Trial Trophy

Gary Woodward Shield

## Open Time Trial Standings

According to the CTT website Chippenham Wheelers rode 37 times across the season with 8 riders. Paul Winchcombe and David English tied with 9 events each entered. Of course the numbers are well down given how few events there were in 2020.

In this year's CTT ranking system which is based on points for places in events with some calculation also for the size of field. It is worth noting this competition is based on results in 12 events, so there is an element of being in it to win it (OK not win but to rise up the rankings).

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	Pos	Points	Name	Age
⊕	452 →	517.439	David English	47 (Vet)
⊕	550 ↓	453.823	Paul Winchcombe	61 (Vet)
⊕	1167 ↑	257.937	Lawrence Martindale	17 (Junior)
⊕	2660 ↑	101.805	Mark Evans	57 (Vet)
⊕	3549 ↑	64.85	Joseph Martindale	14 (Juvenile)
⊕	4158 ↑	42.837	Andy Cook	57 (Vet)
⊕	4322 ↑	36.986	Peter Iffland	56 (Vet)

This year no club riders qualified for the 3 distance BBAR (50, 100 and 12 hr) or the 2 distance BAR.

### **Club Time Trial Records**

No club age group records were broken in 2020.

### **WTTA Hardriders Series**

The WTTA Hardriders series was not run as a result of COVID

### **Club Time Trial Championship (Open Time Trial Series) Results**

The Club Time Trial Championship was not run due to COVID.