

# SCCC NEWS

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Stockport Clarion  
Cycling Club:  
The club with stiff  
necks in it !!!!!

## THINGS ARE LOOKING UP FOR SCCC

On a glorious sunny Good Friday a team of 4 S.C. members set off for Whitby by bike. Graham Pearce, Julian, Paul Butler and Andy. 148 miles lay ahead of them. The last 20 or so of these being extremely hilly. Lunch was taken at Wetherby where they met up with the back up car driven by Jackie, in the navigating seat was Merlin. With 27 miles to go Graham decided (quite wisely at his age!) he'd had enough and climbed into the car. The other three arrived in the dusk. Paul and Julian having done sterling ride, whilst Andy (quite wisely at his age!) sat in behind them. Pauline and Colin, Marie, Nick & Cheryl and Alex all arrived by car. Everyone met up for the start of the weekend festivities at the Metropole, where Kirsty & Jan had organised a live band, and dancing and drinking commenced.

Saturday dawned bright and sunny and we all went to the A.G.M. but the call of the sunshine was a little too much for us and we left the meeting whilst still in progress and climbed on the bikes. It wasn't long before we wished we had stayed in the meeting, as the hills around Whitby are horrendous. Nevertheless we managed to find a nice country pub - The Beehive- where the landlord served us with lunch and a few beers and a cheery "thanking yow". Back to Sandsend and a get together with



the Bidens and Fenland section. It seemed rude not to have a drink with them and so more beer. The evening saw the arrival of Dave Whitehead who lives at nearby Stape.

Following a meal in the town (where Mr. Hyde looked as if he might appear) we set off for the Metropole for more disco stuff and even more beer.

Sunday, some of us decided to take the questionnaire that Kirsty & Jan had set about Whitby very seriously. We did a mammoth tour of the town finding all the answers. Caroline drove over for the evening's prize presentation and dinner at the Metropole. Stockport won the mileage trophy of course but just missed out on the greatest number of members attending. Andy won the quiz on a tiebreaker and went on to win most of the raffle prizes!! More beer was consumed and a lot of noise was made by Stockport on the new Clarion bugle purchased in Whitby. Thanks to Kirsty & Jan for a successful Meet. Let's see more members next year at Morecambe.

*Pictured above: Some SCCC members still stuck in the "tuck" position used for the club downhill last November.*

## Race Results

### Road Races

#### 2 Wins for SCCC

Will recently won the Darley Moor Crit by outsprinting the rest of the 4-man breakaway that had been away for most of the race. A few days later Dunc won the Preston crit from a 50-man bunch sprint.

#### National Clarion Road Race

Only 2 SCCC members made the trip to Peterborough in early March to compete in the National Clarion road race champs. Jules was down to ride, but he had the shits, so did not take the start. An early break of 6 riders went away which included one rider from Fenland Clarion. They were never caught and in the tough conditions the bunch was whittled down to approx. 5 riders. Dunc was 11<sup>th</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> clarion while Will failed to finish after chasing hard all day.

#### NEC Crit

Some of the top elite riders lined up at the NEC during the National Bike Show to try to win some of the £2000 prize money over 2 crits. Dunc finished 8<sup>th</sup> and 11<sup>th</sup> in the races but just missed out on getting any dosh.

#### VC Chesterfield

The Majorca training seems to have paid off for Dunc as he got in a break after 1 mile (in a 65 mile race). The break was joined after 20 miles by 6 riders, including Julian Ramsbottom (Race Scene), and another 7 riders after 50 miles. The race was eventually won by Mike Harrison (Tunstall Wh) when a group of 3 riders got away. Duncan and Julian Ramsbottom gave chase but were 10 seconds down at the finish, where Duncan finished 4<sup>th</sup>.

## Time Trials

### M&DTTA 10 mile

Congratulation to new SCCC racing member Paul Butler who has dived into the world of time trials and ridden in all 3 M&DTTA 10-mile time trials around Jodrell Bank (not the fastest of 10 courses to get started on). Paul has made an improvement on every ride going from 29.23, to 28.57, and 28.03. This is all without

the use of carbon wheels or tribars. Paul also rode in his first 25-mile time trial and just missed out on beating 1.10.00.

#### Southport 2 up

William and Duncan rode in the Southport 2up on the D25/5 course in cold and breezy conditions. Their time of 56.58 was enough to win 1<sup>st</sup> club team and 2<sup>nd</sup> overall behind the scratch composite team of Neil Rothwell & Chris Siepen.

#### LVRC 25 Mile HILLY Champ

Derek is now the LVRC age related 25-mile hilly champion. Not bad for a guy who's **smallest** gear is 55x19. Derek also did a 58.45 on the O2 in Sheffield.

## SCCC 10 Series

Here is the list for the SCCC 10 mile time trial series. Also listed are 2 laps of the Sparrowpit circuit (01-Aug), the club 25 champs (27-Jun), and the club hill Climb on the Cat & Fiddle (15-Aug). The 10's that count towards the 10 mile trophy are denoted by a \*, there are 8 in total.

Day	Date	Course	Dist	Time
Thursday	30-May	J2/1 *	10 m	19.00
Thursday	13-Jun	J2/1 *	10 m	19.30
Thursday	27-Jun	J2/9	25 m	19.00
Thursday	04-Jul	J2/1 *	10 m	19.30
Thursday	11-Jul	J2/1 *	10 m	19.30
Thursday	18-Jul	J2/1 *	10 m	19.30
Thursday	01-Aug	S'pit	16 m	19.00
Thursday	08-Aug	J2/1 *	10 m	19.30
Thursday	15-Aug	H/C	8 m	19.00
Thursday	22-Aug	J2/1 *	10 m	19.00
Thursday	29-Aug	J2/1 *	10 m	19.00
Wednesday	01-Jan	J2/1	10 m	11.00

## SCCC Person Of The Month

This month it is the turn of Nick Biden

### 1) Name ?

Nuclear Nick, courtesy of Dougie.

### 2) Date Of Birth?

13<sup>th</sup> January 1967, and that WAS a Friday.

### 3) What year did you joined SCCC ?

1994, I think. I was looking for somewhere quiet to hide so I joined SCCC

### 4) What is your favourite Beer?

Guinness, just like my great gran.

### 5) What is your favourite curry?

Anything but hot ones.

### 6) What was the first race you won or nearly won?

Me? Win a race? Unlikely. But I did get a top 10 placing in the Stretford Wheelers Hilly 25 down Gawsworth Way. So it was a small field!

### 7) What is your fastest speed on a bike?

53mph that I know of. Once coming down Woodhead doing through and off and once coming down Nick O'Pendle (in the rain)

### 8) Give 4 words to describe yourself

Chef, cyclist, worker, grumpy.

### 9) What is your favourite record?

Peacemaker by Clarence Clemons. Formerly session saxophonist with Bruce Springsteen, released a solo album that got rave reviews in 'Q'. One seriously mellow album.

### 10) What is your favourite race?

The New Years Day 10 – what a daft way to start the year, unless you've fallen out of the loft and broken your ribs the day before.

### 11) What is your favourite pub?

I don't go in that many! There's a few dotted round the country: The Ben Johnson in Weston on the Green, The Pig and Truffle in Lichfield and our very own Arden Arms.

### 12) Which person do you most admire, and why?

Nelson Mandela, for enduring the suffering and imprisonment in South Africa and choosing to move forwards as President of South Africa. Retribution would have been so easy.

### 13) Why did you join SCCC?

Probably because I'd been to the Christmas Do at the Rugby Club and got drunk! That was when Doug was still young and I was still in Centreville!

### 14) What was your hardest Clubrun?

Probably the Easter Meet run to Skegness. The first time I've ever packed on a clubrun. And the weather didn't help. Wind, rain, hail and Dunc on the front doing 28's.



## Look-alike

This month's lookalike is Derek "hairy" Hodgins and a toy of Pauline's.....



## Don't Quote Me On That

While talking about pedals Merlin came out with "I've never had looks"

Colin Norton "Only one person drink at the same time"

## MAJORCA 2002

This year's trip saw another gang of SCCC member's make the trip to the sunny island. The

weather was cold and wet for the first 4 days. This did not make for many miles being done as the roads were as slippery as a slippery thing on a slippery day. The rest of the holiday saw pretty good weather, so plenty of miles were got in. Dunc did the most miles with 830. Will drank the most beer and Jules ate the most. There was only one crash to talk of when Pauline took on a car at a roundabout (and lost) but there wasn't much damage done to rider or bike. Every year the group have food & drinks at the Bluebar Restaurant where we have been threatening to have our picture taken with the owner. This year it finally happened so check out the pic at the Bluebar or just go onto the SCCC website and have a look.

Most of the night time drinking took place at Rocky's Bianco Bar, where we got free drinks most nights, including a huge Tia Maria & Baileys on the last night. See Jules for the pics.

Julian is taking the £100 deposits for next year's trip, which is planned for the 1<sup>st</sup> April to 15<sup>th</sup> April. Book your place now.

## CLUB RUNS A & B RUNS

With some members now well into the racing season there will still be the usual clubruns leaving from the Bluebell Public House (on the A34 in Handforth) at 10am.

14 <sup>th</sup> April	MEERBROOK
21 <sup>st</sup> April	LITTLE
BUDWORTH	
28 <sup>th</sup> April	MILLERS DALE
5 <sup>th</sup> May	BEESTON
12 <sup>th</sup> May	CHESTNUT
CENTRE	
19 <sup>th</sup> May	HASSEL GREEN
26 <sup>th</sup> May	LONGNOR
2 <sup>nd</sup> June	RUDYARD
9 <sup>th</sup> June	LITTLE MAN
16 <sup>th</sup> June	ROACHES
23 <sup>rd</sup> June	DONES GREEN